

22nd September 2023

Dear Parents

Assemblies & first Mass of the school year – On Monday's assembly, I spoke to all the children about our school rules and how important it is that we all keep them.

We treat everyone respectfully.
We listen well and do our best.
We ensure the safety of ourselves and others.
We take responsibility for our actions.
We look after our own and others' property.

On Tuesday I spoke to the infants and on Wednesday to the juniors about Sunday's Gospel which was all about forgiveness. It is important to be honest and own up when we've done something wrong so we can say sorry. It is equally important to be forgiving of others who have wronged us. We also reunited the Year 4 and 6 buddies! It was lovely to see so many children remember who their buddies were from years ago!

On Thursday we were very pleased to welcome Fr David for his first whole school Mass and look forward to him visiting regularly on Thursdays.

House Captains – The staff voted for House Captains and I was delighted to announce the following at Monday's assembly: **Taylor Rivera-Serna as House Captain and Hannah Connolly Vice Captain for St John Sebastian Petranoiu House Captain and Isla Brosnan Vice Captain for St Cecilia Caitlin Barrett as House Captain and Lucja Drozd Vice Captain for St Francis Raphael Lyons as House Captain and Dearbhla Higgins Vice Captain for St Theresa**

Staffing Update – Catherine will be away from school for at least six weeks from today as she has treatment following surgery. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her a speedy recovery and we look forward to her being back in school with us later this term. Alison Synnott will be in the office each day and various jobs have been shared between other staff. Tracey will continue to be in school Monday – Thursday and alternate Fridays. Mrs Murphy is in the office alternate Fridays. Please bear with us if there are any organisational issues or delays in communication. I will continue to check my emails daily, so can be contacted via headteacher@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk

In addition, I forgot to mention our new Welfare Assistant who started with us a few weeks ago. Her name is Romona and she is settling into the (very busy) new role! Some of you have already spoken with her. I hope she is feeling very welcome at the school.

Contact Details – If your mobile phone number, email address or home address have changed, please would you send an email to Tracey at t.sesto@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk with the new information.

Shine Walk – A group of past and present St Monica's mums are doing the Shine Walk (26.2 miles through the night) to raise money for cancer research and they would love to raise as much as possible for this incredible charity. If you are able to sponsor them follow the link below. Thank you
<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/st-monicas-mums>

Macmillan Coffee morning – Every September we gather for a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer charity. We ask for a donation of £1 on entry and then any further donation for tea/coffee/cake. Also, if anyone can make any cakes/biscuits for this I'd be very grateful – please no nuts of any kind. Also, if you can help to serve tea/coffee that would be wonderful. As well as raising money for this important charity who have helped so many of our school community, it's a nice way to meet other parents.

Financial awareness course for parents – Please see the attached flier about a training course for parents that could be very useful.

Canaries – One of our parents has a couple of canaries to give to a good home. If you are interested, please call Paula on 07958977795.

Diary Dates

Monday 25th Sept – School closed for an Inset day (staff training for Speech and Communication)

Friday 29th Sept – Coffee morning for Macmillan charity at 9am in the main school hall £1 entry – please bring any homemade cakes/biscuits on the day – thank you!

Wednesday 4th Oct – School closed for an Inset day (OPAL – outdoor play and learning training)

Wednesday 28th Feb – Parents' evening – not 8th (apologies for error on the diary dates sent last week)

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards, Kate Baptiste, Headteacher