

30th September 2022

Dear Parent

Feast of St Theresa – Today the children have enjoyed a variety of activities around the theme of emotional health and well-being. A fantastic array of musical instruments were brought into school this week for the music workshops. The following classes had their music workshop today: Green class, 2Y, 2G, 3Y, 3G, 4Y and 4G. The other classes will have theirs next Tuesday. If you haven't already done so, please pay the voluntary contribution of £2 per child to cover the cost of inviting www.beatgoeson.co.uk into school. Thank you

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Thanks very much to Rosie, Jen and Victoria who came this morning to help run our coffee morning and to all those parents who made cakes and biscuits or supported this event by joining us for refreshments and making a donation. Some donations were made via QR code and we also received £241.70 in cash donations for Macmillan, lots of which was gift aided – thank you all.

Assemblies – On Monday Mrs Roper spoke to the children about dyslexia awareness week which takes place from 3rd October. You can watch the video that the children saw

here:- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gbWspi2_A1Q

On Tuesday I spoke to the Infant children and then on Wednesday to the Junior children about St Theresa who said to do small things with great love. I challenged the children to combine the ethos of St Theresa with St Francis' love of the environment. Can you do something small to reduce, re-use or recycle to help the environment?

On Thursday, four members of our Chaplaincy Team led an assembly about St Theresa. Well done to Liam, Jemima, Mathieu and Emma for organising this.

Childcare vouchers/government's childcare tax-free scheme – Please note that there are strict rules about what childcare vouchers and salary sacrifice/tax-free schemes can be used for. They can ONLY pay for childcare. They cannot be used to pay for trips, school dinners, workshops, building fund etc. These are rules set out by government that we have to adhere to.

Ofsted Registered Childminder – Ofsted registered childminder with extensive childcare experience available for drop-offs and pick-ups at St Monica's. For more information call Galina on 07710 626 532.

Parents' Speech, Language & Communication Training – There is a course for parents which starts on Tuesday next week which you may be interested in. See the attached flier for details.

Diary Dates

Monday 3rd October – October is the month of the Holy Rosary, so we pray a decade of the Rosary each morning at 8.50am at the front of the school - all welcome.

Tuesday 4th October Feast of St Francis - Reception – wear own clothes, **Year 1** – clothes suitable for PE, **Year 2** – forest clothes, **Year 3** – forest clothes, **Year 4** – clothes suitable for athletics, **Year 5** – forest clothes, **Year 6** – clothes suitable for tennis.

Thursday 6th October Harvest Festival celebration – children invited to **bring in £1** for the St Monica's Food Bank. See letter sent earlier by Mrs Tottle-Nugent

Thursday 6th October at 7pm and repeated Friday 7th at 9.15am – Literacy meeting for Year 1 parents. Please complete the form so we have enough chairs for adults. <https://forms.gle/Eq8AL8x1Wyc5zZNY6>

Monday 10th October Flu nasal spray for all children – make sure you have given your consent online by Thursday next week – the letter was emailed to all parents on 22nd September.

Friday 14th October Famous St Monica's School QUIZ – 14th October, 19:30 (doors open 19:00). Watch out for further announcements & event forms. In the meantime, get your TEAMS & table captains ready. Every team/table to hold between 8-10 people max. This Year's Quiz is not a "bring your own booze" event as there will be a bar. No food will be provided though, so bring your own food/snacks. Price: £10 per person. Entries deadline: 13th October

ALL THE FUNDS RAISED WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE MUCH NEEDED SCHOOL RESOURCES.
If any parents would like to come but are unable to afford this, The Friends have 10 tickets to give away. Please email me in strictest confidence if you would like a ticket(s).

If you have any questions or queries please email thefriendsofstmonicas@gmail.com

Kind regards
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