



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

As we didn't have a newsletter last week, I just wanted to catch up and update you a few things going on this week and next and that have taken place over the last week or so. School is always busy but it certainly felt even more so over the last couple of weeks.

**Holy Week and Easter**

We are in school during Holy Week, but we will have a whole school mass this Friday 22nd March. You are all very welcome to join us. We finish for the Easter break on Thursday 28th March and **children return to school on Tuesday 9th April**. Monday 8th April is a Staff Inset Day.

**Easter Concert**

Our KS2 Easter performance will take place at 2pm next Tuesday 26th March and I hope as many of you as possible can join us.

**Parents' Evenings**

Thank you to all of you who attended Parents Evening on Monday and those who will be attending tomorrow (Thursday) evening. I hope that the organisation of it worked well and that you were able to see both your child's work and speak with your child's teacher.

**Attainment/Progress Letters**

There have been some questions on the attainment letters that teachers have been discussing with parents/carers. These are used at this point to help inform you and your teacher on how your child can further be supported and give you an idea of where they are at in relation to their peers. Each child is on a lifelong learning journey that takes in many peaks and troughs, so please do not become despondent of your child is NCOT (Not currently on track) in any area. This just helps us focus on how we can all support your child for the rest of this year and beyond.

**Science Week**

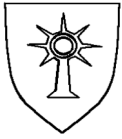
It was an absolute joy to see the children dressed up and really embracing the Science Day last Friday. After a particularly busy three days previously, it was such a tonic and reminded us all of what we come to work for. Thank you to you all too for the fabulous Stay and Investigate morning. It was really heartening to see so many of you enjoying learning with your children and raising the profile of Science across the school. Thanks to Ms Stott too for helping to organize all of the activities.

**Y1 Phonics Check Information Evening**

Ms Frith will be holding an information meeting on the Year 1 statutory Phonics check that children will take in June. This will take place in her classroom at 3pm this Friday (22nd March) and you can access her classroom from the Infant playground.

**SEND Coffee Morning**

The SEND coffee morning took place this morning and I would point you in the direction of the minutes taken to give you an idea of what was discussed. I would also point out that any provision that works well for SEND children. I saw a cartoon somewhere recently that reminded me of this and have included it later in the newsletter. The next meeting is on Wednesday 24th April and I hope to see some more of you there.



**MFL week at St. Monica's Airport**

We have had a fabulous few days visiting different countries from our own airport in the school hall. We have been able to explore the different languages spoken in our school as well as begin to explore the different cultures we are lucky enough to have in our school and community. Thank you to Miss Baxter for organising such a brilliant couple of days.

**Did you know?**

As well as the many English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh backgrounds that make up our school, we are lucky enough to have families with Spanish, Chinese, Albanian, Turkish, Swahili, Cameroonian, Russian, Polish, Arabic, Italian, Indian, Keralan, Lithuanian, Greek, Ukranian and Ghanaian backgrounds. (If I have missed any, please do let me know!) What a privilege to have children from all of these different backgrounds choose St. Monica's to go to school.

**Ofsted**

As mentioned in the letter I sent out last week, the report will not be published for a few weeks yet and we will let you know as soon as we can when you are able to access the report. Once again, thank you for your cooperation and support on this.

Take care,

*Mr Doherty*

***Sporting Achievements***



Really proud of these girls who brought silverware back to St. Monica's last Friday on a Girls football tournament at Fives Soccer Centre in Trafford Park. Not only did the team win the overall tournament, but Isabelle was awarded Player of the Tournament. A fantastic achievement girls. Well Done!

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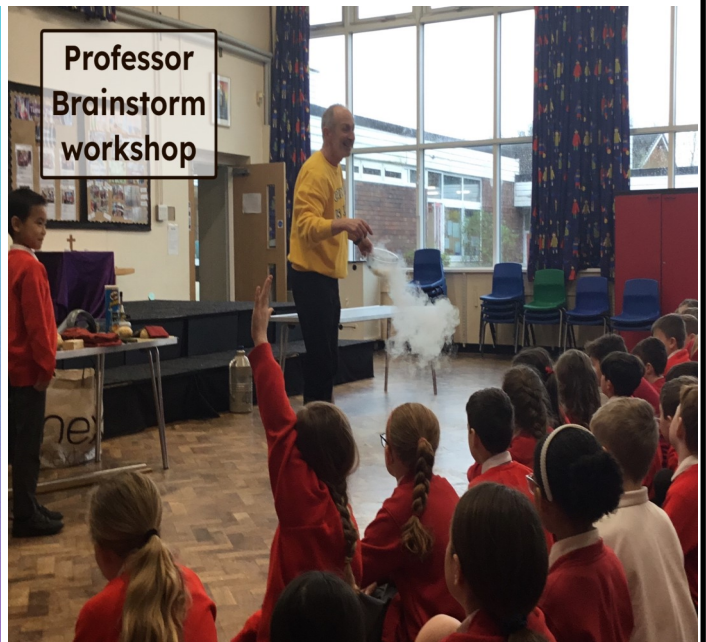
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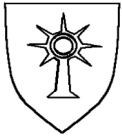
**ATTENDANCE, SICKNESS AND ABSENCE**

Thank you to all of you who are doing their absolute utmost to help improve our attendance figures. We continue to be challenged on this at every level and we need your cooperation in getting towards our 97% target. Alongside this, we need your cooperation when children are sick. We have very clear guidance from the UK Health Agency in managing outbreaks of sickness and infection. We don't mean to be awkward when asking children to stay at home, but are attempting to minimise impact for all. Just this week, we have had a number of children vomiting as well as staff being absent. We appreciate your cooperation in all aspects of this.



### SCIENCE WEEK





### MFL AIRPORT





### 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 to support all of our children.



### SEND Parent Forum Minutes:

<https://primariesite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-monicas-primary/UploadedDocument/84564bc2-3e78-4ea4-abd9-1e7addda6823/send-forum-march-2024.pdf>

### Some dates for your diary

**Friday 22nd March– Whole School Mass**

**Monday 25th March– Easter Prayer Stations in School**

**Tuesday 26th March at 2pm– KS2 Easter Performance in Church**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



### EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD (HAF)

Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council has approved our HAF grant funding to offer 80 Cook Stars Cookery places this Easter!

HAF allows young people to attend out of school activities during the holidays in which they can be interactive with other young people from the same area whilst enjoying being active and having access to healthy food options.

Children age 5-11yrs who are in receipt of benefit related free school meals living in Trafford Borough will get the opportunity to join our four hours Easter Programme where the children will make their own lunch from scratch as well as enjoying a great line up of wellbeing activities such as dance, athletics, hockey, yoga, circus acts, drama, karate and more.....



Our programme will run at the following dates and venues;

**SHARON YOUTH CENTRE**, Cornbrook Street (off Chorlton Road), Old Trafford, Manchester M16 7WR:

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> April

Places are limited at each session so book soon via our internal booking below

[TRAFFORD Holiday Activities and Food Programme \(HAF\) \(5 - 11yrs\) at Sharon Youth Centre, Manchester | Cook Stars Manchester Central and East | Powered by ClassForKids](#)

Any question, get in touch at [sarah@cookstars.co.uk](mailto:sarah@cookstars.co.uk)