



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

### **Half-term break**

I hope you have all enjoyed the half-term break and are ready for the half term up to Christmas. It's quite a long term through November and the build up to Christmas and we are all looking forward to all of the exciting events that this term brings.

### **Phonics Evenings for Parents**

Thank you to all of those who came to the Phonics evening for parents of Reception children before the break. We hope you found it useful. Ms Frith is intending on putting on another session, just after school drop off and we will let you know the date as soon as it is organised. On Tuesday 7th November at 5.30pm, Ms Frith will be holding a Phonics information evening for parents of Year 1 children. This will take place in the school assembly hall. This meeting will be important for any parent who wishes to support their child with their early reading and we hope that as many of you as possible can make it. We will make resources available for those who can't.

### **Friends and Family of St. Monica's (PTA) Autumn/Halloween Ball**

The FAFSM have sent out details of the Autumn/Halloween Ball to take place on Friday 3rd November. Please see the details on Class Dojo for information on times, tickets etc.

### **Parents Evenings**

Parents evenings will be taking place on Monday 13th and Thursday 16th November. The office will be sending out details on how you can sign up this week.

### **Important Dates**

Please keep an eye on the dates that are included on this newsletter. We do try to give as much notice as possible for events etc. that are happening in school, but some dates can be added or amended.

### **Attendance**

**We received further confirmation this week, that our school is amongst the highest for persistent absence. This means that we have a high number of pupils who are below 90% for their attendance. This week I will be contacting those parents/carers of children who have fallen below 90% and following the procedures that I outlined at the beginning of the year. These are also outlined later in this newsletter. We are here to support any family who need help with attendance but we cannot authorise term time holidays, particularly those that are more than 1 or 2 days. If you require support with your child's attendance, please do get in touch with us.**

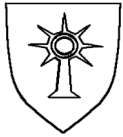
See you all on Monday morning.

Take care,

*Mr Doherty*

**DON'T FORGET THAT THE CLOCKS GO BACK THIS WEEKEND BY ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT/SUNDAY MORNING AT 2AM. AN EXTRA HOUR IN BED FOR EVERYONE!!**





### *Our Headteacher Award winners this week...*

20/10/2023	RV	Eric	For having a fantastic week in Reception.
	RQ	Connor	For always trying his best and being a great role model to others.
	1B	Jim	For trying really hard in his work this week and thinking of some super sentences in literacy!
	1/2F	Alana	For writing some excellent instructions.
	2S	Oscar	For an eager approach to his school work.
	3B	Layla	For working hard in maths lessons and answering lots of questions.
	3/4C	Aoife	For producing writing which is exciting and full of beautiful imagery.
	3/4 GS	Honour	For great contributions to Maths lessons.
	5K	Jonathan	For great contributions in every lesson.
	5/6S	Ella	For always challenging herself in Maths
	5/6B	Ava	For being a helpful, positive and hard-working member of our class. A super role model.



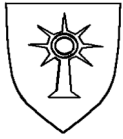


Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Harvest collection for Stretford Food Bank. They were extremely grateful for all of your donations.

### ATTENDANCE FOR WEEK BEGINNING 16th OCTOBER 2023

<b>School - 95.49%</b>	3B-93.21%
Nursery-96.8%	3/4G 95.42%
RQ-96%	3/4GS 95.52%
RV-96%	3/4C-99.33%
1B-96.43%	5K-91.07%
1/2F-97.93%	5/6B-97.86%
2S-93.67%	5/6S- 92.41%

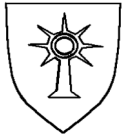
- **Our target for overall attendance will be 97%.**
- Term time holidays will not be authorised (unless under very exceptional circumstances).
- If your child's attendance falls under 95%, you will be contacted and offered support to help your child's attendance.
- If your child's attendance falls under 90%, you will be informed with a formal letter that will invite you to a meeting to discuss your child's attendance and an action plan put in place to do this. The local authority and DfE are automatically informed of children whose attendance falls under 90% and they are classed as persistently absent.
- Unauthorised absences caused by holidays that causes the persistent absence threshold to be breached, will be passed to the Local authority who will have the power to fine parents/carers for each child missing school due to the unauthorised absence caused by holidays. This can equate to £60 per parent per child.



### Our GIFT Team:



Our GIFT team was inducted this week and like last year will be split into two teams, St. John Henry Newman and St. Julie, and they will be key in leading the pupils and the school in our faith and Catholic life. They have each been given a nut to remind them of the story of the 'Jesus nut' that is used on helicopters to hold all the machinery parts of the rotor together. The inventors of the helicopter prayed to Jesus that this nut would indeed hold everything together. It will remind them that Jesus holds all the parts of our life and indeed our school together and the GIFT team will be a key part of reminding us of that at St. Monica's. We ask that you keep them in your prayers.



### Relationships and Health Education (RHE)

Thank you to all of you who participated in the Relationships and Health Education survey before the break. We will be looking at all the responses and will keep you informed on how this implemented within school.

## Trafford **SEND Link** Newsletter - October 2023

Please click on the link below to access the Trafford SEND Link Newsletter:

<https://sway.office.com/qvDi96pW4F9Qkf2m?ref=email>

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

Monday 30th October– Return to school

Tuesday 31st October– 9.30am Open morning for new parents (Please make an appointment with the school office)

Wednesday 1st November– 2.30pm Open afternoon for new parents (Please make an appointment with the school office)

Thursday 2nd November– 4.30pm Open evening for new parents (Please make an appointment with the school office)

Friday 3rd November– Autumn/Halloween Ball (Please see Class Dojo for more information)

Tuesday 7th November– Year 3 and 4 Roman trip to Chester

Tuesday 7th November– Year 1 Phonics Information Meeting @ 5.30pm

**Monday 13th and Thursday 16th November– Parents Evenings– Details of appointments to follow**

Tuesday 14th November– Times Tables Rockstar Day (Details to follow)

Friday 17th November- #BEMOREJUDE– Wear Orange

Saturday 18th November– Cross Country

Saturday 2nd December– Christmas Fair

Saturday 9th December– Cross Country

Wednesday 13th December– Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 13th December @ 2pm– Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity in Church

Thursday 14th December @ 10am– Nursery Nativity in school

Thursday 14th December @2pm– Reception Nativity in school

Wednesday 20th December @6pm– KS2 Carol Concert in Church

Thursday 21st December-End of term