



St. Monica's Primary School

Newsletter 23rd February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first week back after the half term break has been a lovely one. We are now in the liturgical season of Lent, with Ash Wednesday falling in the holiday, and the children have been thinking about the meaning of Lent and how we will be trying especially hard to focus on prayer and giving to others.

Our Year 6 class, Skylarks, are leading the traditional Lent Fundraising Stalls which begin next week for a month. See below for more details shared by Year 6. All fundraising is going to the Good Shepherd Appeal by Caritas (the charity of the Diocese of Shrewsbury).

This week we have also established our Mini Vinnie faith group, and we will be meeting for the first time next week to discuss plans for Lent and Easter.

Next Thursday we will be off timetable for our Spring term Mission Day. Our theme this term is character strengths, and the children will be engaged in a range of activities and looking at scripture where they will consider and explore this theme. The day will end with an assembly at 2.30pm, and parents, governors and parish members are welcome to come and join us for that assembly.

This Sunday the parish welcomes pupils in our Year 4 enrolling on the First Reconciliation Sacramental Programme.

On Wednesday this week I welcomed a number of headteachers from around Warrington to St Monica's, where they enjoyed a tour of our school and saw the learning taking place in classes. They were wowed by the children's hard-working, engaging and purposeful learning environments, and remarked on how clear it was that the children love to learn here at St Monica's - a fantastic endorsement of how strong the mission is living out in our pupils!

May I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Pearson

Lent Stalls

Starting next week our Year 6 will be doing Lent stalls. As it is Lent, we have decided to set up stalls to raise money for the Good Shepherd appeal. There will be Guess the Name of the Teddy, the Bottle Flip challenge and many more. Children are encouraged to bring in money for the stalls. £1, 20p and 50p coins are the prices for most of the stalls but we advise to bring in more so you can spend it on multiple stalls. There will be prizes as well and the winners will be announced in the last week of half term. The stalls go on for 4 weeks and start on Monday 26 February.

We hope all of the children enjoy the stalls and appreciate your support in raising money.

Year 6

Parents' Evenings

The appointments for parents' evenings will open at 4pm on Friday 1st March. Please go to your spider app to book your slot from this time.

Please note that the dates for these teacher meetings will be on Monday 18th March and Thursday 21st March with the exception of Robins, who will be on Monday 18th March and Wednesday 20th March. Appointments are strictly 10 minutes only. Thank you

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Weekly Attendance

Group	% Attend
Robins	91.4
Wrens	97.5
Blackbirds	96.8
Kingfishers	98.0
Swifts	98.8
Skylarks	88.7
Totals	95.1

Mission Fundraising—Sponsored Walk 2nd February

Thank you to those families and friends who have kindly donated so far. Our current total is £178.00. Outstanding sponsorship can be donated through the justgiving link, or if donating cash please put in a labelled envelope and hand in to the office. We hope we can reach our £500 target. Our collection will end at the end of next week. https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-monicas-primary-school-1706280349511?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fst-monicas-primary-school-1706280349511&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Message from the office

The School's Financial Year End is 31st March 2024. This is a polite reminder to please pay your ParentPay outstanding debt before 31st March 2024. Your account must be at £0.00 please. It is really important that you clear your balance before this date as any debt is charged to School by Warrington Borough Council. We are not a debt service. Any further payments made on to the system after the cut-off date will be for future meals. I will be sending regular weekly reminders to you and phone calls if necessary to clear any balances before the 31st March cut off date.

Key Dates:

Sunday 25th February 10am - Enrolment Mass for First Reconciliation

Wednesday 28th 3.15pm (slightly earlier time than previously reported) - First Eucharist Sacramental Programme meeting

Thursday 29th 2.30pm - Mission Day assembly - all welcome to attend

Friday 1st March 9am - Year 1&2 assembly

Sunday 3rd March 10am - Enrolment Mass for First Eucharist

Tuesday 26th 6pm - Passion Play in church

Spring 2 Clubs

All clubs will be running from Monday (with the exception of Netball) and all places have now been allocated. We do have some spaces left in Drawing, Taekwon-do, French and Choir Clubs. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Rylance in the school office.

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FOSM BINGO NIGHT



Thank you to everyone
for your support.



Another successful event
raising **£454.03** for school.



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