

12th November 2021

Dear Parents

Parents' Evening – This week, parents had the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher. We also sent home RE, English and Maths books for you to look at. If you didn't get a chance to speak to your child's teacher, please contact the school office to make an appointment. Mrs Duffy's Wednesday appointments are now taking place on Monday.

Thank you to The Friends – On Wednesday we received a **donation of £17,700.45** from The Friends! This is being used to balance our school budget (£6,541 – mainly site licenses), purchase x4 interactive whiteboards, dog mentor training, phonics resources, forest school training for teachers and maintenance of our forest (£11,159.45). To all the parents and staff who worked hard throughout last year to raise money and to all those who spent their money, a huge THANK YOU!

Flu Vaccine

A letter was emailed to all parents on Tuesday regarding the consent you need to complete if you want your child to receive the flu vaccine in school. Please read the letter carefully and complete the e-consent by TUESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER at the latest as the portal will close on Wednesday 1st December.

Anthony Walsh RIP – Many of you will know that one of our dads, Anthony, died over the half term holiday, his funeral was yesterday and was attended by many from St Monica's community. He had been diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease earlier this year. The family are raising money for "My Name'5 Doddie Foundation" in his memory. He was a well-loved man and will be sorely missed by so many. It would be wonderful if you could give generously to this cause. If you would like to, please follow this link:- <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/afc-gooner>

Assemblies

Mrs Totte-Nugent spoke to all the children on Monday about Remembrance Sunday and why we wear poppies. Thank you to all the people who bought a poppy and contributed to the Poppy Appeal.

On Wednesday Mrs Hindle praised the children in the Juniors who are using TT Rockstars (she has a list of the children who use it regularly). She also praised all the children who have been learning their times tables! Children who have reached "Bronze" level were celebrated. Keep up the great work.

Christmas cards ordering (or tea-towels, or mugs etc)

If you want to order cards, mugs, tea-towels etc using your child's Christmas card design, bring your order in the envelope provided with the correct money enclosed – no change can be given. The Friends will still be collecting the envelopes next week before and after school on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. You must not give the envelope to a member of staff (exceptions are breakfast & after school club – give to whoever answers the door and they will pass on to The Friends).

Covid update – If your child has previously received a positive PCR test result, they should not be retested within 90 days of that test unless they develop any new symptoms of covid. On that basis, if there is a new case within a class, do not take your child for a PCR if they have no covid symptoms.

Dates to note for your diary:

Sunday 14th November – tea, coffee and cake on sale after 9am and 10,30am Mass in the Intimate Theatre

Thursday 18th November - Happy Bag clothes collection at the front of school in the morning

Quiz night at Chi Chi has been postponed – new date to be advised next year

Friday 3rd December - Flu vaccine administered in school for all children whose parent has sent their consent

Friday 10th December – Christmas disco for children after school until 4.30pm – more details to follow!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards
Kate Baptiste
Headteacher