

8th October 2021

Dear Parents

Harvest Festival

A huge thank you to everyone who donated money for this year's Harvest Festival celebration. An incredible £501.11 was given into school this morning. If you forgot, you can still send any money to the office. The money will be sent to St Monica's Parish Church to buy food for their Monday food bank. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Feast of St Francis

On Monday we celebrated the Feast of St Francis of Assisi with a day focused on our environment. An informative and fun day was enjoyed by all!

Covid-19 Cases

This week I have written to parents to advise of positive covid-19 cases in: Yellow Class, 1G, 2G, 3G, 4Y, 4G and 6Y. I have had to close class 4Y due to the high number of cases in that class. If you get a letter advising of a positive case, please arrange a PCR test for your child as soon as possible. If your child tests positive then the whole family need PCR tests. Do not rely on the lateral flow tests as they are not quite as accurate as the PCR. There is an easy access walk-in place that tests in the car park behind McDonalds in Palmers Green – no appointment necessary. Please continue to wash your hands thoroughly. At school we are also ensuring good ventilation with windows and doors open.

Cross Country Competition at Forty Hall

Ten children from Year 6 took part in an inter-school cross country competition today. There were over twenty schools competing and St Monica's came second overall! It was a tough race and their determination shone through. The girls' team did a sterling job and missed first place by just one point! It was an incredible effort by everyone. Thank you to Mrs Moruzzi and the parents who accompanied the children. Mrs Duffy and I are so proud of them all: Evie, Emily, Jagna, Lottie, Clara, Sean, Kiernan, Beau, Remi and Ewan.

Mrs Warrington

Parent Governor

Information about the ten nominations for Parent Governor was emailed yesterday. Your child will come home with the second ballot paper today so that both parents can have one vote. Please return all ballot papers to the school office by Friday 15th October. Please tick only one person on each ballot paper (one has already been returned with two ticks which cannot be counted).

Nut free School

A child brought in a nutty bar as a snack to eat before football after school club this week. Please check the ingredients on all pre-packaged foods and make sure that you do not bring nuts into school. We have children with very severe allergies who will react even to the smell.

Dates to note for your diary:

Monday 11th October – there *will be* **CHOIR** after school (Ms Phillips had thought she needed to cancel this to attend a meeting, but now doesn't)

Wednesday 20th October 7pm – Literacy meeting for Reception parents via zoom

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.

Monday 25th – Friday 29th October – School closed for the half term holiday

Monday 1st November – school open as normal

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards
Kate Baptiste
Headteacher