



Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have completed their first full week in school and it really is fantastic to see how happy and excited they are to come to school. They have returned with joy, enthusiasm and an excitement for learning. I just want to make a special mention of our Reception children who have been truly exceptional in their first days at school. I really hope they continue to enjoy their days at St. Monica's just as much as they have enjoyed their first one. See the pictures that follow as they meet their new Year 6 buddies who will help them settle into life at St. Monica's.

SEND Parents Forum

You may remember in July, we held our first SEND Parents Forum in school. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th September at 9.10am (just after drop off) in the school hall. The purpose of this forum is to enable parents and staff to work together to enhance the experience of all of our children in school, as well as those with specific need. We look forward to seeing some of you there. If you do have a specific query or concern about SEND, please contact our SENDCO, Mrs Agnew at j.agnew@stmonicasrc.co.uk.

PE and Sports Provision

Hopefully, your children will have mentioned to you about our new PE and Sports provision to assist our offer to the children. Ruth and Felix from Bootsize Bootcamp will be in two days per week and have made a big impact already. We look forward to continuing to strengthen our offer to children in this area.

Clubs

Our after school clubs have commenced this week with Gymnastics and Minecraft and more and more after-school opportunities including choir, music and lots of sports will be offered over coming weeks. If you feel that you can offer any particular after school club activity, please do get in touch.

Meet and Greet with teachers

It was lovely to see so many parents attend our Meet and Greet sessions and I hope it gave you the opportunity to have a quick chat with your child's teacher and see their classroom. Just like last year, we will be offering further opportunities for parents to come and visit children in their classrooms throughout the year, so keep an eye out for these.

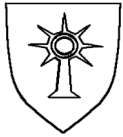
School Dinners

We do understand that there have been some difficulties with our school dinners at the start of term. This has been due to the knock on effects of the electrical work impacting on storage of food in our kitchen and hence orders for the subsequent menus. Our office and kitchen are working hard to rectify this so we appreciate your cooperation and we apologise that things haven't been up to scratch as yet. Please do let us know if you are continuing to have problems.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Take care,

Mr Doherty



We say our school prayer at the beginning of every assembly.

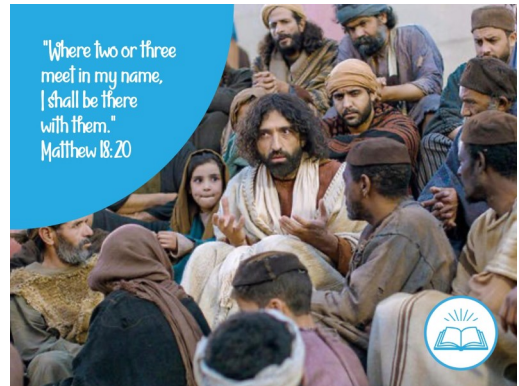
Here at St Monica's, We recognise that we are all cherished members of god's family.

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



Collective Worship

We spoke this week about what makes our school special. We often speak about this. Our children are proud that we are a Catholic school. We understand that not everyone who comes to St. Monica's or works at St. Monica's is Catholic and we welcome all to our school, regardless of faith. We are proud of everyone in our community. We know, however, that being in a Catholic School means that when we gather together in Jesus's name, that he is with us. Jesus told us this when he said, 'When two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.' (Matthew 18:20) We meet every day in his name and know that he is with us.

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

Tuesday 11th September- SEND parents forum @9.10am

Wednesday 12th September– Whole School Mass in Church @9.30am

Friday 29th September– Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 3rd October– Y5 trip to Tatton Park

Wednesday 4th October– Y6 trip to Tatton Park

Tuesday 10th October– Author visit to KS2

Thursday 12th October– Individual/Sibling Photographs

W/B Monday 16th October– Y6 Bikeability

Monday 16th October– Urmston Walking and Cycling event @4pm

Friday 20th October-Beginning of Half term holiday @3.30pm

Monday 30th October– Return to school

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

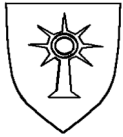
Monday 13th and Thursday 16th November– Details to follow

Provisional dates TBC:

KS1 Nativity Wednesday 13th December

Nursery/Reception Thursday 14th December

Thursday 21st December-End of term



15/09/2023	1B	George	For trying his best with everything and being so kind and helpful towards his teachers and everyone in his class.
	1/2F	Ruadhan	For working very hard in all lessons.
	2S	CJ	For participating lots in all lessons.
	3B	Lily	For trying her very best in all lessons.
	3/4C	Sammy	For consistent hard work and beautiful presentation
	3/4 GS	Archie	Super ideas for how to have a 'loving heart' at home and at school.
	5K	Max	For working well independently and with others in all lessons.
	5/6S	Thomas	For making valued contributions to class discussions
	5/6B	Reuben	For making a mature start to Year Six.



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