

17th January 2025

Dear Parents,



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

Lindsey, Mr Charles-Nelson and I have had a very difficult (but enjoyable) week watching auditions for “A Star is Born!” We saw 50 acts for the Thursday night show (involving nearly 70 children) and 75 acts for the Friday night show (involving over 110 children). It was a nigh on impossible task to whittle the acts down to a manageable show. We have tried to give as much priority to Year 6 children as possible as this is their last chance, so if you are in Years 4 of 5 and didn't get in, please do try again next year! Apologies for the disappointments. Letters were given out today to those who got through.

Attendance and Punctuality – Please check your child's bag for their attendance and punctuality report for last term which has been sent to every child. Please can all families aim to get their child through the gate a few minutes before 9am so that they have half a chance of arriving in their classroom for 9am. This would be much appreciated. Thank you.

New Nursery – We are delighted to have our new nursery up and running! We still have a few spaces and so now invite applications for children who will be three in the next six months and would be due to start school in September 2026 (or older ie starting school this September). **See application form attached.**

Literacy meeting for parents in Years 1 and 2
– Thank you to all the parents who attended the meetings on Monday morning and Monday evening this week. The presentation and useful information can be found on our school website – Year 1 [here](#) and Year 2 [here](#).

Assemblies this week – On Monday, Mrs Roper discussed the importance of good behaviour and how it keeps us safe and creates a happy learning environment for everyone. She talked about how following school rules keeps us respectful, responsible, and ready to learn, ensuring fairness and kindness in all that we do. They looked at the zones of regulation and what strategies we can use when we are in each zone. Mrs Roper emphasised that by following the school rules and working together we can achieve our school ethos of 'Together Everyone Achieves More.'

On Tuesday, the infant children listened to a story called 'The Sour Grape' read by Miss Allen. The story explored how we manage our emotions and how our emotions can affect other people. The children were able to suggest methods that might help others or themselves stay in the green zone to make school a happy and supportive place for all.

On Wednesday, Mrs Hindle celebrated the many successes of the times tables that children in the Juniors have learned. Keep practising and using TTRockStars!

Help For Hunger Campaign – Thank you from Rosie Hurndall – see photos on the next page

I just wanted to inform you of something that various students took part in for our Help for Hunger campaign over Christmas, which is something to be immensely proud of. The hampers as you know we use to support Women's Refuge in Palmers Green, Social services, community centres and local schools.

The task was huge and I managed to deliver **1,219 hampers** (I always need volunteers so could not have been more grateful). Otis has been doing this since he was 8 but it was so very lovely to see various members of the children and parents of the school come along to offer their help with packing, wrapping, checking and also building the hampers.

Thank you so much to you as a school and the parents who donate either a full hamper, towards a hamper, helping out but more than anything encouraging and teaching their children the full meaning of Christmas, it's truly heart warming. The support this year from parents in the school was incredible, people using their days off or taking holiday from work to help is so very kind. Also some parents' businesses supporting the campaign which was very generous.

As heart breaking as the campaign is, it is truly heart warming to see the out pouring of love, kindness and generosity towards those who really need it.

Kind regards

Rosie Hurndall

Diary Dates

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 has been sent – we are now travelling there by coach, but families making their own way home).

Wednesday 22nd January 8.50am – Children in Year 4 are walking to St Monica's Church for Mass. They must be in school by 8.50am so they can leave promptly at 9am.

Friday 24th January – Year 1 have “Little Angel Theatre” workshop in school – please check to see if you have paid on Parent Pay.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Kate Baptiste

Headteacher



1,219 hampers!!!



So much help from many parents and children!



A big thank you to everyone for all the donations and practical help!

