

Dear Parent/Carer

We have reached the end of week two all in one piece! We have had two positive Covid cases in Class 6G and so please be aware that hand washing, social distancing and good ventilation are all still necessary. It has been lovely to see our new children settling into school so well. The Reception classes are due to start full-time on Monday and will be coming into school via the main gates along with everyone else. We've asked all the children to take extra special care of them when they are walking to their classroom.

**Message from a parent** - I'm the dad of Lottie (6G), Annie (5G) and Flora (2Y) Rogers, and I'm running the London Marathon on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October in memory of their nana who very sadly passed away this year. I'm raising on behalf of Fight Bladder Cancer, a relatively small cancer charity who really appreciate each and every donation they receive – so anything that anybody is willing to give via <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/london-marathon-2021> will go to a great cause. And everyone can rest assured I've been putting in some hard graft to get fit enough – with 300km run over the summer holidays alone!

Thank you for any help with this.

Kind regards,  
Murray Rogers

**Congratulations!** St Monica's has achieved the Gold award for STARS. STARS is TfL's accreditation scheme for London schools and nurseries (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe). A big thank you to Mrs Weston who has tirelessly uploaded evidence of activities we have taken part in at St Monica's so that we could achieve the "Gold" award.

STARS aims to inspire young Londoners to travel to school sustainably, actively, responsibly and safely by championing walking, scooting and cycling. STARS supports pupils' wellbeing, helps to reduce congestion at the school gates and improve road safety and air quality. Did you know, the average journey to school is less than one kilometre, that's around a 10-minute walk. However, many of these journeys are made by car leading to congestion and an unsafe and polluted environment for us all. By swapping car journeys for active travel, together STARS schools can make a real difference to our city. Have a think about how you travel to and from school. Could you walk or scoot all or part of the way?

**School Street and LTN Road Safety** – I did an assembly for Years 1-6 on Monday about road safety as some children do not appear to have any road sense. Children are regularly seen walking and scooting in the middle of the road. Parents, please be aware that the Low Traffic Neighbourhood is "low" traffic and not "no" traffic. Residents and people with travel permits can drive along Cannon Road and roads of Fox Lane. We had a nasty accident last week on Conway Road and a near miss with a car this week on Cannon Road. Please walk and scoot on the pavement.

#### **Some general reminders**

- The **gates close at 9am** and some families are regularly arriving after this time. Please set your alarm clocks five minutes earlier so everyone can be on time and lessons can start promptly.
- Please note that **dogs are not allowed** on the premises (with the exception of our school dog, Willow).
- **The school is nut free** due to many children having severe allergies to nuts. This week we had a peanut butter sandwich, pesto pasta and a nutty bar that contained hazelnuts in children's lunch boxes. Please check you are not including any nuts in your child's packed lunch and read the labels carefully.
- The "**Contact Forms**" have been emailed to parents this week. Please return them with your address, contact phone numbers, email addresses, any emergency contacts and for older children any permission to walk home alone. We need this information urgently in case of an accident with your child.
- At home-time, **please do not cycle or scoot** on the pathways coming into school as it's very congested and a safety hazard.
- If your child attends **breakfast or after school club**, payment is one month in advance. September's was due 3<sup>rd</sup> September. October's will be due 30<sup>th</sup> September and late payment fees will be issued from then if payment is not made on time. Please remember we have to pay salaries and buy food with this money!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. I will be dropping off my daughter at university this weekend (along with several other parents at school). Spare a thought for the parents who will be crying in a corner (while their youngsters are having the time of their lives)!

Kind regards, Kate Baptiste, Headteacher