



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

28th June 2024

Dear Parents

A big thank you to everyone for the many bottles that were sent in today for the Summer Fête! Next Friday is also a non-uniform day in exchange for jars of sweets or cakes for the Summer Fête.

I spoke to the children at assembly last Friday about the greetings we hear in the morning. I will say "good morning" as the children walk through the gate. I get some cheery, "good morning" responses in return, but sometimes a grunt and sometimes no acknowledgement at all! In order to show our respect for one another, it is important to do these simple things, like a polite "good morning". I was delighted on Monday to hear multiple "good morning" greetings! Just a small thing, but makes a big difference. Well done to all those children who have been making the effort!

We have had extreme variations in the weather this week. It's a shame sports days weren't yesterday and today – we could have had the long distance runs and the parents and staff races! Never mind – keep training for next year!

Infant Sports Day – Despite the extreme heat, the infant children had fun at Sports Day doing a range of events. You can watch some images from the day [here](#). St Cecilia came 4th with 622 points, St Francis 3rd with 635, St John 2nd with 746 and St Theresa won with 812! A big thanks to all the parents who came to cheer their children on.

Junior Sports Day – Thanks to all those parents who kindly came to Broomfield Park early on Wednesday morning and set up gazebos. These provided shade for the children (note to self: do this for both days next year if it's very sunny). You can watch some of the action [here](#). St Francis came 4th with 1,310 points, St John were 3rd with 1447, St Francis were 2nd with 1,593 and St Cecilia were the overall winners with 1,685!



OPAL – The OPAL team had had enough of the children this week and after a dreadful day of hardly any tidying up and leaving the Cosy Cabin in a terrible mess, all of OPAL was stopped for three days. Do you find your child making excuses when it's time to tidy their room, or disappearing as soon as the "tidy up time" request comes? Well, it's no different in school! We hope the children have learnt from today's assembly that they all need to work together to put things away and they must not leave it for someone else to do!! OPAL was back up and running today and superbly tidied today! I hope to see a continued improvement in the tidying up over the last few weeks of term.

Diary Dates for next week:

Tuesday 2nd July – Year 4 trip to the Science Museum – wear school uniform and bring a packed lunch if you haven't ordered a school one – leaving and returning within the normal school day

Tuesday 2nd July – Year 5 going to Laurel Park – this is part of their secondary school induction so they can learn what a secondary school may feel like. Laurel Park are putting on some interesting lessons. The children need to wear PE kit and bring a piece of fruit if they'd like a mid-morning snack. Laurel Park are providing the lunch. Leaving and returning within the normal school day.

Tuesday 2nd July – Year 3 trip to a theatre production at St Thomas More – wear school uniform – travelling during the school day, no packed lunch needed

Wednesday 3rd July – Year 3 going to St Monica's Church for Mass – they need to be in school for 8.50am so they can leave at 9am to walk down there. The children will be presented with a special cross which Fr David will bless. These have been purchased by The Friends. If you would like to attend the Mass at St Monica's Church, it starts at 9.30am.

Wednesday 3rd July – Year 5 to see Matilda at The Millfield Theatre – there are children who have not returned consent forms for this. Please refer to the letter which was emailed about this.

Thursday 4th July – New Reception children visiting school – half of the new lot of 60 children will be visiting school on Thursday. We look forward to meeting them.

Friday 5th July – Non-uniform day in exchange for jars of sweets or cakes

Saturday 6th July 12-4pm – Summer Fête – looking forward to all the fun! If you haven't already volunteered to help, please try to offer an hour on Friday night to set up or during the day on Saturday.

Have a lovely weekend.

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