

### **Dear Parents and Carers,**

I hope you have all managed to get through the icy spell this week and it looks like it is coming to an end this week-end with Storm Isha coming along to give us something else to face. I just want to thank Mr Fetherston who has worked so hard this week to keep playgrounds, footpaths and surrounding areas as safe as possible. He is an absolute star.

### **Choir**

I just wanted to say how proud I was of our choir and Mrs Ali yesterday as they sang outside church for Mrs Zoe Murphy, one of our much loved previous staff. We were privileged to be part of it and offer all of Zoe's family our heartfelt condolences. May she rest in peace.

### **Nursery and Reception**

I will be sending out more information next week on staffing arrangements for Nursery and Reception as we prepare for Ms Quigley's maternity leave and the continued absence of Mrs Morrison.

### **Mrs Smith**

I also wanted to inform you of some news in regards to one of our brilliant teaching assistants. Mrs Smith, who works in our Year 5/6 classes, has decided that the balance of working at school and her outside commitments is proving too difficult, and so has decided after 16 years to tender her resignation. We will have more time to thank Mrs Smith for her dedication and commitment to the children of St. Monica's, where she has taken a lead role in so many activities in school, but I would just like to thank her for all she has done and we will miss her greatly. We will be putting arrangements in place to replace Mrs Smith, as soon as possible.

### **Year 3/4C Parents Evening**

Miss Connor will be holding her parents evening from the Autumn term next Monday and Wednesday evening. Please contact the office if you haven't made an appointment.

### **ELSA Room Donations**

We received further donations this week for our ELSA room. Thank you so much to all of you who have donated. We have been receiving some of the resources purchased this week and I will get some pictures to you, once we have added more of the resources that we are planning.

### **Number Day and Parents/Carers Stay and Calculate**

I just want to remind you of our Stay and Calculate morning for parents on Friday 2nd February. Parents/Carers are invited to join their children in class from 9.05-9.35am on that day to join in the number fun.

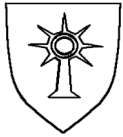
### **Social Coffee Morning**

Following on from the Stay and Calculate morning, we invite parents/carers to come into the hall for some tea/coffee, biscuits and cake. This is intended as a social event for people to chat and meet up. Further details can be found later in the newsletter.

Have a great weekend and take care,

*Mr Doherty*

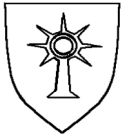
Headteacher



### *Headteacher's Awards and super spellers- Well done boys and girls!*



15/01/24	Nursery	Rory	For listening carefully and super maths work
	RV	Mason	For trying his best all week
	RQ	Noah	For fantastic independent writing
	1B	Hugo	For always having an excellent attitude to learning!
	1/2F	Matteo	For excellent map work in geography.
	2S	Harry	For fantastic work using an atlas to locate the continents and oceans of the world.
	3B	Matilda	For working so hard in Literacy lessons and presenting her work so beautifully.
	3/4C	Georgia	For always putting 100% effort into her learning
	3/4GS	Jasmine	For super multiplication work.
	5K	Finlay	For great effort when working with fractions in Maths lessons.
	5/6B	Xavier	For always trying to do the right thing and set a good example.
	5/6S	Leo	For contributing well in lessons and setting a good example of behaviour in class.



The child is at the centre of everything we do.

**French Café**— Thank you to Miss Baxter, Mrs King, 3B and our prefects in Y6 who put on a beautiful café for all of our children this week to raise the profile of French in our school. Tres bien!



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### ATTENDANCE

School -  
93.85%

Nursery -  
95.00%  
RQ - 93.68%  
RV - 98.00%

1B - 88.57%  
1/2F - 92.33%  
2S - 97.67%

3B - 92.14%  
3/4C - 96.33%  
3/4GS -  
92.33%

5K - 94.48%  
5/6B - 94.29%  
5/6S - 92.41%

Well done to Mrs Vallver's class who have once again had the highest attendance this week. We will be sending out attendance letters again to parents/carers soon and I will remind you again that if you need help in supporting attendance, please do let us know.

## Coffee Afternoon

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Come and join us for our first parent social coffee afternoon from 9.30pm in the school hall.

Tea, coffee and treats will be available free of charge.

We are planning on having these as regular coffee mornings/ afternoons for parents to be able to connect with each other as a support and social network.

TTT (Trafford Teams Together) and Money Matters will also be present for anyone that would like to speak to them.

We look forward to seeing you!



### Important Dates this term (these will be added to as events are added)

Monday 22nd January– Parents Evening for Y3/4C (Appointments arranged with office)

Monday 22nd January– Year 3/4GS library visit

Wednesday 24th January– Parents Evening for Y3/4C

Friday 26th January-Dodgeball competition (details to follow)

Monday 29th January– 5K library visit

Friday 2nd February– 9.05am NSPCC Number Day and Parents Stay and Calculate morning (details to follow)

Friday 2nd February– 9.35am Coffee Morning Social event

Monday 5th February– 5/6B library visit

Tuesday 6th February– Year 1 and 2 trip to Blue Planet

Friday 9th February– Nursery offers to be sent out to parents/carers

Friday 9th February– Half term begins

**Monday 19th February-Return to school**