

24th February 2023

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new half term. We have had a busy first week. Last night we held a maths workshop for parents in Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3. I hope parents found it useful. Our new maths guidance was emailed to parents yesterday and a recording of the session should be available some time next week.

Assemblies – On Monday Mrs Tottle-Nugent spoke to all the children about putting Jesus at the centre of our lives during Lent. Ask the children if they can recall the British sign language for “Jesus at the centre”.

On Tuesday I spoke to the children about **behaviour**. I wonder how many children have come home and told you about the new system we are trialling? As a school staff and with the children, we have categorised behaviour into “levels”, A, B, C and D, with A being least and D being most severe. There are clear steps for each level which were explained to the children. We are trialling this until Easter and will then review it. Once we are confident it’s working, we’ll send it all home for your comments. I will also be discussing it with Governors at our next curriculum meeting. Through our behaviour policy we are endeavouring to create “the kingdom of God” at St Monica’s!

Class 6G had their class assembly on Thursday. It was a great fun celebration of Shrove Tuesday and Mardi Gras but with an important message about Lent and how we should be trying our best to pray, give alms and fast during this time. Our school improvement advisor, Barbara Breed was in school to watch and she said that the assembly epitomised what we are all about at St Monica’s: confident, articulate mature children who know how to have fun but with the ability to share important messages. Well done 6G!
<https://www.st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk/category/news/>

Second hand books – World Book day is Friday 3rd March. The Friends will be organising a 2nd hand book sale for this day. You can donate any unwanted books (for ages 5-11). Please send them into the school office by next Wednesday. Dressing up as a book character on this day is welcome but entirely optional.

Parents’ Evening – You should have received an email today regarding making an appointment for Parents’ Evening. If you didn’t, please contact the school office.

Music lessons from EMS – You can book your Summer term music lessons in the EMS Music Store. To do this, visit <https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicstore> and sign in. The deadline for booking Summer term lessons and hire is Sunday 19th March.

Diary Dates

Saturday 25th Feb 10am – Booking opens for making an appointment for Parents’ evening

Monday 27th Feb – Bishop John Sherrington to visit school (he was due to visit on Tuesday but had to postpone)

Thursday 2nd March – School is closed due to NEU industrial action

Friday 3rd March World Book day – author Jeanne Willis coming in. Dressing up as a book character is optional.

Sunday 5th March 11.55am – Booking a slot for parents’ evening will close

Week beginning Monday 6th March – Parents’ evening - in person on the Wednesday and online other days (Please note that Green Class online meetings will be 1st March.)

Wed 8th March 9.15am – Yr 5 music assembly (not Yr6 as previously advertised) – parents invited

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

Friday 24th March – Happy Bag collection – if you’re clearing out clothes over half term, save them up!

Sunday 26th March 11.30-4.30pm – Alternatively you may wish to donate clothes to the pre-loved clothes sale or even set up your own stall. All proceeds are going to support the victims of the recent earthquake.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards
Kate Baptiste
Headteacher