



# ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Strive to succeed in the presence of God*

29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents,

A big thank you for the many bottles and cuddly toys which were donated today! The Christmas Bazaar looks set to be a great occasion next week!

There are fewer whole school assemblies at this time of year as the hall is in use so much for rehearsals. However, we did have an awards assembly this morning and Mrs Tottle-Nugent celebrated the beautiful Christmas Bazaar designs – well done to all our budding artists! Mrs Tottle-Nugent also praised both Year 6 classes who have been wonderful ambassadors for the school over the last few weeks as they led tours of the school for prospective parents. Over 100 visitors came to the school and our children really impressed them with their confidence, clear oracy and polite manners!

On Sunday, many of you will be opening the first door on your Advent Calendar. As a Catholic School we promote thinking of others, especially in the lead up to Christmas. You have already been very generous this term supporting several charities, but you may still wish to follow the Advent Calendar at the end of this newsletter (scroll down).

**Christmas Trees** – A big thank you to Perry, one of the new dads in Reception who has provided us with two beautiful trees for the school and also for offering £5 off to any parent who shows the attached flier (scroll down).

### **Girls' Powerleague – a message from Miss Anderson**

This week it was the girls' opportunity to play at Powerleague. Aoife, Rose, Maria, Sorcha, Erin, Florence, Annie, Louisa, Ella and Emily all played very well as a team, winning one match against North Star, drawing 2 and losing only 1! I am looking forward to February when I will be bringing more girls down to Laurel Park for their chance to represent the school. More information will be sent nearer the time.

We hope the children from Years 1 & 2 (& Tony!) enjoyed the trip to Spurs training ground today. Thanks to Miss Anderson for organising this. She didn't stop badgering them until they gave her tickets!



**Christmas Bazaar Brochure Design** – We received 85 fabulous designs for the front cover of the Christmas Bazaar brochure (only 20 from boys – come on boys, we want to see more for the Summer Fête!). All the beautiful art work will be displayed in the school to be enjoyed when you visit for the Bazaar. Congratulations to Eliyana RY who won for Reception, Orla 1G who won for Year 1, Ariadne from 2Y who won for Year 2, Skylar from 3G who won for Year 3, Sadie in 4G who won for Year 4, Milo from 5G who won for Year 5 and Emily 6G who won for Year 6. The overall school winner was a joint effort from sisters Belle (2Y) and Grace (5Y) and the runners up were Ava in 1Y and Ella in 6G. Very well done to everyone!

**Help for Hunger** – Thanks very much to all the families who brought money in on Wednesday for the Help for Hunger appeal. Thanks to your generosity £782 was raised! This money will be used by Rosie Hurdall and her team to create fantastic Christmas hampers for local families in need.

**Music Lessons in school** – The deadline to book music instrument lessons for the Spring Term is **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**.

<https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicservice/lessonsstore>

**Online Safety** – In a recent safeguarding network meeting, I was horrified to see the statistics to the quiz about children's behaviour online – scroll down to read.

**Winter Disco** – This afternoon the children have been strutting their stuff on the dance floor! We hope they enjoyed it. Thank you to The Friends for organising the snacks. Thank you to all the parents for your contributions to the tickets and a huge THANK YOU to all the staff for running this after school. A special note of thanks to those staff who came in on their day off to help!!

The next few weeks are very busy, so don't miss out on anything by checking the school calendar. Take a look [here](#)

### **Diary Dates** (various sporting fixtures over the coming weeks, Miss Anderson has emailed)

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Nativity Farm in school – payment request has been posted onto ParentPay

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 3 going to Westminster Cathedral for the Advent Service – bring a packed lunch if not taking one from school.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Flu vaccinations taking place in school. Please ensure you have completed the form to consent or otherwise

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – children may wear own clothes in exchange for a jar of sweets for the hoopla stall or a gift for the Christmas gift wrapping room (aka 'Elfridges!)

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 12-4pm** – Christmas Bazaar in school – lots of fun to look forward to!! Please donate some time to help on your class's stall if you can. Many hands make light work.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 7pm** – Carol Service led by Years 3 & 4 at St Monica's Church – parents invited

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30am** – Year 1 Christmas Nativity for parents

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30am** – Reception Christmas Nativity for parents

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30am** – Year 2 Christmas Nativity for parents

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 7pm** – Carol Service led by Years 5 & 6 at St Monica's Church - parents invited

There will be a retiring collection after all Christmas celebrations – the proceeds will be spent on classroom resources. Thank you

Have a lovely weekend – one more week to go until the Bazaar! Kind regards, Kate Baptiste, Headteacher

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# Keep Your Child Safe Online

Quick Stats Quiz

| Question   | Answer   |
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| The majority of parents do not believe their child has viewed pornography online. What percentage of children report that they have viewed pornography by the age of 14? | <b>94% (10% by the age of 10)</b>  |
| What percentage of children have had online sexual interaction with an adult?  | <b>5-25%</b>   |
| How many unique child sexual images are recorded in the Child Sexual Abuse Database (figure from 2019)?  | <b>8.3 million</b>   |
| What percentage of children have accessed hateful content online?  | <b>Up to 69%</b>   |
| Online suicide and self harm sites have been indicated in what percentage of young suicides?   | <b>25%</b>   |
| Alexander McCartney from Co Armagh was sentenced to 20 years in jail for what?   | <b><a href="#">Catfishing: Alexander McCartney jailed for minimum of 20 years - BBC News</a></b> |
| What is the number one way we can protect our young people from online harm?   | <b>TALK</b>  |

**Keep Your Child Safe Online**

**T E C H**

**TALK**  
Talk to your child about their internet use and safety  
Have meaningful conversations about how they use the internet  
Praise your child for safe online behaviours  
Welcome your child if they want to ask you a question or tell you about a problem, even if they've done something unwise themselves

**EDUCATE**  
Learn as much as you can about games, platforms, parental controls and the benefits and risks of online activity  
Teach your child about specific issues and concerns  
Teach your child about safe and unsafe relationships and how to repair friendships following disagreements online

**CO-VIEW**  
Co-view your child's online activity at least 1x/week  
Interact with your child online  
Model appropriate online behaviour  
Co-operate with each other to promote the well-being of all

**HOUSE RULES**  
Set clear routines, rules and boundaries ("house rules")  
Keep to age ratings and guidance for apps, games and devices  
Restrict online activity to daytime and communal areas  
Use filters and parental controls  
Spend regular screen-free time with your child

**AGE 11+** for a basic phone or highly restricted smart phone without internet access or social media

**AGE 14+** for a smart phone with parental controls

\*Agree a contract with your child to encourage responsible phone use

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**ENFIELD Council**

As we are approaching Christmas, consider whether a SMART phone is an appropriate gift for your child. Recent guidance suggests waiting until 14+ years. A basic phone that can text and make phone calls is sufficient for a child walking to and from school alone.

Advent is a time for preparing for Christmas. We can prepare spiritually by thinking of others. See below for gift suggestions you could make each day to deliver to a food bank. St Monica's church run a food bank and items can be dropped there on Monday mornings. Alternatively, there are drop off places in most supermarkets.

**Caritas Westminster**

# Advent Giving Calendar

The graphic features a night sky with a yellow star and two angels. Below is a silhouette of a city with domes and palm trees. In the foreground, a desert landscape with rolling hills is populated by 24 sheep, each carrying a gift suggestion. The gifts are:

- 1 Rice
- 2 Pasta
- 3 Shampoo
- 4 Cooking oil
- 5 Cereal
- 6 Tinned sweet corn
- 7 Nappies or wipes
- 8 Dried herbs or spices
- 9 Cleaning products
- 10 Tea and coffee
- 11 Detergent
- 12 Lentils or beans
- 13 Long life milk
- 14 Deodorant
- 15 Biscuits
- 16 Tinned fruit or pudding
- 17 Sanitary products
- 18 Nut butter or jam
- 19 Sugar or honey
- 20 Shower gel or soap
- 21 Tinned meat or fish
- 22 Cooking sauce or condiment
- 23 Chocolate
- 24 Something festive

[Download the calendar here](#)



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