



23rd February

Dear Parents

It was such a busy end to the term before the holidays I failed to include a link to the recent events on the website. A big thank you to Mrs Weston who is leading the School Council and organised such a lovely trip to Enfield Council Chambers. You can see all our recent events here <https://www.st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk/category/news/>

**Maths Competitions** – I would sincerely like to thank Mrs Hindle for organising two excellent inter-school maths competitions for Years 5 and 6. Congratulations to our children from Years 5 and 6 who represented St Monica's: Lucja, Ewa, Nora and Luke for Year 6 and Dylan, Isla, Erin and Luca who represented Year 5. They were excellent ambassadors for the school. You can see more about it on our website (use the link above).

**Maths Sessions for Parents** – Thanks once again to Mrs Hindle and all the teachers who led the maths session for parents on Wednesday evening. The slides have all been uploaded onto the website and can be found here <https://www.st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk/learning/our-curriculum/maths/>

**Seeking your views** – As a school we want parents to be informed about your children's learning, so that you can confidently support your child at home. We have now held two maths sessions (this academic year related to geometry and measures and last year related to number work). I am aware that some families have more than one child and might not appreciate multiple trips to school, especially if you're juggling work and/or child care. I am also mindful that teachers teach all day and wouldn't appreciate multiple evening meetings. I would appreciate your views about the best way to provide support to you for planning purposes next year. Please click on the link and let us know your thoughts by next Friday. Thank you in advance. <https://forms.gle/u7PzLtLHchDbf3XR6>

**Parents' Evening** – Thank you for providing your views about parents' evening. The overwhelming majority of parents said that they would prefer a face to face meeting and so therefore I arranged with the teachers that they would be available on Tues 27th until 5.30pm and Wed 28th until 7.30pm. I recognise that a small number of parents would still prefer an online meeting and if that is the case, please email the office and the class teacher will contact you to make a time separately.

**Assemblies** – Mrs Roper spoke to all the children on Monday about Lent. Lent is a time in the Christian Church's year when we reflect on how we can become more like Jesus, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Fasting can be food related or giving up something that takes up a lot of your time, time that could be better spent elsewhere (such as gaming/going online/playing with your phone when you could be talking with your family or helping with chores!) We will focus this Lent on two charities, one closer to home which is the St Monica's food bank (Mrs Tottle-Nugent has written separately about this) and the second will be related to an orphanage in the Democratic Republic of Congo – the children will hear all about this next week.

On Tuesday morning Miss Dalton read "No Matter What" by Debi Gliori to Year 2 and 1G. We talked about how the character 'Large' loved 'Small' no matter what and discussed how this is similar to God's love. It doesn't bend, break or stop - God loves us no matter what.

Thanks to **Class 3Y** for their wonderful assembly on Thursday which celebrated the rich diversity of our children and families! We hope all the families enjoyed it!

The Juniors enjoyed a **magic show** (a very clever trick with numbers) on Friday. If your child would like to learn more with Zac on Wednesdays after school, a letter will be sent home with all the details about this new after school club.

**Boys Football** – Some Year 6 boys attended a football event on Monday. They played really well, winning their first match 5-0. Although they lost the second match 3-1, they played well as a team. The improvement from their previous match was brilliant to see. Well done to Franek, Max, Ellis, Freddie, Henry, Dylan, Christopher, Ged, Marco and Kosta. Thanks also to Miss Dalton for organising and to Terry for coaching.

#### Diary Dates

**Friday 23rd 7.30pm** – Girls' Night Out (in school) promises to be a great night out Thank you to The Friends for organising! **If you haven't already bought a ticket, you can turn up and pay on the door - £7**

**Saturday 24th** – Altar Server training starts for 5 weeks – scroll down for the details

**Monday 26th** – Non-uniform day for children in St Cecilia (red team) and also St Francis (green team) for winning last term's house point count

**Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th** – Parents' Evening in school.

All the details about how to book an appointment were emailed on Monday.

**Book fair on Wednesday all evening after school** – scroll down for details

**Thursday 29th 9.15am** – Class 6G assembly – 6G parents invited

**Thursday 7th March** – World Book day! See separate email with ideas for dressing up

**Thursday 7th March 9.15am** – Class 6Y assembly

**Friday 8th March** – Market book stall in school – details to follow

**Friday 8th March** – Happy Bag collection



Have a lovely weekend and hope to see lots of ladies at the Girls' Night!

Kind regards  
Kate Baptiste  
Headteacher





# SCHOOL BOOK FAIRS

Dear Parent/Guardian,

To promote reading for pleasure and to encourage our pupils to read more broadly, we are having a school book fair on Wednesday 28th February at our Parent teacher consultation evening.

The book fair is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Partner, Anne Croxford and every book purchased will go towards brand new FREE books for our school.

Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total book fair sales value raised in FREE BOOKS to the school. So, for every £600 of books purchased, we will get £360 in FREE Usborne books for our school!

Usborne books will be available to purchase at our parent teacher consultation evening, or Anne can help you to place an order.

World Book Day vouchers are accepted for £1.00 off the price of any book.

NEW for 2024: We can now purchase books online and our school will earn commission on every sale. Please click [HERE](#) to browse and make your online purchase. You can shop online between Monday 26th Feb 8am & Sunday 3rd March 10pm. You may choose to pay £3.50 for delivery to any UK address straightaway, or please choose Anne's address for free delivery to the school office, these orders will be delivered after the event has closed.

We look forward to having lots more books for your child to read, share and enjoy.

For more information  
and for tailored book recommendations for your child,  
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## St. Monica's Altar Servers

February 2024

### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar serving is a very important part of parish life. The servers help the people to pray and assist the Priests to carry out their ministry. It is also very rewarding, as the servers have a special close role to God's presence during Mass, in his Word and at the altar.

**If you are in year four or above at school** and would like to become an altar server, please fill in your details below, and return your details to the Parish Office (you can simply post the form through the letter box) by **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February**.

**Training sessions: Saturdays between 3.00-4.30pm: February 24<sup>th</sup> & March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*If you can't make any of these sessions please return your reply slip and let us know.*

**New altar servers will be expected to attend all training sessions.**

Thank you for your interest in this important part of parish life – we have a great history of altar servers in this parish and it will be good for you to be part of our future.

*Canon Mehall Lowry, Fr David Knight Daniella Mascarenhas, Lee-Anne Caiado  
St Monica's Parish Altar Serving Team*

Protecting your privacy: The information you have supplied will be used to ensure that your child meets the requirements to enrol as an Altar Server. We will use the contact details provided to keep you informed of any changes to the training program and will not share the details with third parties. Full details of how we process your data can be found at: <https://rcdow.org.uk/privacy/>

**✂ Cut here and hand in this part; keep the information above**

NEW ALTAR SERVER DETAILS (PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY **MONDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL YOU ATTEND: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BAPTISM: \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BAPTISM: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_