

26th November 2021

Dear Parents

Christmas Charity Hamper Appeal – A huge thanks for all the money sent in today. We have raised £688 so far!

Christmas Mini Bazaar Sunday 5th December 10am-1pm - The Friends will be holding their annual Christmas Bazaar at the Intimate Theatre next to St Monica's Catholic Church. We traditionally ask parents to bring things in to help with this. On Monday please can you bring a bottle of wine/something nice to drink and on Friday can you bring a jar of sweets. For new parents, this is as simple as it sounds - please fill a jar with sweets (no nuts or jars that have contained nuts please!) and drop it to school at drop off! Also, send in any winter school uniform you no longer need (washed first please!). If anyone hasn't responded to their class reps regarding helping out on the day, it's not too late. We would still welcome any volunteers who can help between 9am-2pm (including set up and clean up!).

Spelling Bee – On Thursday we had our first inter-school spelling competition for Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5. One child was chosen from each year group to represent their school. Congratulations to Feliks, Niamh, Kavi, Dylan and Emerson who were chosen to represent St Monica's! They excelled themselves competing confidently against three other schools, Garfield, Highfield & St John and St James. Dylan and Emerson came home with the winning trophies for their year group and they all got lovely certificates! Well done to them all and all the children who had practised their spellings so hard for this event.

London Youth Games – Three girls from St Monica's, Jagna, Caitlin and Lottie, represented the London Borough of Enfield at the London Youth Games Cross Country competition last Saturday. They did extremely well coming in the top three for Enfield. A particular congratulations to Jagna who came fifth out of 154 runners!

Support for parents - Place2Be have sent us details of their newest website – [Parenting Smart](#) – which is a free online resource featuring practical advice and tried-and-tested tips for parents and carers of primary age children. They have suggestions for emotional well-being as well as behaviour management and things like bed wetting.

Children off school – If you know your child is going to be absent from school please make sure you telephone or email the office office@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk ideally by 9.30am, but by 10am at the latest so that we know why they are not in school. Children who have a cough or temperature must get a PCR test for covid. We also need to know how many children are in school for catering purposes for lunch time.

Assemblies – On Monday it was the Feast of St Cecilia who is the Patron Saint of Music. We listened to the Bob Marley song "Three little Birds" and I read the story, "Every little thing" adapted by Cedella Marley. The children also learnt how to sign "Don't worry about a thing, cos every little thing is going be alright."

On Tuesday I read the story "The Mega Magic Hair Swap" by Rochelle Humes to the Infant children. We prayed that we would each be thankful for who God has created us to be.

On Wednesday, Mrs Warrington spoke to the Juniors about active playtimes. She has ordered lots of equipment for children to enjoy, such as balls and skipping ropes which will help to keep them fit, but the children need to ensure they look after them.

No nuts in school – if you are sending a snack or packed lunch in with your child, please ensure it does not contain nuts. Please check nutty bars/biscuits/pre-wrapped snacks for the ingredients. Nutella or peanut butter is not allowed in any form.

Flu Vaccine – Tuesday is the last day to complete the e-consent online. The vaccine nasal spray will be administered on Friday to any child whose parent has consented.

Music tuition from Enfield Music Service (EMS) – If you want to book music instrument lessons through EMS for the spring term, the deadline is Sunday 5th December – see email sent last Monday. Book lessons using this link <https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicstore> Instrument lessons available are: piano, keyboard (but limited space), violin, viola, cello, double bass, guitar, flute, clarinet and saxophone. We recommend lessons do not start until Year 2 or later and bear in mind that your child will miss lesson time in class to go to their instrument lesson.

Paper Towel Appeal – we would be very grateful for any donations of paper towels as we continue to clean hands and surfaces to keep covid at bay. Please send them to the school office. Thank you!

Advent & Reconciliation - The first Advent candle will be lit at Mass on Sunday and during this Season of Advent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered to children in Years 4, 5 and 6. Please keep in your prayers all the Year 3 children who are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation this weekend.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.
Kind regards,
Kate Baptiste,
Headteacher