

1st October 2021

Dear Parents

Happy Feast Day of St Theresa of Lisieux! Today was designated our “well-being day” and throughout the day the children have focused on what makes them feel well (inside and out) and how they can feel better if they’re having a bad day. Let’s all endeavour to do small things with great love, as St Theresa advocated.

The theme of well-being was introduced yesterday with a dance company, “Magical Minds”, who came and did free workshops with the children about mindful dancing. This was lots of fun and focused the children on their feelings and how they could manage them.

Assemblies this week – On Monday we focused on our Mission Statement and looked in particular at the word “unique”. We are all special and our differences are to be celebrated.

“Strive to succeed in the presence of God.”

Together as a Catholic community

Everyone, children, parents, carers, staff & Parish

Achieves in their own unique way and tries to be

More like Jesus

On Tuesday I spoke to the infants about how my children’s hair is different to mine. They have afro hair and it can be a challenge for me to plait and comb without hurting them! We also talked about the hot and spicy Caribbean food my husband and daughters like. I can’t cope with anything too hot and spicy! We all have different tastes and traditions with our foods at home and sometimes bring these foods into school in our packed lunches. It would be nice to talk about our favourite foods and be respectful of any different things you see another child with.

On Wednesday, Mrs Roper spoke to the children about dyslexia. Even though our brains all look the same, they are all wired differently and this can result in some people finding things easier or harder to do than others. People with dyslexia might find reading, writing or spelling tricky but will have other talents such as being creative or good at problem solving.

Reading at home – Our reading standards since lockdown are generally much lower than they would normally be, had school not been closed due to covid. We are working really hard to help the children make good progress. Please can I urge you to read with your child at home every day if possible. Please sign your child’s reading record book so we know they have been heard at home. We know that there are many families juggling work and other responsibilities, but please prioritise daily reading as it will help your child to make progress. For those children in the juniors who can read, please continue to read every day to broaden your vocabulary and comprehension. Good readers can become good writers and good spellers. If you can read, it helps you excel in all subjects – so read as often as you can.

Blue Badge Holders driving in Cannon Road – If you/your child or a parent/carer has a blue badge and needs to drive into Cannon Road to collect a child/ren, please email healthystreets@enfield.gov.uk to register your car with the local authority and so that you do not get a fine driving into or out from Cannon Road.

Dates to note for your diary:

Monday 4th October – Feast day of St Francis of Assisi and designated as our “environment day” – children to wear own clothes (suitable for sport if it’s their PE day). Years 2, 3, 5 & 6 have **Forest School** on this day, so please send your child into school dressed in their forest clothes (ie anything you don’t mind getting dirty, long sleeves/trousers to cover arms/legs, suitable footwear and a rain coat).

Wednesday 6th October – School closed for an Inset day.

Friday 8th October – Harvest Festival – see separate letter from Mrs Tottle-Nugent.

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

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards
Kate Baptiste
Headteacher