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Dear Parents



The children who had made their First Holy Communion wore their outfits for Corpus Christ Mass on Thursday. They were also presented with their crosses which were a gift from The Friends of St Monica's.

Thanks also to the Parish of St Monica who treated all the children to an ice lolly – it was the perfect weather for it!

**Assemblies** – On Monday I spoke to the children about the Feast of the Trinity. Catholics believe there are three parts to the one God; God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit. It is a difficult concept to understand until you see the three parts to water. Water as a liquid – this is like God's love, filling up a vessel. When water is frozen it becomes ice, which I likened to Jesus being present as a solid human. Finally when you boil water you get steam which you could liken to the Holy Spirit, spreading everywhere!

On Tuesday, Mrs Wilks led an assembly with the infant children. She told three stories, "The Golden Touch of Midas", "Two Friends and the Bear" and "The boy on the playground". The messages were: be happy with what you have, don't be greedy and always be a good friend and kind to others!

On Wednesday I introduced the new Year 6 monitors who have been given a variety of jobs around the school; recycling, library, music for Ms Phillips, putting out benches and chairs for assembly, PE cupboard, Play Leader in the playgrounds, classroom monitors and pond monitors. They have been brilliantly carrying out their duties this week – well done to them all!

#### **Active playtimes**

For the past two weeks, play leaders (in pairs) have been leading games in the Infant playground. They have been doing a brilliant job of supporting activities with the younger year groups.

On Wednesday, Mrs Warrington introduced the Juniors to their new equipment for active lunchtimes. The play leaders have been setting up activities and counting the equipment in and out of the storage box. The Juniors have really enjoyed the variety of activities and been very sensible with the equipment. It's a bit hot this week but when the weather cools hopefully the daily mile will get more use too.

Mrs Warrington and Mrs Duffy - PE leaders

**Summer Fete** – As you know, our Summer Fete is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The Friends have been asking for various volunteers to help on the day. We need everyone's help in order to make this a success. On **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June your child can have a non-uniform day in exchange for a jar of sweets and also a nice bottle of something for adults to drink!**

**Summer Fête Brochure competition** – Congratulations to Gracie Rattigan who won the Summer Fête Brochure competition and was given a £10 book voucher from The Friends! The 2<sup>nd</sup> place runners up were Ava Myers, Lourdes Lubeck, Ana Christina Pascual Grey & Sophia Conlon. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place runners up were

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Rosario Battersby, Kemi Olaleye, Annie Rogers, Ella Conwell, Chloe Smith, Imelda Myers, Caitlin Connolly, Remy Parry-Garnaud, Celia Herington, Lottie Rogers and Raffi Morgan. All the runners up were given an ice lolly! Thank you to everyone who made such a great effort with their designs. They will all be put up to see at the Summer Fête.

**District Sports** – A selection of children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 were taken to the inter-school athletics competition. There were lots of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place medal winners who were celebrated at this morning's Awards Assembly. Particular congratulations to Jagna who came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Yr6 600m race, Annie who came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Yr5 150m and the Yr5 girls who won the 100m relay: Cara, Annie, Mia M & Hanna. Thank you to Mrs Warrington for all her organisation and congratulations to everyone who took part.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June – photo day and disco (after school)** – A professional photographer will be taking photos of the whole class groups so all children need to wear full school uniform on this day. If they have PE that day, please send their kit in a bag to change into. Reception class will not be having PE that day – look on Tapestry for a message. If they are going to the disco, please bring clothes to change into for after school. The disco will finish at 4.30pm. All children who usually go to after-school club will automatically be going to the disco. Details about how to buy a ticket have been sent by The Friends. Gymnastics and Terry's football are both running as normal.

**Year 4 retreat Day** – The two Year 4 classes had an opportunity to go on retreat this week down at St Monica's church. It was organised and led by Anna, our parish catechist. She emailed me yesterday, "*I want to say how impressed I was with the Year 4 children – their behaviour, participation, enthusiasm and engagement was outstanding. I was also touched by how well they looked after each other and worked together in their House groups.*" Very well done Year 4 for being such great ambassadors for the school!

**Reception class Father's Day Stay and Play** – It was lovely to see an array of visitors for the Father's Day stay and play on Wednesday. It looked like a good time was had by all!

**Conway Park mosaic** – Some of the classes went to Conway Park this week to see the completed mosaic which had been done by local artist Tamara. She had used original designs from St Monica's children and it was lovely to see the final product!. She will be coming back to us in the next academic year to do some more mosaic work!



I hope you all enjoy the weekend. Those of you celebrating Father's Day, do enjoy. It's a day for me to watch my three daughters spoil their dad but I also remember my lovely dad who died when I was a teenager. How lucky was I to have a dad who I still remember with such love and affection thirty five years later!

Kind regards  
Kate Baptiste  
Headteacher