

St. Monica's Catholic Primary School

Advent Term



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Thank you

Thank you for your cooperation this week with the school having to close due to the flooding on Neath Hill. Closing the school is not a decision we take lightly but we are not allowed to open without running water. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those of you who were directly affected by the flood waters - we hope that Anglian Water will assist you in getting back to normal as quickly as possible.

Applying for Secondary School for September 2019

If you are applying for a secondary school place in Milton Keynes for September 2019, please see:-

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/school-admissions>

The application closing date is 31st October 2018.

We would advise parents to consider applying for at least one school in their catchment area (and/or St Paul's). Last year, we had a number of parents who did not apply for their local school and/or St Paul's, including parents who applied for three grammar schools. The issue with this is that, if you do not get into the schools of your choosing due to where you live, which can happen even where your child passes the 11+, you may have difficulty in securing a place at any secondary school or in one in your local area.

If you have any questions on this, please see Mr O'Malley, Miss Day or Miss Crawford.

Places available in a number of year groups

Due to a number of children relocating over the summer holidays, we still have a number of places available in various year groups, including Nursery.

If you know of anybody new to the area or who is looking to move their child to a local school, please ask them to contact the school office and we can organise a tour. We are a good school - we can offer children a good education as well as many other opportunities. We are grateful for your help in this.

Attendance

Well done to **Year 3 St James Mrs Read and Mrs Wheatley's class** who have the highest attendance rate at school this year. Attendance is crucial in getting the best outcomes for your children and we thank the parents and children of that class for their impressive attendance so far this year. Attendance for each class is as follows:-

Class	% Attendance	Class	% Attendance
Y1 St Francis	97.7	Y4 St Mark	97.5
Y1 St Therese	97.3	Y4 St Clare	95.6
Y2 St Catherine	98.4	Y5 St Joan	97.4
Y2 St Thomas	97.8	Y5 St Augustine	97.4
Y3 St James	99.0	Y6 St Peter	98.9
Y3 St Lucy	97.2	Y6 St Joseph	94.3

In 1990 St. Monica's children were involved in the celebrations at Linford Manor to launch the red and blue box recycling scheme in Milton Keynes.

A choir from the school sang the song 'We All Live in a Greener Milton Keynes'.

We have been asked to sing and record the song again, to celebrate the 25th anniversary.

If you were part of the original choir, or know someone who was, could you please contact Mrs Cockerill at school.



All uniform with the St Monica's logo on can be ordered through T King Associates. On the St Monica's website (www.st-monicas.co.uk) click on 'Information', then 'Uniform and Dress Code' and then click on the tkingassociates.com link.

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Well done!

Well done to staff and children for all their work in securing excellent end KS2 results for the end of Year 6 last Summer.

For the third year in a row, our results have increased and continue to be above the national average. Thanks to you for your support of your children so they can prepare well for their secondary school education.

The results are as follows:-

Subject	Percentage Achieving Nationally Expected Level + (%)		Percentage achieving GDS (Greater Depth) (above Nationally expected) (%)		Average Scaled Score	
	School	National	School	National	School	National
Writing	90	78	29	20	N/A	
Reading	86	75	34	28	107	105
Maths	85	76	37	24	106	104
SPAG	92	78	53	34	110	106



The children in year 4 enjoyed an Egyptian day last week where they became Ancient Egyptians, learnt to write in hieroglyphics, discovered a tomb and created their own canopic jars.

They can't wait for the rest of the topic now.



The year 4 basketball team competed at St. Paul's School against the other Catholic primary schools. They were exemplary in their sportsmanship and played very well together, finishing in third place.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Friday 28th September 2018

9am—11am in the school hall

Everyone welcome!



FOSM (The Friends of St Monica's) - the PTA

Thanks to all of you who helped out at PTA events last year and particularly to the Committee members who were so active in organising events.

The Committee has informed me that there is an urgent need for more committee members. Please think carefully if you have the time and wish to contribute to school life by joining the FOSM Committee. If we do not get an adequate number of members, it is possible that FOSM will have to close down which would lead to the children missing out on a range of opportunities.

We will confirm next week the date for the FOSM Annual General Meeting and we look forward to seeing lots of you there.

HAIR BEADS

Please do not send your children to school with beads in their hair. It is against our uniform policy and can also be a health and safety risk. Thank you.

Reminder

Please bring in your **Summer Reading Challenge Certificates** by Monday 24th September.