

23rd September 2022

Dear Parents

We had a shorter week after the long bank holiday weekend. I watched some of the funeral on Monday but spent most of the day in the car doing a round trip to two universities for my older daughters. My middle daughter has started lectures this week for her degree in Primary Education and I have enjoyed helping her understand what it takes to become a primary school teacher. So far she has the vital ingredients of endless patience and enthusiasm. Let's hope she can sustain that!

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Next Friday, we are holding a coffee morning in the main school hall straight after school drop off. I'm very excited, as due to the pandemic, it has been three years since we were last able to do this! It's £1 to come in and then we ask for any contributions for your cup of tea/coffee. If you can help with serving tea/coffee on the day please give your name at the school office or email office@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk The morning would be greatly enhanced if anyone could make cakes/biscuits. If you are able to make something, please ensure no nuts are included and bring it into school in the morning (about 8.45am so we can get set up). Many thanks in anticipation of the generosity you have always previously shown for this very important charity.

A date for your diaries – The Friends will be holding a **Quiz Night on Friday 14th October** in the main school hall (adults only) – details to follow. Mr and Mrs Tottle-Nugent are busy writing the questions as we speak!

Repeat reminder about SchoolGrid – Some children are still coming into school without having chosen their lunch for the day. Please, please can parents book the lunches a few weeks in advance. It also helps if you tell your child what you have chosen for them that day. Thank you!

Tapestry for Reception Parents – If you have not received the invite to your child's Tapestry account, please contact Mrs Jackson via the school office for help.

Google Classroom for Years 1-6 – Please ensure that you are accessing the homework every Friday.

Assemblies – On Tuesday, Miss Galvin read "Tilda Tries Again" by Tom Percival. It was an inspirational story which taught the children in Years 1 and 2 about building resilience and embracing a 'can do' approach to life. Sometimes things can feel hard, like nothing is working out. But while giving up might feel like the easiest option, it never really helps. Miss Galvin gave a top tip for when we are in the classroom - whenever you're faced with a challenge that seems too hard, break it down into smaller chunks. You'll get there in the end!

On Wednesday, Mrs Hindle read a story to the juniors about Louis Braille. They learnt how his determination and perseverance enabled him to invent the Braille system which gave the gift of reading and writing to blind people everywhere.

On Thursday Mrs Jackson introduced each of the Reception children to their new Year 2 buddies! The Year 2 children were delighted to look after our newest entries in the playground.

Art Competition at the Parish of St Monica – St Monica's Church has an art competition taking place and are asking all young parishioners, 'Can you prepare a piece of art on the theme of CLIMATE CHANGE?' It is to be submitted to Anna McMullan at the church by 5pm on Saturday 1st October 2022 with your name, age and telephone number (on the back). Entries will be judged in 3 groups: 4 to 7 year olds, 8 to 11 year olds, 12 to 15 year olds. All entries will be judged by Sr Joyce and the winners announced at the Creation Mass at 10.30am on Sunday 2nd October.

Next Friday – marking the Feast of St Theresa – St Theresa of Lisieux advocated doing small things with great love. Her Feast day is 1st October and so on Friday 30th September we have designated a "Well-being" day. The children will be doing a range of activities around emotional health and well-being that day.

The Feast of St Francis – Tuesday 4th October – The following Tuesday will be the Feast of St Francis, Patron Saint of the Environment and animals and we will be doing a range of activities around this theme.

Please note – The children will have a "forest school" session on one of those days – look out for information on google classroom/tapestry. If they have forest school they will come into school wearing clothes appropriate for the forest (arms and legs covered/suitable footwear). If not, they may wear their own clothes.

All children will have a **workshop using the musical instrument** made from materials you have at home. We ask that all parents make a **voluntary contribution of £2 per child** for these workshops to take place. Please look on **ParentPay** to pay this. Thank you.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards

Kate Baptiste, Headteacher