

3rd February 2023

Dear Parents

A Star is Born! – The children in the show impressed the whole school at the dress rehearsals yesterday and this morning. Last night was a wonderful occasion with children from Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 singing and dancing on stage for their friends and families! We have so many talented children in school and it is wonderful for them to have an opportunity to shine!

Money from The Friends – We have been clearing out the book areas in each classroom and thanks to The Friends have been ordering fabulous new books. They have started arriving and will be in classrooms very soon. We have also ordered 15 new iPads and 30 new Chromebooks. These will be set up over half term.

Assemblies

On Monday I spoke to the children about Jesus making the Sermon on the Mount which had been Sunday's Gospel. He described the Kingdom of God and I spoke to the children about how we can make our school more like the Kingdom of God. In the coming weeks I will be updating our Behaviour Policy so that we can endeavour to create a "Kingdom of God"! Once the staff and children have discussed this it will be sent to parents for comments.

Last one standing!! – By popular demand, and with huge thanks to one of our dads, Tom Conlon, this brilliant football competition is back! With your support we managed to raise £1000 last year and this year, we hope to at least match that, so please do consider entering if you can. If you would like to enter, it's £5 per entry payable through the link below and there's a prize of £100 for the winner. The deadline for entering is Friday 10th Feb. See all the details on the link below, but in a nutshell it's about choosing a winning football match from the Premier League each week (Tom emails you the fixtures each week).

<https://app.investmycommunity.com/campaigns/the-friends-of-st-monicas-school-7070>

"Keeping your child safe online" workshop – The slides from the workshop held last week are attached.

Kate Harrison – One of our past pupils Kate Harrison, who was a pupil here in the 1960s, became the first female train driver in London in 1979. She died in 2011 and a mural celebrating her pioneering work has recently been unveiled at Euston Station if you would like to go and see it.

School Dinners – There are a few families who still do not choose their meals in advance. Please spend a few minutes over the weekend selecting the meals on SchoolGrid – you can plan for weeks in advance.

Kitchen Towels – If you can bring in a roll of kitchen roll to help with the drying of hands, it would be much appreciated.

Chess – Is there any parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle out there who likes chess and would like to volunteer their services to come into school during a lunch time or after school to run a chess club for the children? If you would, please email me at headteacher@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk

Diary Dates

Monday 6th February – 5Y walking to Palmers Green High School for a French theatre show. They will be back to school by 4pm – or you can collect from the High School at 4pm. 5G will be having their own modern foreign language experience later this year.

Wednesday 8th February 8.50am Year 6 are going to Mass at St Monica's Church. Please can they be in by 8.50am so they can leave promptly at 9am. It is the Feast of Josephine of Bakhita who is the Patron Saint of human trafficking. If you've never heard of her, look her up – an inspirational story.

Wednesday 8th February 7pm – Meeting for Year 6 parents about trip to Hilltop (online – the link to attend will be sent next week)

Thursday 9th February 9.15am – 6Y Class assembly – parents invited into school

Monday 13th – Friday 17th School closed for half term

Advance Notice of maths workshops:

Thursday 23rd February 7pm – Maths workshop for parents in Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 in school

Tuesday 21st February 7pm – Maths workshop for parents in Years 4, 5 and 6 in school.

Have a lovely weekend. It is racial justice Sunday and I will be talking more about this at Monday's assembly.

Kind regards

Kate Baptiste, Headteacher