

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

Advent Term



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### Diary Dates

#### February

4th Parents' Evening Reception - Year 6 3.30-5.00pm

5th Parents' Evening Nursery - Year 6 3.30-5.00pm

5th Year 5 trip to the National Space Centre

6th Parents' Evening Nursery - Year 6 3.30-8.00pm

7th Parents' Evening Nursery only 3.30-5.00pm

15th FoSMs Disco Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 4.00-5.30pm

15th FoSMs Disco Years 3 - 6 5.45-7.30pm

15th School closes for half term

25th School re-opens

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new year.

There have been lots of exciting things going on in school, including trips, visitors, WOW days and in sports and we hope you will enjoy reading this newsletter.

The school will be taking over the running of before and after school care from September 2019. Before Easter, we will have a meeting with families of children already attending the clubs provided by Genesis but also with other families interested in securing before and after school club care for their children from September. More details to follow.

We have written out recently with snow procedures in case the school has to be closed. If you are not sure how it works, let the school office know and we can provide you with details again.

We say goodbye this week to Mrs Beckett who is retiring after 18 years service to the school. We thank her for her vocation to St Monica's and wish her and her family all the best for the future.

We look forward to seeing you during our Parents' evenings which start next week.





### A visit from the Piano Man....

The children enjoyed a wonderful piano performance from Lincoln Noel. Afterwards, Year 6 had the opportunity to interview Lincoln in preparation for writing a biography about his life.



Year 2 children were very excited to receive an invitation over the Christmas holiday to a 'Superhero Day'! On their first day back, they dressed up as their favourite superhero and completed some exciting activities including learning a Superhero dance and song, and making Superhero masks. Following this enrichment day, the children will be learning about real life Superheroes in their new topic.



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## YEAR 1

Through our 'Turrets and Tiaras' topic we have been learning a lot about castles, how they were made and the different features. We have also been learning about the different people who lived in a castle and dressed up as Kings, Queens, Princes and Princesses. We also had knights and even jesters!



Year 3 went to Bletchley Park to learn more about life during World War II and the role of Bletchley Park.

We had great fun becoming code breakers!



## Book Fair Winners

Congratulations to our winners of the Book Fair competition:

**Faith Odaro 6ED**  
**Raphaella Laure 6FC**  
**Bryan Kyei 3AP**



The winning poems/quotes will be put up in the school library. Thank you to all the children who entered the competition, it was extremely difficult to choose a winner from some very good entries! A huge thank you to all the parents who supported the Book Fair, we have been able to order new books for each class to the value of £275.



4FM have been writing newspaper reports about a Mayan Mayhem that has happened in our school field. As experts, the class were the perfect candidates to become investigative journalist to look into

the incident. They used their knowledge of Mayans to investigate the crime scene, interview important witnesses and look at the CCTV to find out more. They were able to discover the true meaning behind why the Mayan priest decided to perform a sacrifice on our school field and tell the school through their newspaper reports.





### Sporting News



On Monday 28th January, our indoor athletics team took part in the indoor athletics heats. There was tough competition but our children were amazing and won many of their events. As a result, they finished first as a team and have now qualified for the Milton Keynes finals. We are very proud of our children and how supportive they are of each other.

### Space School

Our topic for this half term in Reception is Space. To engage the children with the topic and welcome them back after Christmas, we invited the children to come to

Space School! The children received their invitation before the holidays.

When the children arrived, they found that the classrooms had been turned into Space School. Lots of the children chose to dress up and had been really creative with their costumes!

The first thing the children did when they arrived, was head into the rocket for our launch into Space. When they arrived in Space, they had their 'Space Water' and we spoke about how things are different in space because there is no gravity.

In the afternoon, the children made moon rocks and their own NASA identity cards! We then did some expressive dance to 'Space music', thinking about how movement would be different in Space. The children had a lovely day, and are definitely enthused and intrigued by our new topic!

