

19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents

**Christmas festivities** – I sent a letter yesterday about our planned Christmas events at school. When I said we would not be holding large events in the church, I was referring to the Christmas Carol Services we have held in the past which attract hundreds of people. I did not mean to deter anyone from attending Mass or the Christmas festivities The Friends are planning for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

**Thank you to The Friends** – Last Sunday, The Friends sold cakes after Mass at St Monica's Church and sold the leftovers after school on Monday. They raised a brilliant £392! On Thursday we had a collection of clothes to recycle for the "Happy Bag Collection". Unfortunately toys were donated which weren't allowed and had to be removed. However, this still raised £404.70 which was great considering they are offering much less per kilo now than previously. Thank you to all the parents who helped with these two events raising a total of £796.70.

### **Assemblies**

Mrs Tottle-Nugent spoke to all the children on Monday about Road Safety. She explained how they should safely cross the road using the Green Cross Code; stop, look, listen, think! She also talked about the importance of not walking or scooting in the middle of the road in the LTN area as cars do drive on these roads.

On Tuesday, Miss Galvin read the story of "The Rainbow Fish" by Marcus Pfister to the Infant children. She talked about what makes a good friend. No one likes a boastful person but when you share freely, this builds friendships and being a good friend can make you feel really happy.

On Wednesday, Mrs Hindle read the story "Hidden Figures" by Margot Lee Shetterly and Laura Freeman to the Junior children. The story is about four African-American women and the Space Race. They lived during a time when being black and a woman limited what they could do, but their love of maths, perseverance and attitude helped them achieve something that seemed impossible.

**Reception Class applications September 2022** – If you have a child who was born between 01.09.17 and 31.08.18, you can now apply for a place for your child to start in Reception. Let your friends and relatives know there is an open afternoon on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November. To book a place phone or email the school office.

### **Dates to note for your diary:**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November** – Children can wear their own clothes and donate money to the Christmas Hamper Appeal to support those in need in our local area. If they have PE that day – wear suitable clothes.

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – Last day to complete your e-consent for the flu vaccine.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** - Flu vaccine administered in school for all children whose parent has sent their consent.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – The Friends are planning Christmas festive fun, coffee and cakes after 9am and 10.30am Mass – look out for more details soon.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas dinner day.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas disco for children after school until 4.30pm.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Please keep in your prayers all the children who are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation over this weekend and next.

Kind regards  
Kate Baptiste  
Headteacher