

11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents

It has been a week of glorious, (if incredibly hot) sunshine until today! Please ensure you send your child into school with a sun hat and also apply sun cream before they come in in the morning and a coat/change of socks or wellies if it is raining!

**Burst Bubble** – We had to close Class 6Y this week after a positive Covid-19 test. The parent also tested positive despite having had both vaccines. Please continue to be cautious with hand washing, mask wearing and social distancing so that we can all stay as safe as possible.

### **Eco-Council**

*We are overwhelmed by the amount of children who put themselves forward for the role of Eco-Councillor! They have shown such passion about the environment, speaking eloquently in front of their peers, writing speeches, letters and creating posters. Unfortunately we can only have two children from each class. Well done to our new Eco-warriors: Reception: Rosie, Jared, Lucia & Timmy, Year 1 – Lauren, Zoe, Niamh and Albert, Year 2 – Erin, Urszula, Aidan & Sadie, Year 3 – Eloise, Harry, Patrick & Zinachi, Year 4 – Martha M, Wilfred, Martha S & Alicja, Year 5 – Oliver P, Kiernan, Lottie & Joshua, Year 6 – Toyo, Eimear, Antonian, Niamh & Kaya - your first meeting will be next week! To those who did not become one this time, I will still want to hear from you if you have any ideas and maybe the next time you will become part of the council. Mrs Duffy*

**Hilltop!** – The children in Year 6 have missed out on so much this year so I am delighted it looks like the Norfolk trip will go ahead on Monday. Mrs Hindle, Mrs Moruzzi, Miss Murphy, Christine and I are all going until next Friday – let's hope it isn't raining like today! Mrs Warrington will be 3G's teacher while Miss Murphy is away for the week and Mrs Tissot and Mrs Young will be supporting 4G while Christine is away.

**Congratulations to a former pupil!** It was wonderful to see last Sunday that one of our former pupils, Ranye Udemezue (older sister of Maliye in Year 4), has won The Sunday Times Style Black Writers' Guild! <https://www.diarydirectory.com/newsarticle/winner-revealed-for-the-sunday-times-style-black-writers-guild/35110> Many congratulations to her! Her dreams of becoming a journalist are becoming a reality!

### **Thank you from Karen**

Dear all, I just wanted to say that I was overwhelmed by your kindness, good wishes, cards and gifts, and it will take me some time to thank you all individually.

When I announced that I was leaving, I hoped, I suppose as we all do, that I would be missed but I had no idea you would treat me to such an outpouring of love and appreciation that I have received.

Thank you everyone from the bottom of my heart. I am still reading all your cards and wishes every night, it brings a big smile to my face (my family can't believe how popular I was). I have loved every minute of my time at St. Monica's as a parent and as a member of staff. I have taken so many wonderful memories with me.

Thank you again, missing you a lot, sending you all my love. God bless. Karen

**Bikes and Scooters** – please would you dismount from cycles and scooters when you come into or out of the gate in the morning or afternoon as children are travelling at speed and it's an accident waiting to happen!

**Charity Poker tournament** – Unfortunately this event had to be cancelled, but a huge thank you to those who had bought a ticket and decided to donate their payment to The Friends – very generous and much appreciated! Perhaps another one will be organised when the football isn't on! Watch out for two Friends' events which are coming up soon! Details will be sent next week.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Kate Baptiste, Headteacher