



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

You will be glad to know that this is the final newsletter of the term as we break up for our Easter Holiday today. I just want to first of all, say a sincere word of thanks to all of you for your support this term. We are all part of a special parish and school community here at St. Monica's and we feel that we are working together for the very best for your children and we look forward to strengthening those ties in the future. I also want to say a big thank you to our staff who work tirelessly every single day to provide the best possible education for our children. If anyone tries to tell you that teachers don't deserve a break then I'm afraid they don't have an understanding into what goes into every single day in our school. I hope they manage to switch off and get a break this Easter holiday. Also, our Governors, who volunteer hour after hour to ensuring the best for our school. We are very lucky to have them. Finally, I would like to say thank you to our children who care for each other and look out for each other and bring such energy to school every day.

**Holy Week and Easter**

It has been lovely to be in school this week during Holy Week. We were so lucky to have Mrs Morrison to join us on Monday as we shared in the Passion of Christ through our Prayer Stations reflecting the Stations of the Cross. We also had a fabulous musical retelling of the story of Holy Week by our KS2 children on Tuesday. It really was beautiful. Thank you to Fr Kieren for joining us this week and for his support through Lent and every week. It really is appreciated. We finish for the Easter break today and **children return to school on Tuesday 9th April**. Monday 8th April is a Staff Inset Day.

**Ofsted**

We have not received our draft Ofsted report yet. We have been told that the aim is to have the final report published within 30 working days of the inspection. We will share this with you as soon as we possibly can. I understand that everyone is keen to read the findings, but please can I remind you that staff are not in a position to share any findings with you until it is published. I would also remind you that there is an incredible amount of pressure and stress on staff in this process, and whatever your views are on Ofsted and inspection, please be mindful of how this can affect individuals involved. It is a very public scrutiny and that isn't always an easy burden to carry for all staff involved. Once the report is published, there will be opportunity to comment and feedback.

**WhatsApp Groups**

I have no intention in getting involved in parent/carer WhatsApp groups and I understand the need to share information and gripes (and positives!) in this forum. However, I do ask that you remain respectful, remember that some of our staff and governors are parents too, and if there are concerns that we need to be aware of, please do share these through appropriate conversations with staff, through our office or by speaking with myself or Assistant Heads.

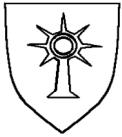
**Y1 Phonics Check Information Afternoon**

Thank you to all of you who attended our Phonics Information afternoon with Ms Frith. I hope you all found it beneficial and if you have any further questions, please do get in touch with Ms Frith.

Finally, I wish you all a very happy Easter and we look forward to seeing you all again on 9th April.

Take care,

*Mr Doherty*



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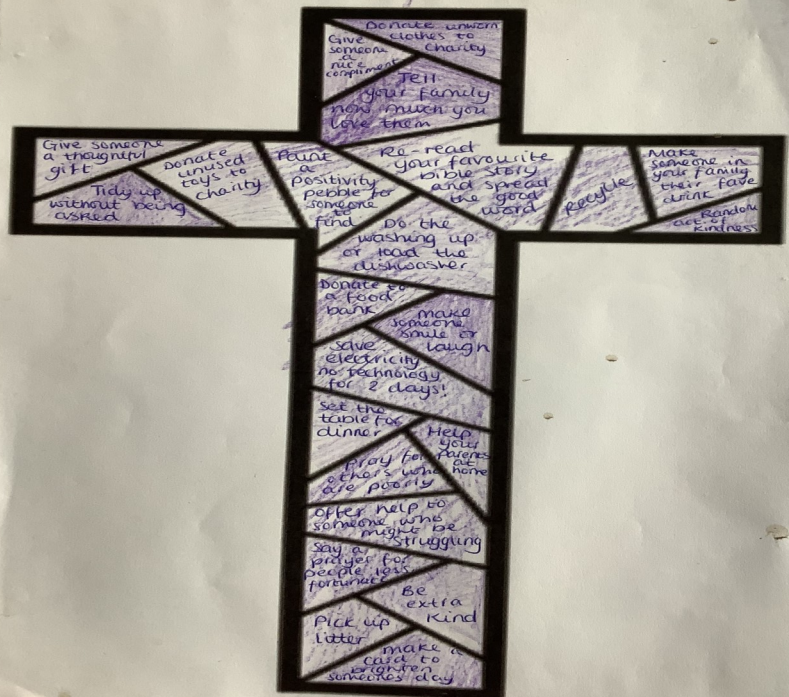
## Lenten Challenge

Our GIFT team challenged all of our pupils to complete Good actions throughout Lent to

fill their Lenten crosses. They then rewarded some of our children for all of their good actions.



Can you fill in all the segments of the cross as a class with a good action, prayer activity or good deed that you do during our time of Lent? Once completed a section please colour it in. As a class try to complete all sections of the cross.



Donate warm clothes to charity

Give someone a nice compliment

PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY how much you love them

Give someone a thoughtful gift

Donate unused toys to charity

Point a positive pebble for someone to find

Re-read your favourite bible story and spread the good word

Make someone in your family their favourite drink

Tidy up without being asked

Do the washing up or load the dishwasher

Recycle

Donate to a food bank

Help someone in need

Give someone a smile or a laugh

Save electricity no technology for 2 days!

Set the table for dinner

Help your parents

Pray for parents who's who home are poorly

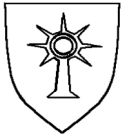
Offer help to someone who might be struggling

Say a prayer for people who's fortunate

Be extra kind

Pick up litter

make a card to someone's day



28/03/24	Nursery	Lilly	For working very hard to learn her sounds and making positive choices.
	RQ	Marcus	For designing and creating magnificent models
	RV	Milan	For being so sensible and for joining in so well in a maths lesson
	1B	Harper	For always being super helpful and kind to everyone in 1B!
	1/2F	Esme	For writing a super letter in our English lesson.
	2S	Max	For working hard and fantastic work writing about the Easter story.
	3B	Aniya	For always working very hard in lessons.
	3/4C	Emilia	For working hard and always being kind and helpful
	3/4GS	Ada	For having such a positive attitude for all that we do
	5K	Joseph	For lovely presentation and handwriting across all lessons
	5/6B	Ezeo	For some great contributions in our learning about Holy Week
	5/6S	Daniel	For thoughtful contributions to our class discussions about Holy Week.



w/c 25.3.24  
 School - 94.50%  
 Nursery - 96.15%  
 RQ - 99.12%  
 RV - 99.17%  
 1B - 100%  
 1/2F - 97.22%  
 2S - 92.78%  
 3B - 95.24%  
 3/4C - 88.33%  
 3/4GS - 90.00%  
 5K - 94.25%  
 5/6B - 96.43%

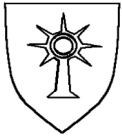
**ATTENDANCE**

Well done to 1B this week with 100% attendance. That is a fantastic achievement. Well Done!

We have set a minimum target of 95% attendance for our school with an optimum target of 97%.

The figures below show that we are slightly below that 95% figure. Well done to 2S with highest attendance this term. Great work guys!

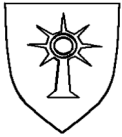
Whole school this term - 94.17%  
 Best class this term - 2S with 96.04%



### Science Week

All of our classes have been learning about different Scientists as part of Science week and presented to the rest of the school about their chosen Scientist. What a brilliant way to wrap up Science week





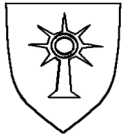
### Sports Stars

Well done to our amazing footballers, our amazing handball stars and our multiskills experts who have been competing (and winning!) for our school over the last couple of weeks. We recognized them all in assembly today.



#### OUR SCHOOL PRAYER

God our Father,  
Here at St Monica's,  
We recognise that we are all cherished members of God's Family  
We love and care for one another and trust God to guide us in all that we  
do and say.  
By learning together we aim to achieve and by working together we will  
succeed.  
St Monica, help us, this we pray.  
Amen



### SEND FOR ALL

During the week beginning Monday 20th May, we will be raising awareness of the various SEND needs that lots of our children have across school and so will be having a SEND Awareness Week. We will give you more details on this over the next few weeks, but we remain committed to all we can do to support all of our children.

#### Trafford SEND Community Drop In

Trafford Council and Trafford Parents Forum are excited to let you know, we are hosting Forest School sessions at The Nebula Centre, over the Easter Holidays.

The booking link will go live on Wednesday, 20th March 2024 at 19:00 and you can access it, here: <https://bookwhen.com/nebulacentre?tags=send>

The sessions will run on Thursday, 4th April 2024 and Friday, 5th April 2024, in the mornings 10:00 – 12:00 and afternoons, 12.30 – 14:30. Please just book one session for your family. If you book more than one session, we reserve the right to cancel any second tickets.

The sessions consist of forest school activities such as den building, fire lighting, whittling and nature crafts, finishing off with marshmallow roasting. There is loose structure to the sessions and families are free to explore the Nebula or take part in the activities.

Activities at the sessions are very much led by the group on the day. There will be some Easter treats, to take home too!

#### Some dates for your diary

**Thursday 28th March– Break up for Easter Holidays**

**Tuesday 9th April– Children return to school for Summer term**

**Monday 15th April– Reception place allocations**

**Monday 6th May– School Closed Bank Holiday**

**Monday 13th May– Thursday 16th May– KS2 SATS**

**Saturday 18th May– First Holy Communion at 11am in Church**

**Week Beginning Monday 20th May– SEND Awareness Week**

**Tuesday 21st May -SENDIASS presentation for parents @2.45pm**

**Wednesday 22nd May-Class Photographs**

**Friday 24th May– Children finish for Half Term Holiday**

**Monday 10th June– Return to School**

**Monday 14th June– Nursery to Blackpool Zoo**

**Friday 5th July– Reception trip to Smithills Farm**

**Friday 12th July– Y6 Retreat at Parish Centre**



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