



10th January 2025

Dear Parents,

A very happy new year to you all! I hope that you all managed to get some rest and relaxation over the Christmas holiday.

I would like to sincerely thank all of you for your generosity at Christmas. The staff and I were overwhelmed by many kind and thoughtful gifts and cards. I had a lovely time shopping in John Lewis with my vouchers and am very grateful – thank you all!

This week has started well and I'm very pleased to have welcomed some new staff to the school. We were very sad to say goodbye to Robert in Class 3Y – we hope to see him from time to time as he has promised to visit. We welcome Lia to 3Y as a new teaching assistant. We also welcome Michelle who is a new Early Years Assistant working at breakfast and after school club as well as the nursery. Jade is a new teaching assistant in Reception Green and Mr Lee is a new learning mentor working with various children in the juniors during lesson time as well as supporting children during playtimes. I hope they will all be very happy at St Monica's.

Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany – Thank you to Fr David who came into school on Monday to celebrate Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany. On this day we realise that Jesus Christ has been revealed as the Son of God by the Magi/Wise Men. Some of the characters from Year 2's nativity brought the story to life! The children were able to recall what the significance of gold, frankincense and myrrh were.

Adult Scooter found – An adult scooter was left in the playground at the Christmas Bazaar, please let the office know if it might be yours.

A Star is Born! – For those children who like to sing and dance, they will have an opportunity to strut their stuff in auditions next week. The auditions will take place as follows:

Monday – Year 2

Tuesday – Years 3, 4, Reception and Year 1

Thursday – Years 5 & 6

Each act will have one minute to impress the judges (Lindsey, Mr Charles Nelson and me).

Please ensure that music is emailed to Mrs Tottle-Nugent on h.tottle-nugent@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk in time for the auditions.

216 application forms have been received and so please prepare your child for disappointment if they don't make it through to the show.

Assemblies this week – On Tuesday, Mrs Tottle-Nugent explained in more detail about the Wise Men visiting and worshipping Jesus.

On Wednesday I spoke to the Juniors about playground behaviour. A small minority of the children can become too rough during playtimes and this can result in serious injuries, so it is important that every child reflects on their behaviour during playtimes. Mr Lee is supporting any children who find themselves in the **red zone** to get back into the **green zone**. The junior children looked at our school rules and at the next School Council meeting, they will be discussing are these rules easy to remember and understand or do they need re-writing? The current school rules are as follows:

We treat everyone respectfully.

We listen well and do our best.

We ensure the safety of ourselves and others.

We take responsibility for our actions.

We look after our own and others' property.

I know that the Junior children could easily learn these rules by heart (after listening to them sing so many carols by heart at Christmas), but can they all follow them?!

Year 6 cookery – The catering team from HCL Ltd have been in this week to start a six week cooking project with the Year 6 children. Each class will have three weeks of cooking experience. The idea is that they can learn simple healthy recipes that they can cook independently at home. This week they made pizza wraps!

Diary Dates for this half term

Monday 13th January – 9.15am and repeated at 7pm – Literacy meeting in the Infant hall for parents in Years 1 and 2. Please click [here](#) if you want to attend so that we have enough chairs.

Monday 13th January – For children who like to sing or dance (or both), auditions will take place this week for "A Star is Born". See above for the day your child will have theirs.

Wednesday 15th January – Closing date for Reception Class applications for September 2025.

Thursday 16th January – 5Y start their weekly swimming lessons (details to follow)

Monday 20th January – Choir going to the O2 to sing at the Young Voices concert – leaving school at 12.30 (letter with details about clothing and food will be sent next week).

Thursday 30th January 7pm - A Star is Born for Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 (dress rehearsal to the school in the morning)

Friday 31st January 7pm – A Star is Born for Years 4, 5 and 6 (dress rehearsal to the school in the morning)

Friday 31st January – Happy Bag Collection – bring in unwanted clothing in good, clean condition, shoes, bags etc.

Wednesday 5th February 9.15am - Year 4 Music recital for those children learning an instrument – parents invited

Thursday 6th February 9.15am – Class 3G assembly – parents invited

Thursday 13th February 9.15am – 6Y Class assembly – parents invited

Thursday 13th February 7pm – Year 6 Parents' meeting re: Hilltop residential and Relationships & Health Education

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards, Kate Baptiste

Headteacher