

17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents

Happy St Patrick's day!

I have been away with Year 6 this week at their annual trip to Hilltop. The children have had a fantastic time, really challenging themselves to go out of their comfort zone to face heights and risks they had never before imagined. It was a great lesson in perseverance and working effectively as a team. We're all pretty exhausted but have many lasting memories! While we have been away, the rest of the school have been very busy – as ever!

**Assemblies** – On Monday Mrs Roper spoke to the children about Autism Awareness week which begins on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March. She reminded them that we are all different and some differences are more visible than others. We need to treat everyone with respect and kindness as differences are not always obvious.

On Thursday 1G had their class assembly and it was literally out of this world! They treated us to a space adventure complete with everyone wearing amazing astronaut helmets. They gave lots of reasons why all the other planets in our solar system would not make good holiday destinations! They decided that planet earth was the best place to be and that we need to look after our beautiful planet as Pope Francis has asked us to in Laudato Si. They entertained everyone with their wonderful dancing and singing also. Well done 1G on your first assembly which definitely brought a smile to everyone's face!

**Mother's Day Tea parties** – On Wednesday Reception mums were invited to a special Mother's Day Tea Party and then Year 2 mums were invited on Friday. It was lovely to see the children and their special person sharing tea and biscuits. The children gave gifts and cards, sang songs and read poems. There were lots of happy tears shed!

**Maths Workshop for Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3** – The information from the workshop held a few weeks ago can be found on our website <https://www.st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk/learning/our-curriculum/maths/>

**Voluntary Contribution** – As a Voluntary Aided school we have to find the 10% of any building/capital works that are over £2,000. In order to do this, we request a *voluntary* contribution of £45 each year from each family. This can be paid via ParentPay. Out of a possible £12,825 we have received £4,199. If you are able to afford this, please make the payment on ParentPay. Many thanks in advance.

### **Diary Dates**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>** – Mothering Sunday

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>** - Last day to book music lessons with EMS for the summer term. Click here <https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicstore> and sign in.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 9.15am** – Year 3 Mother's Day Tea Party in the main school hall.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm** – Maths workshop for parents in Years 4, 5 and 6 in school. If you are coming, please click the link so we know how many chairs to put out. <https://forms.gle/rW7yTiYJdEUaUTDaA>

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.15am** – 2Y Class assembly – parents invited

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** – Happy Bag collection – bring in unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, toiletries in good condition.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 11.30-4.30pm** – Pre-loved clothes sale. If you want to set up your own stall to sell your pre-loved clothes, see flier on the school website <https://www.st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk/parents/letters-to-parents/> It's going to be a great occasion to teach the children about re-using/mending/altering clothes to create a more sustainable environment and avoid a build up of waste!

Have a good weekend. For those of you who have a mum, enjoy spoiling her on Mother's Day and thoughts and prayers for all those without a mum, as this weekend can be a difficult day to get through.

Kind regards  
Kate Baptiste  
Headteacher