

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents

We have had another busy week in school. All classes are busy preparing for their Christmas performances – please make sure your child practises their lines if they have any. Also practise shouting the words across a room! It's the first time our youngest children will have performed on the stage since the pandemic and so they need all the help they can get!

Today was a non-uniform day in exchange for cakes/gifts/jars of sweets for tomorrow's Christmas Bazaar. Thank you all for your offerings. It promises to be a fun-filled day. The e-brochure has been produced by The Friends. Congratulations to Ava Myers whose design won the competition for the front cover and Arnav Chaturvedi who was runner up. Ava was awarded a £10 book voucher and Arnav won chocolates! The brochure can be viewed here: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/616166767/> All the front cover entries are on display in school!

**Cash for hampers appeal** – Huge thanks to everyone for the money donated for this important appeal. We raised £760 for the Christmas hampers which will go a long way to making some families' Christmas a more enjoyable one.

**Gymnastics Festivals** – Ten children took part in the inter-school gymnastics festivals that have been happening at Southbury Leisure Centre this week. Congratulations to the Infant team who were selected to represent St Monica's: Ethan Farrugia, Lylan Marie-Joseph, Gya Stejar, Catalina Salih and Ava Traidia; and also the lower Key Stage 2 team: Isabella Lia, Annabelle Gregori, Ella McGarvey, Esme Dawson and Aoibhe Maitland. They all had to learn a gymnastics routine and then perform on a vault/spring board. They represented the school really well and should be proud to have received their medals and certificates.

**Year 3 trip to Westminster Cathedral** – Year 3 took the underground to Victoria Station on Wednesday and walked to Westminster Cathedral for this year's Advent Service. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves, especially seeing a real live donkey taking "Mary" to Bethlehem!

**Gaelic Football** – Three teams of thirteen children from Years 4 and 5 were selected to represent St Monica's at an inter-school Gaelic football competition today. Great fun was had by all and they were delighted to return with medals.

**Recent news on the school website** – Did you know that you can take a look at our most recent events at school on our website? Click here to see all the photos of things that have been happening in school <https://www.st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk/category/news/> More videos and photos can also be found on Google Classroom.

**London Youth Games** – Congratulations to Ethan Graeme and Annie Rogers who were selected to represent Enfield in the under 11 running competition at the London Youth Games! Ethan came 90<sup>th</sup> out of 210 and Enfield came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 32 London Boroughs. In the girls competition Annie came 40<sup>th</sup> out of 197 girls. Well done to them both! We are super proud of you!

**Assemblies** – On Monday, Years 3 & 4 had walked to church to practise for their Carol Service, while the rest of the school had assembly about our Advent wreath. See if your child can remember any of the symbolism about the circle shape, the evergreen leaves, red berries, three purple and one pink and one white candle. On Tuesday, the Infants had a Reconciliation Service where they reflected on the importance of saying "sorry" if they have done something wrong. They listened to the Gospel reading of the Lost Son and prayed to always try to be their best self. Junior children will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the coming weeks.

### **Diary Dates**

- **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Christmas Bazaar in school 12-4pm!
- **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Deadline for booking music lessons for the spring term with EMS. Details were emailed on Thurs.
- **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas dinner day. You should have booked your child's meal on SchoolGrid if they want Christmas dinner. If not, just send in a packed lunch as normal.
- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Years 5 and 6 walking to St Monica's church for a Carol Service rehearsal – make sure they all have a coat
- **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 9am** – Coffee morning in school for parents who have a child with a special educational need - all welcome.
- **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm** – Years 3 & 4 Carol Service at St Monica's Church – all Yr 3&4 families welcome.
- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am** – Year 1 Christmas Nativity in the main hall – all Year 1 families welcome.
- **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am** – Reception Christmas Nativity in the main hall – all Rec families welcome.
- **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am** – Year 2 Christmas Nativity in the main hall – all Year 2 families welcome.
- **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm** – Years 5 & 6 Carol Service at St Monica's Church – all Yr 5&6 families welcome
- **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Panto in school (thank you to The Friends for this special treat!)
- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Party Day – children can come to school in party clothes
- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** – School breaks up at 1pm for the holiday – non-uniform day optional

I look forward to seeing lots of you at the Christmas Bazaar tomorrow 12-4pm! Thanks in advance for the gargantuan effort made by all our volunteer parents to organise the day and to all staff who are coming in to help.

Kind regards, Kate Baptiste, Headteacher