

11th June 2021

Dear Parents

Welcome to our final half term of the school year. I hope you enjoyed the half term holiday and managed to spend some time in the sunshine! Today is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the children learnt the 5 finger prayer at our zoom assembly this morning ("Jesus loves me very much" – ask them to show you).

Sad news – I was very shocked and extremely sad to hear on Sunday that one of our Governors, Pat Lyne, had passed away. He had been a Governor at the school for the last five years and for the most part, the Chair of our Premises Committee. He was a great support to the school, not only in his duties with premises but also many of you would have seen him on the bottle tombola at various fêtes over the years. He will be very sadly missed. A Mass has been offered for him on Thursday 29th July at 9.30am at St Monica's Church for anyone who may wish to attend. Thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Bikeability – We were very pleased we were able to run the cycle proficiency course for our Year 6 children. (Year 5 who should have also had theirs will get their chance next year.) The instructors, Mario and Adrian said they were all very well behaved and they all made great progress on their bikes! Certificates will be given out next week.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Invoices have now been issued on Parent Pay for July sessions. Invoices must be paid by Wednesday 30th June. If you are paying via Childcare vouchers please remember that you must allow **5 working days** for the vouchers to reach the school's bank account. Please contact Mrs Murphy (Breakfast Club) or Mrs Weston (After School Club) if there are any problems via their email address: breakfast.afterschoolclub@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk
Please note that the Governing Body has reviewed the fees for each session for next academic year, September 2021-July 2022 and decided that these will remain the same. Costs will therefore continue as £5.50 for breakfast club and £12 for after school club. The fees will be reviewed again in April 2022 and any changes implemented in September 2022.

Ocean day - On Tuesday it was World Oceans Day. The children had an assembly in class about the importance of the day and looking after the oceans. We focused on single-use plastics. Single-use plastic, or disposable plastics, are used only once before they are thrown away or recycled. These items are things like plastic bags, straws, coffee stirrers, drink and water bottles and most food packaging. In an effort to engage students in small environmental initiatives that can have a big impact, we asked any children who have packed lunch to try and minimize the use of single-use plastic. See the attached sheet for activity ideas. We also asked for children to come forward to join the eco-council and I will announce who has been voted in next week.
Mrs Duffy

Year 5 Comic and Cake Sale – On Thursday Year 5 did a fantastic job selling comics and cakes to raise money for Cancer Research and the hospice where Conor's uncle Niall sadly passed away. An incredible £239.94 was raised! I would like to commend Conor for his initial idea and the talent of so many Year 5 children who made incredible comics, cakes and art work, as well as those who helped run the stalls. We have a few very talented artists in our midst!

Caterpillars – Thank you to one of our dads, Jamie Okoro, author of The Scruffapillar, <https://www.amazon.co.uk/The-Scruffapillar/dp/B07MH33RXC> who has sent in caterpillars to the classes. The children have been given instructions about how to look after them and we will watch with interest to see what happens to them! Some lucky children have been given them to take care of them for the weekend!

Virtual Author Visit – Years 1 & 2 had the opportunity today to attend a virtual session with author and illustrator Dapo Adeola. The children were excited to find out that he was the illustrator and creator of the character, Rocket in a very familiar book to them 'Look Up'. Dapo read his own book 'Hey You' which looks at the themes of family trees, skin colour, empathy, struggles, as well as dreams for ourselves and others. It was wonderful to have the chance to listen to him and his story.

Happy Bag Collection – Thanks to the many parents who helped – Thursday by either carting heavy bags to school or loading them onto the van! £344 was raised in total which is great for so little effort in terms of organisation from The Friends.

Farewell to Miss Nolan – Today we say goodbye to Miss Nolan who has been teaching in Class 2G for the last few months. I am delighted she has been appointed to teach with us in September and so it won't be long before we see her again!

Charity Poker tournament – Wishing all the poker players all the best tonight for the Poker Tournament. May the best player win!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.
Kind regards,

Kate Baptiste