

14th May 2021

Dear Parents,

Pentecost – The Feast of Pentecost was celebrated last Sunday. Westminster Diocese produced a special liturgy which featured some of the children from Year 3. The recording can be found here [Diocese of Westminster Education Service Pentecost Liturgy](#). We had originally used all of Year 3 but unfortunately the recording needed to be done again and so only a small group of children were used second time. Never mind! The recording of the whole year group can be viewed on Google Classroom (for 3G and 3Y only).

Congratulations! – A well deserved “congratulations” to Fr Mehall who has been made Canon this week!

BAME audit – We have been asked by a few parents why only black children and parents were featured in the BAME audit. This audit was just the beginning of our work and we will be focussing on other ethnic groups and hopefully working with *all* parents to ensure every child and family feels fully included in school.

Covid-19 Update – We are gradually lifting some restrictions at school whilst still maintaining very clear safety standards as the new variant of covid continues to spread. Children can now bring in bags from home and book-bags daily. Children are also now sitting in groups instead of rows which was a welcome relief to everyone! We are remaining cautious however, and following Public Health advice by keeping the staggered drop off and home-times as well as the separate play times for the different bubbles. All this is under regular review. We do not anticipate being able to invite parents to any large gatherings like sports days, but intend to ensure the children have some fun days on the theme of the “Olympics”!

Fox Lane LTN Consultation – The Fox Lane and Surrounding Streets Quieter Neighbourhood has been introduced as a trial and you are invited to share your experience of the scheme. The aim of the Quieter Neighbourhoods initiative was to make it safer and easier to walk and cycle in residential areas, and create healthier environments for everyone, including children and young people. However, you will be well aware of the congestion caused in the surrounding areas as well as the unsafe practice of some families who are now walking in the roads and cycling inappropriately! The consultation is open until 11 July 2021 at <http://letstalk.enfield.gov.uk/FoxLaneQN>. Please share your comments on the trial before the survey closes.

Year 5 Comic and Cake Sale – On Thursday 10th June after school Year 5 will be holding a Comic and Cake Sale in aid of Cancer Research. This was an idea from Conor Stenson who’s uncle Niall died from cancer. Well done to Conor for showing such initiative and a lovely idea for a worthy cause. Children from Year 5 who are making comics are asked to bring them into school on Tuesday 8th so they can be copied for the Thursday. Any cakes should be brought in on Thursday.

Friends’ events - Happy Bags school collection – Thursday 10th June. Clear out those wardrobes over half term

Charity Poker tournament – 8pm Friday 11th June. After the success of the poker tournament earlier this year, we are running another one! All details including the link to payment is on the flyer attached. As with the last event this is not exclusive to parents so please feel free to invite friends and relatives to make a table - the more the merrier!

So long, farewell – Today we said our final goodbyes to Karen Borley. Karen joined St Monica’s as a Welfare Assistant twenty one years ago. Since then, she has shown tremendous flair, enthusiasm and flexibility across a wide range of roles: TA, HLTA, PE Leader, administrator and of course in-house choreographer! She has been a huge personal support to me throughout these years and will be greatly missed. We said our goodbyes in the playground today with singing and dancing! Our warmest wishes go with her as she embarks on a new adventure in Waterford. Be warned, I have invited her to return as a judge in the next “A Star is Born!” (whenever that may be!)

I hope you all have a lovely half term holiday whatever you are doing. I cannot wait to visit my mum, brothers and sister next week. We haven’t all been together since February 2020, so that will be a very happy reunion! Do not forget that school is closed on Monday 7th June but re-opens on Tuesday 8th June.

Kind regards,

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