

St. Monica's Catholic Primary School

Lent Term



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Places in Nursery for September 2017

Thank you to all of you who have submitted your applications for Nursery places for this September. We still have a number of places available and there will be a mixture of 15 hour (morning or afternoon) sessions and up to 30 hour places available for those entitled. Please get your applications in as soon as possible as we are filling up quickly and are now contacting parents whose application for a place has been successful.

Every family is entitled to the 15 hour places. The '30 hour offer', which is taking effect for the first time in September, is for families in which both parents work and each earns on average a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at the national minimum wage. Where it is a one parent family, that sole parent must work. Details of how to apply for the funding will be released by the government soon. If you have any queries on this, please contact the school office. In the meantime, we look forward to receiving further applications for our remaining Nursery places.

Our Lenten Charity for 2017

This year, our Lenten appeal will be in aid of the Missionaries of the Poor Supporters Association (MoPSA) <http://mopsa.org/> It is a charity which supports the Brothers of the Poor <https://www.missionariesofthepoor.org/>. We aim to support their current project in Nairobi, Kenya, in which the brothers are setting up shelter and accommodation in Nairobi for the starving and homeless. We will be in contact about this nearer Lent but, in the meantime, if you have any ideas for fundraising or can secure matched funding from your employer, please contact Mr O'Malley.

Golden Ticket Winners

Well done to our Golden Ticket winners for outstanding work over the last couple of weeks - Thivyaa and Ciara (Y6), Sylvan and Arinze (Y5), Mariah and Sancea (Y4), Grace and Shaina (Y3), Priscilla and Janelle (Y2), Olaf and Faith (Y1), Aksaran and Alex (YR) and Kyra and Maria Grazia from Nursery.



Football League Result

Broughton Fields 2 – St Monica's 2

Last week, our football team played their first league match of the season (which has had a delayed start this year) and drew 2 – 2 at Broughton Fields. We were leading until 15 seconds before the end when the opposition scored in play following a corner. The boys played really well and are looking forward to their next game at Orchard Academy next Wednesday. Well done to Andrew, Daniel, Phoenix, Jare, Aaron, Victor, Joel, Collins and Patrick for an excellent performance in what was an exciting game.



As we are experiencing some very cold weather at the moment, please ensure that your child brings a warm coat to school. Even on cold days, the children will still play outside. Coats, hats, gloves, scarves etc. should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

School term dates for this academic year and also for September 2017–July 2018 are available from the school office.

HOT LUNCHES

If you would like to order a hot lunch for your child for after the half term holiday, week commencing Monday 20th February, it will need to be ordered on or before Tuesday 7th February.

JUNIOR RANGER CONFERENCE

Our Junior Park Rangers, Miriam, Roddy, Tiongi, Casey Beau and Andrew, had the opportunity to visit and explore some of the wildlife at Linford Lakes Nature Reserve and Studay Centre on Tuesday this week. They enjoyed a day of fun, outdoor learning sessions and the chance to share ideas with other Junior Park Rangers from other schools across Milton Keynes.

Their day included:

- A behind the scenes tour of the reserve
- Bird watching and Mammal watching
- Animal tracking, trails and investigations



All the children thoroughly enjoyed the day and some of the highlights were dissecting owl pellets and seeing a fox!