



Dear Parents and Carers,

I know it feels like some time ago now but I do hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New year and that 2024 is a healthy and happy one for you. This is a very short half term of only 5 weeks but as always a busy one ahead. I hope your child has had a nice first week and has enjoyed being back amongst friends. If your child is struggling with school, you will have seen from news reports this week, that they are not alone. Please do speak with us if your child is struggling with anxiety in coming into school and we can try and help with any problems they may be having.

Mrs Morrison

You will have noticed that Mrs Morrison continues to be absent from school. Unfortunately Mrs Morrison will require further treatment, having intended to return after Christmas. I am sure that you will all join with us as we pray for Mrs Morrison and her recovery and this setback is just a bump along the road.

Baby Boom

I sent some communication to the relevant classes earlier in the week to update on some good news for some of our staff. I shared the news of Ms Quigley's pregnancy and Ms Quigley will begin her maternity leave after half term. She will join Mrs Cosgrove on Maternity leave. We are also delighted to share that we have two more St. Monica's babies on the way! Mrs Groves, our current Assistant Head is expecting at the beginning of May and will commence maternity leave later in the year. Mrs Vallver is also expecting her first child in May and again will be beginning maternity leave later in the year. We wish them all well.

Staffing

The news that I have shared will obviously have an impact on our staffing and as arrangements are being made, I will keep you up to date with changes that will be occurring, as soon as I am able to confirm.

I would like to add that we have enrolled the support of Mrs Gilbert and Mrs Peattie, experienced Early Years teachers to help support us with the coordination and support of Nursery and Reception between now and when Mrs Morrison returns. One of them will be in school each Friday and will assist staff in coordinating our Early Years.

Mrs Zoe Murphy

We were very saddened to learn of the passing of one of our former lunchtime assistants, Zoe Murphy. She died during the holidays after a period of illness. Zoe's funeral will take place on Thursday 18th January at 10.30am at St. Monica's Church. May she rest in peace.

Term Dates 2024-25

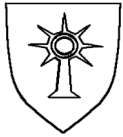
Term dates for 2024-25 are now on the school website.

<https://www.stmonicasschoolfixton.org.uk/term-dates-for-st-monicas/>

Take care,

Mr Doherty

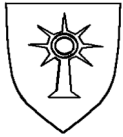
Headteacher



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



08/1/24	Nursery	Jessica	Showing such kindness towards her friends
	RV	Mabel	Fantastic reading and sound work
	RQ	Ellie	For always working hard in everything she does
	1B	Megan	For always working hard and trying her best in everything she does!
	1/2F	Sylvia	For excellent work in her phonics lessons.
	2S	Carter	For working so hard this week in every lesson.
	3B	Michael	For working so hard at home and at school on his times tables.
	3/4C	Edward	For telling us some fascinating space facts during our PE session.
	3/4GS	Esme	For making good contributions to all lessons and finishing each activity.
	5K	Raj	For explaining his reasoning in Maths lessons
	5/6B	Fionn	For creating a great final piece in his artwork.
	5/6S	Markos	For showing great sportsmanship in PE and encouraging his classmates.



ATTENDANCE

School - 95.16%

Nursery - 93.08%

RQ - 98.95%

RV - 100%

1B - 96.43%

1/2F - 93.15%

2S - 94.00%

3B - 95.00%

3/4C - 98.00%

3/4GS - 97.00%

5K - 85.52%

5/6B - 97.50% 5/6S 95.86%

There has been a very positive start to our attendance figures with 5 classes over 97%. A huge well done to Mrs Vallver's class who have had 100% attendance— a great achievement. We will be sending out attendance letters again to parents/carers this week and I will remind you again that if you need help in supporting attendance, please do let us know.

French Café-

Mrs Baxter and her 3B class have organized a French themed café for break times this week: Bonjour, We are having a French Café next week at break time on Tuesday and Friday.

Tuesday 16th January 2024 -KS2

Friday 19th January 2024 - KS1

Cakes and biscuits will be sold at £1/ 50p and can be eaten as their snack. Many thanks, Miss Baxter



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

Monday 15th January— Y6 Crucial Crew

Monday 15th January-Year 3/4C library visit

Tuesday 16th January— KS2 French Café

Friday 19th January-KS1 French Café

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— NSPCC Number Day and Parents Stay and Calculate morning (details to follow)

Monday 5th February— 5/6B library visit

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

Friday 9th February— Nursery offers

Friday 9th February— Half term begins to return on Monday 19th February