

St Monica's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Lent Term
February 2022

News from the school

Welcome to our newsletter for this half term.

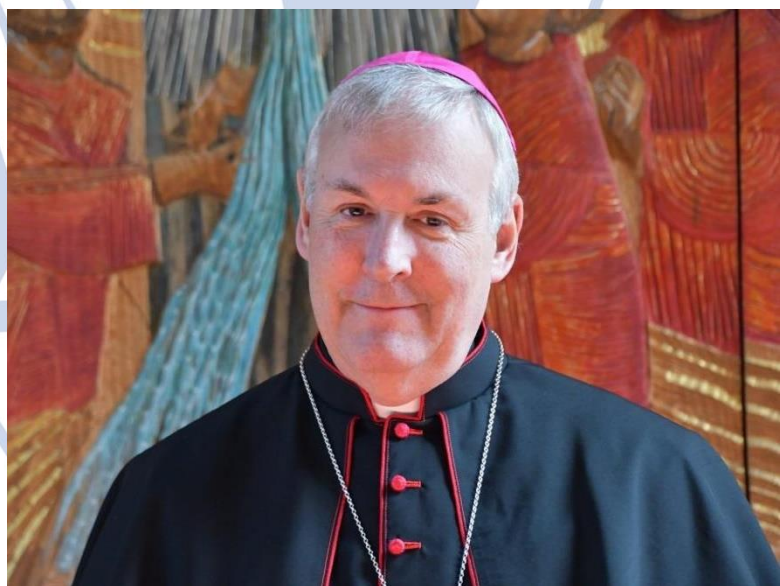
We were fortunate to have a visit from Bishop David this half term. He is the Bishop of the Diocese of Northampton, having replaced Bishop Peter in 2020 and it was Bishop David's first visit to the school. He met with governors, visited the classes, answered questions on his vocation from Year 5 and presented badges to our new Chaplaincy Committee members.

We are still in bubbles in school in line with local Department for Public Health advice with regard to COVID. Our numbers of positive cases have decreased over the last week and we look forward to the eventual reduction of restrictions by the local DPH as numbers more widely decrease in MK. This will enable us to provide more clubs, sports, assemblies and other opportunities for the children besides the curriculum. Thanks to so many of you for testing your children with LFDs and letting the school know. I do not doubt that this has contributed to recent reduction in numbers of cases in school.

Finally, we are currently advertising for a midday supervisor role (details attached). Please contact the school if you are interested in finding out more.

All the best for half term, see you all on Monday 21st February.

Mr O'Malley



Nursery Places

If you or anyone you know is looking for a nursery place ready for a September 2022 or January 2023 start please point them in our direction.

Application forms can be found in the main school office.



Raffle Prize Winners!



We sent you a ParentMail detailing how to enter our hot school dinner raffle that took place on Thursday 20th January 2022. You needed to order a hot school dinner for your child to be entered into the raffle. The winners are detailed below.

KS1 - Adam from Year 1 won our census day prize. The prize was a MiniMonsters family pass.

KS2 - Theresa from Year 5 won our census day prize. The prize was a Safari MK Soft Play family pass.



Christmas Jumper Day

In December the school managed to raise £229.19 through their Christmas jumper day! Money has been donated to Save the Children charity. Many thanks for those that were involved.



**Save the
Children**



News from Reception!

In Reception and Year 1 we have been reading 'Dinosaurs Love Underpants.' We all really enjoyed the story! Then we went to the playground for our break time and found something very strange... there were giant underpants all over the playground! We had lots of fun trying them on. Then we had to make a prediction about who the pants belonged to and then we had to design our own pair of dinosaur pants!



News from Year 3

To celebrate the end of their history topic, children in Year 3 took part in a World War 2 day. They enjoyed a day of dressing up as evacuees, making Anderson Shelters out of junk modelling materials and were even involved in some code breaking activities too. What a fantastic day for children and teachers alike!



Reading at St. Monica's



This term, the children have been working hard to meet their Accelerated Reader targets and as a school, we have read a fantastic 39 million words so far this year which is an enormous achievement. The AR reading prize for most correct answers in a week has been won by St. James class, St. Peter class, St. Clare class and St. Augustine class so far this half term. A big well done to them!

Thank you to those parents who have been helping their children read at home.

News from Year 4

4AP (St Lucy) have begun their swimming lessons this term. The children are really enjoying their lessons. Already the children have made lots of progress and are becoming much more confident in the water.

4LD (St James) will begin their swimming lessons after Easter.



Project Prayer Garden

St Monica's is going to try and raise money to give our prayer garden a refresh in the Spring ready to use in the Summer. Our target is £1000. We would like to make it a peaceful area where the children can share reflective prayer, small groups to work and staff and children to enjoy. We are hoping that our Hearts and Hugs wellbeing day will start us off on our journey to reach our target.



Lost Property

Please can you make sure your child's full name is on each item of school uniform which they bring to school as we have had a lot of lost property already this year. If your child's property is named clearly it is likely to get back to them very quickly - unnamed uniform is much more likely to remain unrecovered.

Looking for Name Labels?

Name labels are the latest initiative from (our PTA) FOSM.

St Monica's is registered with Stikins, a family owned business, which promotes a school fundraising scheme through which the school can receive 30% commission on every order placed quoting the school reference number (21229).

Why choose Stikins Name Labels?

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Parking

We have had a number of complaints from neighbours this term about disruption from parking, particularly at the end of the school day. Please can you park observing the rules of the road, including with regard to stopping in the middle of the road and parking on yellow lines? Please do not block driveways or park on corners of the paths.

A recent issue of complaint has been around parking blocking their driveway. As a result, they were unable to leave their house.



Attendance figures



St Augustine – 5MS



St Joan – 5FC



St Clare – 3RP



**Attendance
Matters**

Every student. Every day.

Group	% Attend
St. Augustine	96.5
St. Joan	95.9
St. Clare	95.8
St. Thomas	95.7
St. Francis	95.5
St. Lucy	95.3
St. Peter	95
St. Luke	94.4
St. Mark	94.3
St. Therese	93.7
St. Joseph	93.3
St. James	92.8
St. Catherine	91.7
Totals	94.6