

1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents,

**Maundy Thursday** We marked today with special Holy Week services in the playground where all the children could finally sing together! Thank you to Fr Mehall and Anna for joining us. Videos have been posted on Google Classroom and Tapestry for you to enjoy. Apologies for filming the infant service in "portrait" and then losing the tops of children's heads when it transferred to iMovie!

**School Dinners** – Please remember that school dinners need to be booked in advance every day. Staff do try to check who has ordered and who hasn't, but if the class teacher isn't in, this doesn't always happen and children end up with no meal!! The kitchen staff do have some extra meals but not necessarily what the children would have chosen – so please, please order the meals in advance!

**Please no nuts** – If you are sending sweets in for birthdays, please ensure there are no nuts (such as snickers). For packed lunches, do not send lunches in with Nutella, pesto or peanut butter. We have several children in school with severe nut allergies and it is essential they are kept safe.

**Track and Trace** – if any child tests positive for Covid-19 any time up until Sunday afternoon, please email me at [headteacher@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk) so that I can notify the relevant people to self isolate. If they test positive after this time (ie 48 hours after they have been in school in contact with children and staff), I do not need to be informed for track and trace purposes.

**Parents' Evening** – On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April, your child will be sent home a username and password to access the website where appointments can be made to meet your child's teacher. The booking system will open at 6am on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April and close at 11.30am on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

**Relationships and Sex Education** – Please ensure that you read the draft RSE Policy and curriculum overview. The consultation closes on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Please send comments or questions to Mrs Tottle-Nugent via the office email [office@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk)

**SAVE THE DATE** – School will be closed on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June. This is our fifth and final Inset day (in-service training).

**Disco Divas – save another date!** The staff have very kindly agreed to hold another children's disco after school on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Details will be given nearer the time.

**Congratulations!** Many congratulations to Ms McCarron (Class 4G teacher) and her partner Ben who are expecting their first baby in August! It is lovely to be able to celebrate some good news after the year we have all had.

**Student teachers** – We are fortunate to have two student teachers from St Mary's University at the moment. Miss Dalton is in Class 1G and Miss Nolan (who was with us last year) has returned to teach Class 2G. Mrs Duffy and Miss Galvin will be supporting them throughout and passing on their expertise.

**Farewell!** We sadly said goodbye to Miss Lucy today. She has been working in 2G for the last few weeks and previously also in Year 1. She has brought much fun and enthusiasm to the school and we will miss her. She is going to start a course at the London School of Musical Theatre and we look forward to seeing her on a stage somewhere soon one day!

**Message from Cardinal Vincent Nicholls** – Cardinal Vincent Nicholls has sent a personal Easter message to all schools which you can listen to via this link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YZhe7WKW0EE>

Wishing you all a happy and Holy Easter. May the joy of the risen Christ fill your hearts! Have a restful Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Kind regards,

Kate Baptiste  
Headteacher