



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

20th December 2024

Dear Parents,

You may remember that we opened a consultation to extend the school years at St Monica's from 4-11 years to 2-11 years. The consultation has now passed and we are due to open our nursery in January. Parents have rightly had some concerns about the financial strain this might add to the school budget, but we have planned to ensure that all costs are covered. We were delighted to welcome our new nursery children to a stay and play session on Tuesday. Look [here](#) to see a few images of the space! We will be officially starting on Monday 6th January.

Second hand PE uniform – If you have any unwanted (clean and in good condition) PE t-shirts, jogging bottoms or sweatshirts in a small size, would you consider donating them for use in our new nursery? Send into the office.



Christmas Dinner Day! On Wednesday, the catering staff cooked a delicious Christmas meal for all the children and staff in the school – it was a long and tiring day for them and they did a fantastic job. Thanks to Ms Parker who provided the balloon decorations and to all the staff for making the dining hall look so festive for this occasion. You can see some of the festive fun [here](#).

Carol Service led by Years 3&4 – You can see a recording of their performance in school [here](#).

Carol Service led by Years 5&6 – On Monday evening, the children from Years 5 & 6 sang beautifully for their carol service at St Monica's Church - watch [here](#). They then performed again for the whole school on Tuesday – watch [here](#). We were all suitably impressed with the quality of the voices and offer a big thank you to Mr Charles-Nelson for all his work in getting the children ready.



Panto – A big thank you to The Friends who paid for a pantomime in school on Monday. The children were treated to a performance of Jack and the Beanstalk which was great fun!



Carols around the tree – On Monday after school, the Choir, led by Mr Charles-Nelson and the Strings Group, led by Lynne Baker, performed for a delighted audience. They entertained us with a variety of Christmas songs - watch [here](#)!

Reconciliation – On Tuesday, Year 6 and Class 5G had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in school. Thanks to Fr Mehall and Fr David and the two visiting priests who led this.

On Wednesday, the Infants had a Reconciliation Service where they reflected that sometimes we can make mistakes and it's important to say sorry so that we can be forgiven. They listened to the Parable of the Lost Son and learned that God will forgive us if we are sorry; we are called to do the same.

Thank you all sincerely for the very generous gifts you have been sending in – they are very much appreciated!

Diary Dates

Monday 6th January 2025 – School opens for the new term.

Monday 13th January – For children who like to sing or dance (or both), auditions will take place this week for "A Star is Born".

Tuesday 31st January – Happy Bag Collection – scroll down for more information, if you're doing a clear out over the holidays.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and hope you can enjoy the holiday period. See you all next year!

Kind regards
Kate Baptiste
Headteacher

If you're doing any clearing out over the Christmas holidays, please keep hold of things that could go in the Happy Bag Collection on 31st January!

We Are Fundraising For Your Local School!



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Our Brand Mascot

Hi Pupils & Parents, Your school is participating in our Happy School Bag Fundraising Scheme!

Through your kind donations of unwanted & pre-loved clothing to your school, we will pay the school 40p per KG collected!

If your school has scheduled more than one collection in advance, the rate becomes 45p per KG.

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What we collect

We accept:

- ✓ Adults and children's clothing
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- ✓ Handbags, belts, hats, jewellery
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- ✓ Souvenirs, unwanted gifts

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- ✗ Uniforms, underclothing
- ✗ Bric-a-brac, toys, DVD'S, CD's
- ✗ Rugs, blankets, curtains, books
- ✗ Household linen, pillows, duvets
- ✗ DIRTY, DAMAGED, or WET clothes

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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

DOG AND DUCK SANTA GROTTO

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER

12:00 P.M - 15:00 P,M

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT, FREE ENTRY
DONATIONS ACCEPTED AND WILL BE DONATED
TO NORTH LONDON HOSPICE

RECEIVE A PRESENT FROM SANTA AND HIS ELF.

FESTIVE DRINKS AND COMPLEMENTARY
FOOD AVAILABLE.

SANTA IS ACCEPTING LETTERS TO BE SENT
TO THE PUB BEFORE FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER
SO SANTA KNOWS WHAT HAS BEEN ASKED
FOR!!!!

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