



# ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Strive to succeed in the presence of God*

## Important dates:

**9.9.24-** Children start full time. Please make sure you have chosen their lunches.

**11.9.24-** Coffee morning for all parents 9am- 10am in the Infant Hall.

**14.9.24-** 12-4pm School Open Day for 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**20.9.24 –** Happy Bag Collection before school (send in unwanted clothes)

**25.9.24 –** Inset Day – school closed

**27.9.24 –** Macmillan Coffee morning

**1.10.24 –** Month of the Holy Rosary

**2.10.24 –** Inset Day – school closed

**3.10.24 –** Harvest Festival – bring £1 for food bank

**10.10.24 –** Literacy meeting for Reception parents at 7pm

**11.10.24 –** Literacy meeting repeated for parents 9.15am

## How to help at home:

Please continue to encourage your child to be as independent as possible with dressing, toileting, using a knife and fork and getting their bag ready for school (with their water bottle, coat etc).

Please make sure you are reading to your child at home, encouraging them to choose different books and genres. When reading with your child encourage conversation about the book: What did they like? What might happen next? Etc.

Please encourage your child to practise writing their name using the name label you were given at your child's home visit. Please remember we only use capital letters for the first letter of their name.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome you all to your first Curriculum newsletter. This letter will give you information about what your child will be learning in school. The children have had a fantastic first week of school and we hope they have all enjoyed it.

We are looking forward to a busy half term. Here is some information about what your child will be learning over the next few weeks along with some other useful information.

# Reception Autumn 1

In RE this half term...

Our topic is 'Creation and Covenant' and the children will be learning about:

- Baptism-belonging to God's family.
- The daily prayers.
- That God made our beautiful world and how to look after God's world

**Key vocabulary:**

Baptism, family, Godparents, creation, world, God

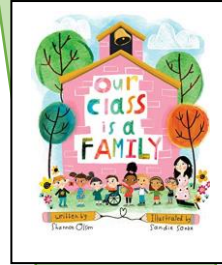
**Useful websites:**

[Topmarks: teaching resources, interactive resources, worksheets, homework, exam and revision help: Learning to Count up to 15 with Teddy Numbers Interactive Maths Game \(topmarks.co.uk\)](#)

Cbeebies - [Alphablocks](#) - [CBeebies](#) - [BBC](#)

### **In Literacy...**

Our theme for this term is 'All About Me'. We will be focusing on the story 'Our class is a family' and the children will be encouraged to respond to the story with their ideas and thoughts. The children will be introduced to Phonics and will begin to learn Set 1 phonics (more will be explained at the Literacy meeting). The children will be taught to recognise their own name and how to write it. The children will begin to form the letters taught during their phonics session.



### **In Physical Development...**

During our indoor PE lessons the children will be taught the rules of PE. The children will learn how to balance on different body parts. The children will be taught about basic hygiene. We will continue to focus on fine motor skills through activities such as manipulating dough.

### **In RHE...**

Children will be learning about:

- Differences and similarities.
- Respecting others.
- Taking turns and sharing.

### **In Expressive Arts & Design...**

The children will be encouraged to join in with simple songs. We will be drawing and painting self-portraits. We will be encouraging them to join in with role-play in our home corner. In Art we will be exploring mark making through different drawing materials. We will look at the artist Megan Coyle

### **In Mathematics...**

We will be:

- Matching and sorting
- Compare amounts, size, mass and capacity
- Exploring pattern
- Representing comparing and the composition of 1, 2 and 3.



### **In Music...**

The children will be learning a range of All About Me songs and using instruments and movements to the music.

### **In Communication and Language...**

We will be encouraging the children to talk confidently about themselves and express their needs appropriately. We will work on listening and attention skills. We will encourage the children to engage in conversation and to listen to stories carefully. We will give the children simple instructions to follow and support them if they find this tricky.

### **In Personal, Social & Emotional Development.**

We will be talking about our feelings and our likes and dislikes. We will share news from home and talk about our families.

### **In Understanding the World...**

We will be talking about their past and important things that have happened in their lives (Baptism, births, birthdays). We will be teaching the children how to locate places in the learning environment and school. We will be talking about where they live and encouraging them to describe their environment. We will begin to look at the seasons and Autumn in more detail. We will discuss Harvest Festival.