



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

19th April 2024

Dear Parents

Happy Easter to you all (although I know our Greek families have a few more weeks to go before they can celebrate!) and to our Muslim families, Happy Eid! I hope that you all had an opportunity to rest and relax over the holidays. Welcome to the summer term, it promises to be an action packed few months.

Siobhan – On Monday it was the first anniversary of the death of Siobhan, the special lady who had been our Welfare Assistant for the last two decades. We marked her anniversary on Thursday with a special Mass. We were delighted to welcome members of her family and past members of staff to this celebration. Thanks also to Fr David who blessed a new bench, clematis plant and a wildlife garden, which you can find in the infant playground outside class 2G. Please come and sit on the bench when you are in school! Fr David also blessed us all with Holy Water – ask your child if they remember getting soaked! It brought great joy which tied in with our Easter celebrations! Siobhan will always be fondly remembered and the occasion was a fitting memorial for her.



Mini-marathon – Good luck to all the fifty children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who are running the mini-marathon on Sunday. Miss Dalton gave out the bibs on Wednesday and all parents will be responsible for their own child on the day. We'll look forward to seeing the photos and hearing all about it next week.

OPAL – New storage sheds were built over the Easter holiday, which means we can introduce more things to the playgrounds. A big thank you to Lindsey and Miss Bowling who came in over the holidays to do a big sort out! It's the cosy corner and mud kitchen coming next! If any of you have any baby dolls that you no longer need/use, would you consider donating them (not Barbie doll style). Also if you have any old pots, pans, utensils that do not have any sharp edges, please would you donate them too? Thank you!

Uniform - Now we are in the summer term, there is the option of wearing a green gingham summer dress (including all-in-one shorts design). Shirts and tie are still expected – not white t-shirts – this is not our uniform and **ties are NOT optional**.

For PE days, please ensure your child is wearing the school green t-shirt, green shorts and in colder weather, green jogging bottoms over their shorts with trainers. The school jumper can be worn or a green sweat top. Designer labels must be avoided please, so it doesn't become a competition amongst the children to look "the coolest/best" etc!!!

Diary Dates for this half term – *this is not a complete list, some trip dates to follow*

Monday 22nd April – Class 2Y have a non-uniform day as a prize for bringing in the most bags on the Happy Bag collection day. Please ensure they have appropriate footwear for running around at play times.

Tuesday 23rd April 8.50am – Year 4 are walking to church for 9.30am Mass at St Monica's church (for the Feast of St George) and so MUST be in school for 8.50am that morning so we can leave on time and not be late for Mass.

Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th April – Bikeability for thirty Year 4 children (the list will be announced on Monday if you don't already know). Children taking part must bring in their bike and helmet and wheel them into the Junior playground and leave them against the back fence behind the climbing frame.

Thursday 25th April 9.15am – 5Y Class assembly – parents of 5Y invited.

Thursday 2nd May 9.15am – Our annual May Procession in school – all parents/grandparents/carers welcome.

Monday 6th May – School is closed for a national Bank Holiday.

Friday 10th May 1.15pm – Debating and Mooting Society to stage a courtroom drama in school – parents of those Year 6 children involved in this club are welcome to attend.

Saturday 11th May – First Holy Communion Masses at St Monica's Church.

Week beginning Monday 13th May – Statutory assessments for Year 6 all this week, followed by a special trip on Friday 17th in recognition for all their hard work – details to follow.

Wednesday 15th May – STEM day in school – children will enjoy a range of science and technology experiences in school.

Thursday 16th May 9.15am – 1G Class assembly – parents of 1G invited.

Saturday 18th May – First Holy Communion Masses at St Monica's Church.

Tuesday 21st May – Numeracy Day – children are invited to dress up on a maths theme – ideas/suggestions to follow.

Thursday 23rd May 9.15am – 4Y Class assembly – parents of 4Y invited.

Friday 24th May – International Cultural Diversity Day – hopefully we'll have lots of parents able to volunteer to set up stalls for various countries so we can celebrate our rich diversity. Children can wear national costume/flag colours this day.

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May – School Closed for half term

Monday 3rd June – School Closed for an in-service training day (INSET)

Have a lovely weekend, kind regards, Kate Baptiste, Headteacher