

12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents

A very happy new year to you all. As with every year, let's pray for the strength to get through whatever may come our way.

Welcome to what is strangely called "Spring Term", despite being Winter for nearly two more months!

**Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany** – Thank you to Fr David who came to celebrate our first Mass of the term. We are always proud of the children who take a lead on this by doing readings or altar serving. Well done to the readers: Giulietta Dispinzeri, Hannah Pyzewska, Taylor Rivera-Serna, Arianna Cole, Ewa Jablonska and Eloise Smith and the altar servers: Sebastian Patranoiu and Joseph Kennedy.

**Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)** – We now have a huge collection of toys/dressing up things which can be used in the playgrounds. Thank you very much for all the donations. We are now waiting for the appropriate storage to arrive so that everything can be safely stored and enjoyed by the children during playtimes.

**Football Tournament** - Eight of our Year 6 children (Sophia Conlon, Sebastian Patranoiu, Ava Sweeney, Keyara Handapangoda, Ashley Willetts, Oscar Darbyshire, Giulietta Dispinzeri and Joseph Kennedy) went to Raglan today to take part in a football tournament. They played against Forty Hall and lost 4-0 and then played Brimsdown and although they played much better in the second match they lost 4-1. "*We had pockets of playing well. However, we didn't manage to win the match,*" reported Joseph. It is also worth noting that we were the only school that had girls on their team!!

**Stronger relationships for parents course** – We have been invited to signpost a course for parents who may wish to improve their relationship to enable better parenting. Parents/carers can self-register and contact the provider if they need help. Please see attached flier.

### **School Building Fund**

As you will be aware, as a voluntary aided school we have to pay for 10% of any building works that cost over £2,000. We meet this cost by asking for a voluntary payment of £45 from each family every year. Out of a possible £13,365, £3,112 has been received so far. Please make the payment if you are able. Many thanks in advance. The latest building projects have included upgrading all our electrical fuse boxes throughout the building and also replacing wooden fencing and stairs in the playgrounds that had been rotting. Your contributions enable us to afford to do these works – so thank you all.

### **Diary Dates**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January** – Deadline for submitting online application for Reception admissions 2024. All supplementary paperwork for St Monica's must also be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup>. <https://www.st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk/admissions/>

**Week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Music lessons run by EMS will begin

#### **Auditions for "A Star is Born" will be as follows:**

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup>** – Year 6, **Tues 16<sup>th</sup>** – Years 3 & 2, **Wed 17<sup>th</sup>** – Reception & Year 1, **Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>** – Years 4 & 5

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm** – Literacy meeting for parents in Years 1 & 2. Please click this link <https://forms.gle/nQtBB4E7f57WnnAw8> and complete the form if you intend to come

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> 9.15am** – repeat of Literacy meeting for parents in Years 1 & 2

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> 7pm** – Maths session for parents in Years 4, 5 & 6 regarding shape, space, measures & reasoning

**Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 7pm** – "A Star is Born" performance for parents/families – Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 7pm** – "A Star is Born" performance for parents/families – Years 4, 5 & 6

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30pm** – Year 6 parents' meeting regarding residential trip to Hilltop

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb** – School closed for half term holiday

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 7pm** – Maths session for parents in Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards  
Kate Baptiste  
Headteacher