



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

6th December 2024

Dear Parents,

A big thank you for the huge amount of jars of sweets, cakes and gifts for 'Elfridges that have come in to school for tomorrow's Bazaar! Lots of parents are here this evening setting up – thank you all! As well as Perry's donation of two Christmas trees, a big thank you to Annette Rockwell and her mum who came into school last Saturday to decorate them – they look beautiful! I'm incredibly grateful to The Friends for all their hard work. It's events like these which have enabled The Friends to make lots of purchases this last year: a visit from MCGrammar, five new class interactive whiteboards along with lots of reading books for classrooms and the infants English lessons, fixing the play equipment and all the educational site licenses used by teachers to name just a few! Look [here](#) to view!

Gymnastics – For the last few weeks, Miss Anderson has been busy practising with groups of children for the Enfield gymnastics competition. Three groups took part in the inter-school competition which took place at Southbury Leisure Centre. You can see all the details on our website [Years 5&6](#) and [Years 3&4](#) and [Years 1&2](#)!



Congratulations to all the children who took part and a special "well done" to the Yr5&6 team who came 2nd winning a trophy!!



Christmas Nativity Farm – On Wednesday all the children had the opportunity to visit the Christmas Nativity farm. They set up in the Reception Class outside area and the children met a range of animals: donkeys, goats, sheep, chickens and a dog! It was a lovely opportunity to pet some animals.



Christmas Elves – For 'Elf and Safety reasons, please do not let your child bring their elf into school. We've had lots of tears in the Infants with elves going missing/lost and as so many are identical, it's impossible to know what belongs to who. Please keep elves at home. Thank you

Advent Service at Westminster Cathedral – Year 3 travelled to Westminster Cathedral via underground on Wednesday for their annual Advent Service. They joined in with singing carols and listening to the nativity story. There was even a live donkey in the cathedral! You can see some images [here](#).



Flu Vaccinations – A team of nurses arrived at school on Thursday and all children whose parents had consented to their child having the flu vaccine got theirs. If your child was absent that day, you can contact your GP to arrange the vaccine.

The next few weeks are very busy, so don't miss out on anything by checking the school calendar. Take a look [here](#)

Diary Dates

- Monday 9th 7pm – Carol Service led by Years 3 & 4 at St Monica's Church – parents invited
- Tuesday 10th 9.30am – Year 1 Christmas Nativity for parents
- Wednesday 11th 9.30am – Reception Christmas Nativity for parents
- Thursday 12th 9.30am – Year 2 Christmas Nativity for parents
- Saturday 14th – The Friends are hosting a Winter Party for parents in the evening
- Monday 16th – Panto performance in school – thank you to The Friends for paying for this special treat!
- Monday 16th 3.30pm – Carols around the tree – choir and strings group will be performing in the main hall – all welcome.
- Monday 16th 7pm – Carol Service led by Years 5 & 6 at St Monica's Church - parents invited
- Wednesday 18th – Christmas dinner day served in school
- Thursday 19th – Christmas party day – children may wear their own clothes to school and bring in a snack for eating

There will be a retiring collection after all Christmas celebrations – the proceeds will be spent on classroom resources. Thank you

I hope to see lots of you at the Bazaar tomorrow. Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards
Kate Baptiste
Headteacher