

24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents

Well done to all the Reception children who have been so independent in coming into school in the mornings - with not too many tears! Also, thank you to the older children who have shown kindness in making those children feel safe and welcome! They are settling in really well and attended their first infant assembly on Wednesday. Mrs Roper spoke to the infant children about the importance of good listening and the Reception children were impeccably behaved!

On Monday, in my assembly to Years 1-6 I spoke about our four House Saints and how they can inspire us to a) do small, positive things really well (inspired by St Theresa of Lisieux), b) look after our environment (inspired by St Francis of Assisi, c) enjoy music and creativity (inspired by St Cecilia) and d) try our very best to learn as much as we can (inspired by St John Baptist de la Salle). We are all called to be saints – ordinary people doing extra-ordinary things.

Now we have reached the end of week three we are continuing to be vigilant about covid as we have another positive case in class 1Y. Please continue to regularly wash your hands and keep your child away from school if they are feeling unwell. You need to get a PCR test for your child if they are identified as a close contact of a positive case or have any of the following symptoms: high temperature, new, continuous cough or loss of taste or smell.

**Dates to note for your diary:**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October** – Feast day of St Theresa of Lisieux and designated as our “well-being day” – children to wear own clothes (suitable for sport).

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October** – Feast day of St Francis of Assisi and designated as our “environment day” – children to wear own clothes (suitable for sport).

**Forest School** - Your child’s class will be in the forest on either 1<sup>st</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> October, so look out for a message so you know which day they need to wear their forest school clothes (waterproof coat if raining, arms and legs need to be covered and suitable footwear for uneven ground).

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** – show racism the red card – children are invited to wear red this day as a sign that we are anti-racist at St Monica’s.

**Emailing the school office:** If you need to email the school office about your child, please include their full name and class in the email/subject line. This is especially important if the parent’s surname is different from the child’s.

**Pushing the buzzer** – Some children are pressing the buzzer for the school gate repeatedly when they are passing (and not needing to come in). Please could you stop your children from doing this?! The office staff’s patience is wearing a little thin!!

**Choir on Mondays after school Years 4-6** – A letter has been sent out via email asking if you would like your child to start attending choir after school on Mondays. Choir starts on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September. I have attached the letter again for reference. If you would like your child to join, please either complete the reply slip or email [office@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk)

**Karen Borley** – For those of you who remember Karen, you may be interested to hear that she has set up a children’s online clothing boutique! We miss her enormously at school but wish her every success in her new venture. <https://appleofmyeyeboutique.ie/>

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. I am getting over the trauma of my oldest going to university and looking forward to spending some quality time with my other two (and other half)!

Kind regards  
Kate Baptiste  
Headteacher