

7th October 2022

Dear Parents

Feast of St Francis – On Tuesday we spent the day exploring how we could take better care of our environment. Yellow class, 1Y, 1G, 5Y, 5G, 6Y and 6G all had their beat-goes-on workshop using their musical instruments brought in from home. There is still time to pay the £2 for the workshop. The total cost for the two days was £790. So far we have received £700. Thank you if you have already paid.

Bikes and scooters – Please can you not ride bikes or scooters anywhere on the premises as we have had a few near misses. Dismount at the gate and push the bike/scooter. Do not allow younger children to scoot all around the playgrounds. Many thanks

School Dinners – Please, please pay for your child's school dinners in advance (Years 3-6 only) and also choose their meals in advance. We have had as many as 20 children each day this week who had not chosen and didn't get their food preference. Our school cook Joyce needs to know numbers in advance to cook sufficient meals. Also, please note, if you have not paid in advance, the meal choice is not registering on the SchoolGrid system. This is out of our hands. If you are in financial difficulty, please contact me via headteacher@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk in strictest confidence.

Assemblies – On Monday I mentioned Black History Month which you will hear a lot about during October on the media. We have a selection of books on this theme in the school library for the children to enjoy. It's important that we celebrate the achievements of all people from all ethnicities and not just during October! We are trying to achieve this in our curriculum.

I also announced the new Year 6 monitors at Monday's assembly. The Year 6 children had responded to a job advert and written letters of application, followed by an interview process with me. I was incredibly impressed with their commitment to support in the smooth running of the school and their endless enthusiasm. The successful applicants will be doing the following jobs:

Library Assistant, Pond Monitor, Wet Play & Class Monitor, Recycling Monitor, Music Assistant, Singing Playground Leader, Infant Play Leader, PE Cupboard Monitor and Bench & Chairs.

On Thursday we had our Harvest Festival celebration. Thank you to everyone who donated money for the St Monica's church food bank; £350 was raised for this worthy cause. The children sang Harvest songs which Ms Phillips had prepared with them. Members of the chaplaincy team helped with the service. Using the letters H-A-R-V-E-S-T they spelt our other words such as EAT, HAVE, STARVE, SHARE to explain how we can, through our charitable acts help those less fortunate than ourselves. Fr Paul came, led a prayer and blessed the children.

Year 1 Literacy meeting – Thanks very much to all those parents who attended the meeting last night or this morning. All the handouts and slides can be found on the website <https://www.st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk/learning/year-1/phonics-and-reading/>

Climate Change Art Competition – Congratulations to Gabriel Talaga who won the infant competition and Ava Myers who won the Junior entry at church last week!

Diary Dates

- **Sunday 9th October after 9am and 10.30am Masses** – volunteers to serve tea/coffee and bakers needed (to provide portioned cakes, biscuits) after Mass on Sunday. All funds raised go to The Friends.
- **Monday 10th October Flu nasal spray for all children** – If you have not given your consent, your child cannot receive the vaccination.
- **Wednesday 12th October – School is closed for a staff training day:** child protection and first aid.
- **Friday 14th October 7pm for a 7.30pm start – Quiz Night** – Information about the quiz was sent on Wednesday. Get your teams in by 13th October.
- **Wednesday 19th October 9.15am Music assembly for children in Year 4** who play a musical instrument.
- **Thursday 20th 7pm & repeated Friday 21st Oct 9.15am – Literacy meeting for Reception parents.**
- **Friday 21st October 3.15pm** – break up for half term and return **Tuesday 1st November.**

Kind regards

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