

22nd April 2022

Dear Parents

I wish you all a very happy Easter and for those of you celebrating Greek Easter this weekend, enjoy! Fr Mehall came into school on Thursday to celebrate Mass with us. It was the first Mass we had had in school since early 2020 and so it was a joyful occasion to all be together in the hall, singing and praying as one. Fr Mehall encouraged the children to come to Mass in church on Sundays and so he hopes to see more people return to this regular practice.

Earth Day – Today is “Earth Day” and I spoke to the children at this morning’s assembly about how we can look after our planet. I played this song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zlnFk6d-8l4> (which some of the children enjoyed!) Mrs Duffy also met with the Eco-Council to talk about things we can do to help our planet, such as using less electricity and picking up litter. All of us are conscious of rising gas and electricity bills and our school bills are due to increase by £1000s. Hopefully if we get into good habits about using energy at school, this will also help at home!

Bike-it Crew – Congratulations to the children in Year 6 who applied to be the new “Bike-it Crew”. Mrs Weston was very impressed with the applications for this role. The Bike-it Crew for this half term are: Max, Ana-Christina, Aiyana, Beau and Conor. Next half term the crew are: Erinn, Niamh, Jessica, Ara, Raffaella & Lottie. On Wednesdays they will be putting a golden padlock on a bike/scooter for “Wheelie Wednesday”. If your child can ride/scoot to school on any day, try and choose a Wednesday.

Music lessons with EMS – Music lessons start next week except woodwind which is the week after. Please note there are ten lessons this term. Ms Phillips is sending information on Google classrooms with more details.

Strings After School Club – Lynn and Ms Phillips will start strings group next Thursday after school.

Choir – Choir starts on Monday 25th April. Ms Phillips would love to welcome some more singers from Years 4, 5 or 6! Please email Ms Phillips via the school office to book your place.

Assemblies – I spoke to the infant children on Tuesday and the junior children on Wednesday about the joy of Easter and we learnt an “Alleluia” song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ZYdYwNJYOU>

Congratulations! – A warm congratulations to Ms McCarron whose wedding finally took place over the Easter holiday (having had two weddings cancelled previously during the pandemic). She is due to return to us later in the year after her maternity leave and will be known as Mrs O’Connell!

St Monica’s Church Food Bank – Following on from your generosity to the St Monica’s Church food bank during Lent, we have decided to have a regular collection of food on Fridays. If you would like to make any sort of donation of food on Fridays, please bring them to the main school office and Mrs Moruzzi will deliver them to church. Please do not bring food on other days as we have nowhere to store it.

A Star is Born! – Auditions will take place next week as follows:

Monday afternoon – **Year 4**, Tuesday morning – **Year 5**, Thursday afternoon – **Year 6**. Only people who handed their application form in today will get an audition (unless your child was absent on Friday).

Each audition will be one minute long. You must email music to h.tottle-nugent@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk or send in a device to play the track on. I have promised the current Reception and Years 1, 2 and 3 that we will do the usual two shows in 2023 so they won’t miss out.

Friends’ Diary Dates – **Friday 29th April 9.15am** – Friends’ meeting to plan the Summer Fête – in school

Friday 24th June after school disco (not Fri 29th April as previously advertised)

Saturday 25th June - Golf Day and Dinner Dance

Saturday 2nd July – Summer Fête 12-4pm

Advance notice – We have a May procession on Thursday 5th May at 9.15am – all parents are welcome to attend. We invite children to bring in a bedding plant which the priest will bless and then these will be planted around school.

Kitchen roll – Despite the relaxation of lots of covid rules and regulations, at St Monica’s we continue to enforce regular hand washing. It would be really helpful if you could send in kitchen roll which we use for drying hands (to avoid the spread of bacteria). Many thanks in advance of your contributions.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Kind regards

Kate Baptiste, H0eadteacher