



# ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Strive to succeed in the presence of God*

6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents

I hope you all had a restful summer and have been pleased to get back into the start of a new term. It has been lovely to welcome the new Reception children to our school along with a couple of other children in other year groups. I hope they (and those of you who are new parents) quickly feel part of the school community.

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September we are opening up the school from 12 until 4pm. This is a chance for everyone to come and visit our lovely school. See next page for more details and my plea for help!

**Farewell to our Chair of Governors** – Our Chair of Governors, John Furlong is retiring after 27 years' service to the school. He played a huge role on the board as a committee member in various committees as well as Chair of the Admissions Committee. I will miss his support and guidance enormously. We are holding a special Mass in school tonight to thank him and I look forward to seeing current and past staff and governors there to celebrate. Mrs Tricia Alder is taking over as our new Chair of Governors. She is currently the Vice-Chair and was formerly Headteacher at St George's Catholic Primary School in Enfield. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our school governors who do a lot of work behind the scenes ensuring the strategic leadership of the school – all on a voluntary basis. Thank you to all of them. More information about who our Governors are can be found [here](#).

**Education Sunday** – Fr Mehall and Fr David will be recognising the work of all educators at every Mass this weekend. Be prepared to stand up if you are a child, teacher or Governor and receive a blessing.

**Children's Choir at St Monica's Church** – Christine Dench is looking for new members for their children's church choir. It is open to any child in Year 4 or above. The choir sings once a month at the Saturday Mass (6pm) and has a practice just before in the small hall from 5.15pm. The children and parishioners really enjoy it. If you or your child is interested, please get in touch with Christine Dench on 07966 140508 or by email: callenN4@aol.com

**Netball** – We are currently sourcing a coach for netball for after school. We hope to let you know about this next week.

## **In loving memory of Anthony Walsh & Danny O'Dwyer**

A beloved dad and also a grandad in our school community both suffered with Motor Neurone Disease MND and have sadly died. A great contingent of our parents are running the Dingle marathon this weekend in their memories. If you were able to make a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. please? Click [here](#) or [here](#).

All the best of luck to those brave parents who will be running: Siobhan Walsh, Kathleen and Dave Thomas, Charlotte and Adam Smith, Fiona O'Brien, Natasha Fitzpatrick, Linda Groake and Emma Phelps. We'll look forward to hearing how you got on next week.

**Joe Wicks and Asda** – A fund raising opportunity has been launched at Asda. The Friends have registered our school for this fantastic opportunity. All you need to do is download the Asda Rewards app, opt-in, choose 'St Monica's Primary', then shop and scan your app at checkout. Asda will donate 0.5% of your spend to us! Money for nothing! Asda will start every school off with a £50 donation, dependent on at least one customer earning on their behalf. Asda's campaign will run until 30 November."

**Crisis at Christmas** - It's that time of year again. This Sunday is the first of two cake sales for 'Crisis at Christmas' taking place at St Monica's Church. This has been kindly organised by Albie in Yr6 and his mum Jenny. Each year, they aim to take a number of people off the streets over Christmas with the hope of them getting the support during this time, to keep them off the streets with a new start. This year, their aim is to help 30 people get that support. All of the cakes are homemade and they are selling these in St Monica's Church after all Masses on Sunday. Any and all support very welcomed - thank you. 😊 Please click [here](#) for more information about this charity.

## **Diary Dates for next few weeks** (a full list for the year will be emailed next week)

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 12 midday – All Masses will be offered for Education Sunday

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September – cake sale after all Masses at St Monica's Church in aid of 'Crisis at Christmas' – see above

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm (not 7pm as per letter) – Secondary transfer meeting for Year 6 parents online (link has been emailed)

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 10-12 – Afro hair workshop and story telling at Southgate Library (also Palmers Green 2-3pm) – see flier on last page

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Celebration in school to mark our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary! 12-4pm- all welcome

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Happy Bag collection – see next page for all the details

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kate Baptiste  
Headteacher

**Our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations** – On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September we are having an open day from 12 til 4pm at school. Everyone is welcome to come and I know lots of past members of staff and families will be here. People can come and look around the school and there will be teas, coffees, refreshments and a bar courtesy of The Friends. I am looking for volunteers who could make any cakes/biscuits to be delivered either on Friday or Saturday morning. We also wondered if any people would make platters of sandwiches? There will be a presentation during the afternoon to mark this celebration.



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Dear Parent and Guardian,

We are delighted to announce that our school will be holding a clothing collection with the **Happy School Bag Fundraising Scheme on 20th of September 2024.**

This scheme is designed to help schools to raise needed funds and at the same time to help the environment by keeping textiles away from landfill and giving the clothing a new lease of life. To take part you simply need to fill the bag(s) with your unwanted clothing and bring them to the school by the scheduled collection day.

**We accept:**

- ✓ Adults and children's clothing
- ✓ Paired Shoes
- ✓ Fashion accessories
- ✓ Handbags, Belts
- ✓ Hats, Scarves
- ✓ Jewellery, Perfumes

**We don't accept:**

- \* Dirty, Damaged, Wet Clothes
- \* Uniforms, Underclothing
- \* Toys, Books, DVD's, CD's
- \* Duvets, Pillows, Household linen
- \* Carpets, Blankets, Curtains
- \* Bric-a-Brac

More clothing we manage to collect, the more funds our school can raise!  
The Happy School Bag van will be collecting from our school on **20th of September 2024.**

Many thanks  
Kind Regards

Southgate library 10am-12pm  
Palmers Green library 2pm-3pm

Saturday 14th  
September

# afro hair and storytelling workshop

- Creative Writing
- Arts and crafts
- Rhymes

**Ages 6+**

This is a free event.  
Limited spaces available.

For bookings contact:

SouthGate library - 020 3838 7652  
Palmers Green library - 020 8379 2727

