

10th May 2024

Dear Parents



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

The weather seems to have got the memo that we are approaching summer! Let's hope we have a few more sunny days, especially as so many families are organising special family events for Communion and Confirmations (my youngest daughter's Confirmation is next weekend, so hoping the rain stays away).

As we head into the **warmer months**, I want to mention a few matters regarding **sun safety and hydration**. Firstly, please ensure your child applies **sunscreen** before coming to school. Protecting their skin from the sun's rays makes a big difference in preventing sunburn and long-term damage. Secondly, please ensure your child has a refillable **water bottle** in school. Staying hydrated is essential, especially during hot weather. Additionally, I recommend that your child has a **sun hat** which covers their head, neck, and ears. This will offer extra protection from the sun's heat and help prevent heat-related issues.

May is the month of Our Lady – For the last two weeks of term, we invite each class from Year 2 upwards to lead the Rosary each morning. When it is your child's turn, they are asked to come to the front of the school for 8.50am – parents/carers very welcome too. The rota will be as follows: Monday 13th – Class 2G, Tuesday 14th – Class 2Y, Wednesday 15th – Class 3G, Thursday 16th – Class 3Y, Friday 17th – Class 4G, Monday 20th – Class 4Y, Tuesday 21st – Class 5G, Wednesday 22nd – Class 5Y, Thursday 23rd – Class 6G and Friday 24th – Class 6Y.

The Trial of the Three Little Pigs – Years 4, 5 and 6 were all treated to a full court room drama this afternoon, led by one of our parents, Jamie Okoro and the debating and mooting society, which he has been running for the last few months. The children in the audience were the jury and had to vote whether the three pigs were guilty of grievous bodily harm or not guilty. The pigs were voted guilty which was most upsetting! I think I will definitely be appealing the decision as there were many flaws in the legal arguments and who is not afraid of the big bad wolf??



Huge thanks to Jamie for his inspirational work with the debating team. I can see solicitors and barristers of the future, not to mention great actors!



Maths Day – Please plan for your child to wear something maths related for Tuesday 21st May which has been allocated a "Maths Day". If you look [here](#) it will give you some other ideas from last year; or search 'numeracy day maths ideas dress up' online.

Can you help? – Thomas James Estate Agents are kindly sponsoring our Summer fête this year!

Would you be willing to have one of their boards advertising the fête outside your house?

For every Estate agent board they put up, Thomas James will donate £20 to The Friends of St Monica's!

Please fill in this [form](#) if you're interested!

Assemblies – On Tuesday, Miss Dalton read the story "On Sudden Hill" by Linda Sarah. They talked about the importance of accepting and including others, reminding us of our mission statement – **together everyone achieves more!** On Wednesday Mr Rose spoke to the Junior children about artificial intelligence (AI) and showed how the children had generated a rap about the Vatican Council for RE!

Mass for the Feast of the Ascension – On Thursday we celebrated Mass in school with Fr David for the Feast of the Ascension, where we recall Jesus rising to heaven. The children sang and behaved fabulously well!

Watches in school – Please note that only a simple watch that tells the time is allowed in school. Watches that have cameras or access to the internet are absolutely forbidden.

Keyrings attached to bags – Please can you limit the number of keyrings attached to a school bag to three?! Some of our infant children are struggling to pick their bags up with the weight of their keyrings!!

School Council trip to Houses of Parliament – On Tuesday we had an early start to the day with a trip to the Houses of Parliament. The children from the school council learnt all about the House of Lords and House of Commons and learnt that they could be a member of either of those Houses when they grew up! We weren't allowed to take photos inside for most of the trip, but took plenty outside! Look [here](#) for more photos of this very informative day. Many thanks to the parents who helped us with travelling on the underground.

International Cultural Diversity Day – The offers of help have kept on coming – thank you! So far represented is: Brazil (x2), Poland (x4), Ireland (x2), Ukraine (x1), Bulgaria (x3), Ghana (x1), Cyprus (x1), Colombia (x1), India (x1), Sri Lanka (x1), Syria (x1). Just one parent for a country is a lot to take on, so if you can help with any of these, that would be wonderful. If so, click [here](#). Many thanks in advance of your usual generosity

Diary Dates for next week

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

Sunday 12th May 9.30am – 5k Charity Fun Run at Grovelands Park – activities from 9.30am and run/walk starts at 10.30am

Monday 13th May – SATS week for Year 6 – please be in school on time so the assessments can start promptly at 9.15am. Their homework this weekend is to relax and enjoy themselves, but have a good night's sleep on Sunday. We want them to all try their best next week, but know that they are worth more than a score and these assessments do not define them!

From Monday at 8.50am each class to take turns to lead the Rosary – starting with 2G, 2Y Tues, 3G Wed, 3Y Thurs and 4G Fri

Thursday 16th May 9.15am – 1G class assembly - 1G parents invited

Friday 17th May – Year 6 trip to the cinema

Have a lovely weekend, Kate Baptiste, Headteacher

Healthy Parent Carer Programme

Do you have a child or children with special needs and live in the London Borough of Enfield?

Do you need help for YOU to be healthier and happier in caring for your family? Learn how to take small steps to focus on your needs to improve your health and wellbeing and take greater control of how you deal with things.



Want to meet other parent carers? Share your experiences and advice! This course is about you, not parenting or how to get support for your child.

6-week course from Tuesday 11th June to Tuesday 16th July 24

Craig Park Family Hub from 10 am to 1 pm each Tuesday

Run by an Our Voice parent carer and a Turkish-speaking facilitator/translator.

Free but you must attend all 6 sessions. If you join the course, you will receive a £30 grocery voucher every time you attend a session. Please note that this could affect your entitlement to benefits – please make sure you check. The course is intended for small groups.

Sign up [here](#) by 17th May or contact 07516 662315 or Email ourvoice.hpc@outlook.com or scan the QR code above

This course is run by Our Voice Parent Carer Forum. Our Voice is a parent-led organisation that supports families with children aged 0-25 with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities, living in the London Borough of Enfield.