

6th January 2023

Dear Parents

Happy new year to you all! I hope you all managed to get an opportunity to spend time with families and friends, relax and enjoy yourselves over the holiday period. I have heard a mixture of good and bad tales of illness, bereavements but I have also heard about some lovely times of celebration!

Sincere thanks for the very generous gifts that were given at Christmas. The whole class collections as well as the individual gifts were particularly kind and thoughtful and very much appreciated. Thank you all!

Happy Epiphany Day today! Today is the Christian Feast of recognising that Jesus is the Son of God, when the wise men came to worship Him. To mark the day, Fr Mehall came to lead Mass in school and the children sang the songs they had learnt about the wise men for their Christmas productions. The Mass was offered up for the repose of the souls of Anne Coggin and Vladimir Khimey.

School run After School Clubs

- Choir starts on Monday 9th January
- Gardening & Forest School club starts Monday 9th
- Year 6 football on Tuesdays starts Tuesday 10th
- Netball on Tuesday led by Miss Dalton starts Tuesday 10th
- Netball on Wednesday led by Mrs Moruzzi and Mrs Hoey starts Wednesday 11th
- Strings starts on Thursday 12th
- Tiger Teams starts Monday 16th

For privately run after school clubs, you will need to contact the company directly. See attached flier with contact details.

Raffle prizes – We had some wonderful prizes for the Christmas Bazaar Raffle but half of them have still not been collected! Everyone who has won a prize has been contacted, so please do come to the school office to collect your prize.

Kitchen roll and boxes of tissues – Thank you to everyone who has brought in a kitchen roll or box of tissues. Please keep them coming in so that we can catch those sneezes and dry hands after washing.

Internet Safety online workshop for parents – There will be an online workshop on Thursday 26th January at 7.30pm. In the meantime, please see the attached flier about Tik Tok and how to ensure your child's safety.

Diary Dates

- **Friday 13th Jan** – Very last day to hand in your application to the office if you want a Reception class place at St Monica's in September 2023 (the local authority deadline is Sunday 15th January).
- **Friday 13th Jan** – last day to hand in application for "A Star is Born"
- **Week beginning 16th Jan** – Auditions for "A Star is Born!" – every child in every class will be invited to audition to sing or dance in our special talent show! (Rec, Yrs 1, 2, & 3 show is Thurs 2nd Feb at 7pm and Yrs 4, 5 & 6 is Fri 3rd Feb at 7pm with dress rehearsals in school in the morning). If your child wants to audition, they need to complete an application form (see attached).

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards
Kate Baptiste
Headteacher