

**St. Monica's Catholic Primary School**

Pentecost Term



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### **Goodbyes and Hellos for September 2017**

We regretfully say thank you, goodbye and good luck to the following staff members:-

Mrs Welch, who is moving to the north east after many years of service to the school.

Miss Fitzpatrick, who is moving for promotion to become a deputy headteacher in Bedfordshire.

Miss McGeady, who is returning to her native Ireland.

Miss MacDonald, who is moving to London for some time before returning to her native New Zealand.

Miss Preston, who is moving to the Midlands.

Mrs Norton, who is retiring after many years of service to the school.

We welcome the following staff new to the school:-

Miss Frances Crawford, who is moving to us from a Catholic middle school in Bedfordshire.

Mr Iain Mortimer, who is moving to us from a Junior school in Hertfordshire.

Miss Ellie Day, who is moving to us from a primary school in Cheshire.

Miss Lucy Hannigan and Mrs Dashna Patel, who will be taking up their first permanent teaching roles with us, Lucy having been a student teacher with us this year.

We hope that our new teachers will feel welcome in our school and will enjoy working with all of us.

### **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE CHILDREN**

*Thank you for your support this year, including in helping your children academically and also in supporting our school sporting and other events. Thanks to those of you who attended KS2 School Sports Day - the winning classes were those of Mrs Welch (Y6), Mrs Cockerill (Y5), Mrs Waite (Y4) and Mrs Branch (Y3).*

Thank you to everyone who has joined and is using Easyfundraising. We now have more than 100 supporters and have raised **£711.60** for the Friends of St Monica's School. It's not too late to join! **JOIN, SHOP AND RAISE here:**

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofstmmk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofstmmk)



Reception had a wonderful time at Herrings Green Farm and Bird of Prey Centre. They learnt a lot about different types of animals and got to pet guinea pigs, rabbits and a goat. They met a giant millipede, beaded dragon, albino hedgehog and a skunk! They also held owls and watched the flight show. All children listened well and were very well behaved and polite during our visit—well done Reception!



### School Twitter Feed

We now have a Twitter feed which can be accessed from

<https://twitter.com/StMonicasCPS>

or from the front page of our website at

<http://st-monicas.co.uk/>

We will use Twitter to tweet about events at school and hope that many of you will join us as followers so you can keep informed of school events through this convenient method. So far we have 7 followers – let us see how many more we can get over the Summer holidays.

### Uniform and other Lost Property

We still have a large amount of good quality uniform and other lost property outside the school Reception area.

Please can you pick up any of it which is your property before the end of term.

Thanks for your help on this.

*Our half price book fair raised £343.60.  
A huge thank you to all those who attended and bought books, etc. Happy Reading!*

*The winner of the free book was  
Joshua Anderson 5AW*

*Well Done!*



We welcomed the School Councils from around Milton Keynes last week as well as Councillor Zoe Nolan, the Cabinet member responsible for Children and Families. We did some work on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Milton Keynes and on the aims of the Catholic schools in MK.

The School Councils chose to publicise MK50 events which are taking place over the Summer holidays. Please see <http://www.mk50.com/whats-on> for some really excellent events and opportunities for you and your children.

Miriam and Andrew from our School Council met with Councillor Marland, head of MK Council and employees from the Highways Department and the Parks Trust to discuss 50 improvements to the Redways which have been chosen by School Councils from 5 MK schools throughout this year. Please see <http://www.citizensmk.org.uk/campaigns/redways-relaunch/> for more details. It is the third time our School Council has met with Councillor Marland about this and we look forward to seeing the improvements soon.

## School re-opening date and 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday

School will reopen for children in Year 1 to Year 6 on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. We look forward to seeing you all then. Have a great Summer!

Good luck to the current Year 6 who will be starting secondary school - make sure you come back and see us to let us know how you are getting on.

Next year will be an exciting year for the school and we will be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Please see <https://www.facebook.com/st.monicas40thcelebrations/> if you are interested in seeing lots of pictures and information about the school's history to date.

## **TERM DATES**

Term dates for the academic year 2017-2018 and other important dates can be seen on our website at:

<http://st-monicas.co.uk/calendar-of-events/>

## **HOT LUNCH ORDERS**

You will need to order your child's hot lunch for the new term in September by

**Friday 25th August 2017.**