

21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents

This week has been completely overshadowed by the death of our beloved colleague Siobhan. Her loss is being felt keenly throughout the whole community – a devastating time for her family and all of us at St Monica's. It is difficult for anyone to process a death and if you would like some information for you or your child, here are two useful links <https://www.childbereavementuk.org/> and also <https://rainbowsqb.org/>

I have arranged a service this evening (invitation only) for Siobhan's family, friends and colleagues. I am very grateful to The Friends committee, class reps and Governors who are supporting this event and providing catering and to the choir and children who will be singing. I know that many of you knew and adored Siobhan and would want to gather to celebrate her life. We will be arranging a special school event in Siobhan's memory for all parents and children to attend. Once the funeral arrangements have been made, I will let you know as soon as I can.

**4G Class Assembly** – 4G Class assembly was due to take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. With one of our mums Jemma currently in hospital, we felt it was appropriate to postpone this assembly to later in the year. A new date will be advised shortly.

**Help urgently needed** – Jemma's family would really appreciate some help and are looking for a nanny/house-keeper full-time if possible. If you know of any suitable person, please would you contact Kate Macmillan via email by clicking this link (it's kate\_macmillan) [kate\\_macmillan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kate_macmillan@yahoo.co.uk)

**Mile Run** – We have over 50 children representing the school at a Marathon event on Saturday. We hope they thoroughly enjoy their experience and we look forward to hearing from Mrs Warrington and all the children how they got on.

### **Diary Dates**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Year 5 trip via coach to Verulamium – be in school for 8.30am with packed lunch and school uniform (bring a rain coat just in case).

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 8.50am** – Year 4 are walking to St Monica's church for Mass so please be in school by 8.50am, ready to leave promptly at 9am

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April** – children from Wolfson Hillel Jewish school visiting Year 6 for a linking day

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 9.15am** – Year 6 music assembly – parents of Year 6 invited

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April** – Chess demo in school. Details about a new lunch time chess club will be sent out today – starting Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May and open to Years 1-6.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April** – The Friends are holding a 90s night at Winchmore Hill cricket club. If you'd like to come it's £12 per person. There are only a few tickets left, so click the link to book asap if interested <https://app.investmycommunity.com/campaigns/the-friends-of-st-monicas-school-7121>

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May** – School Closed for the bank holiday

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – School Closed due to strike action

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 8.50am** – As May is the month of Our Lady, we pray a decade of the Rosary each morning outside school all welcome

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 9.15am** – May procession in honour of Our Lady, parents/carers invited

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** – School closed for the King's coronation

### **Advance Notice:**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May** – Maths Day – children can dress up on a maths theme – more details to follow

Have a lovely weekend and if you have five minutes, take a look at our recent events on our school website <https://www.st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk/category/news/>

Kind regards  
Kate Baptiste  
Headteacher