

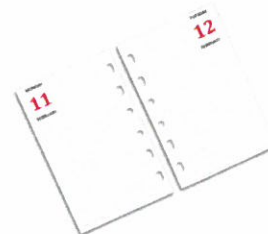


25th October 2019

**Diary Dates**

**NOVEMBER**

- 4th School re-opens to pupils and staff
- 5th Y4 attending Mass at St Augustine's Church
- 5th Y6 Victorian Day
- 7th KS2 Cross Country at St Paul's
- 8th Science, Engineering and Maths Day
- 12th Odd Socks Day—Anti-Bullying Week
- 18th Flu Immunisations for Years R-6
- 20th January New Intake Meeting for parents 5.30pm
- 22nd RE Cross Phase Day - A day in the life of Jesus
- 22nd FoSM's Cake Sale 3.15pm
- 27th KS2 SATs Information Evening 5.30pm
- 29th Reception Christmas Reading Café 9.00-11.00am



**Thank you to you all**

Thank you for all your support this term as the children have settled into their new classes. A particular welcome to our new parents - we hope that you and your children will make lifelong friendships here at St Monica's.

**Congratulations!**

To Mrs Foster and her family on the arrival of baby Hannah earlier in the term. I am happy to report that they are well and Hannah sleeps very well. Thank you to Mrs Smith who is teaching Year 2 while Mrs Foster is on maternity leave.

**Friends of St Monica's (FOSM)**

Thank you very much to Anna and the rest of the PTA team for their excellent work this term. The Film Fun Night was attended by 149 children which is a marvellous number. Thank to so many of you for attending the FOSM AGM night, particularly those of you who have joined the Committee and those who have volunteered to help at events.

Mr O'Malley



Together, we raised £295.25 at our coffee morning for MacMillan. A big THANK YOU to everyone!

### Catholic Schools' Week

On Thursday 10th October, Year 3 walked to St Augustine's Church to join parishioners for the morning Mass as part of Catholic Schools' Week. In future months, different year groups will be going to the Church to celebrate Mass.



### **WHIPSNADE ZOO**

**Year 6 had a fantastic time at Whipsnade Zoo. They saw lots of different animals and found the education session very interesting. They also had the opportunity to touch Ebbie the snake!**





## Winter Uniform

After half term, the children must be in Winter uniform. Further details are on our webpage at <https://st-monicas.co.uk/information/uniform-and-dress-code/> One aspect of Winter Uniform is ties for Y1 to Y6. We look forward to your continued support in this regard. One thing we have noticed recently is many children not having coats and PE kits in school - please can you check that your children have them with them in school.

## Year 5 Ancient Greek Day

I would like to tell you about our amazing Ancient Greek Day. Year 5 have been studying Ancient Greece and as part of our celebration of this theme, we needed to dress up in Ancient Greek costumes.

Firstly, we met an Ancient Greek historian who told us an interesting story about how the Ancient Greek Gods were made.

After the story, we got some wooden puzzle pieces and had to make shapes.

Next, we did some quizzes. We got questions and around the classroom were big boards with information about the Ancient Greeks, where we were able to find our answers.

After that, we learnt about Greek weapons and armour. Armour was made from metals such as iron. They had six-packs on the body armour to make them look scary and tough. We learnt what could happen to you if you got shot by an arrow. There were 3 options but they usually all resulted in death.

Finally, we did Greek Olympics Sparta (5MS) versus Athens (5AC). Athens won!

I enjoyed our Greek Day so much!

Patryk Knap



## **Accelerated Reader for Years 2 to 6**

**If you have a child in Y2 to Y6, you should have recently received details of Accelerated Reader. This is a computer program which records the books children have read, including how many words, as well as giving us valuable information about their reading levels. You should have a password so you can look on Accelerated Reader to see how your children are doing. If not, please contact the school office. The aim of Accelerated Reader is to get children reading more – up to last Friday, children had read 10,684,398 words – it seems to be working! My aim is that the children together read 70 million words this year.**



## SPORTING NEWS

Well done to our sports teams who have done very well this term. Our places in St Paul's tournaments have been as follows:-

Sport	Place
Years 3 and 4 Badminton	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Years 5 and 6 Badminton	4 <sup>th</sup>
Years 3 and 4 Basketball	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Years 5 and 6 Basketball	2 <sup>nd</sup>



Well done to Baraka, who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the city wide cross country tournament – this is our best ever result in this competition so well done to him and all of the cross country running team. Well done also to Mr Cranston, our new sports coach, who is doing so much with the children.

### Sports Clubs

Our sports clubs, which will run for six weeks after half term from the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> November, are:-

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Multi-sports on Mondays.

Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to Year 4 Boys and Girls) Football on Tuesdays.

Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to Year 6) Dodgeball on Thursdays.

The cost will be £18.00 for 6 weeks. To book sessions, you will need to register your child and book online at [www.stmonicacatholicprimaryschool.schoolipal.co.uk](http://www.stmonicacatholicprimaryschool.schoolipal.co.uk) If you are already registered, you will just need to book.

### Interested in being a School Governor? We need you.

The school is currently looking for school governors, including Foundation Governors. The role involves working alongside the other governors of our school to monitor the development and performance of the school in all areas whilst also promoting the importance of the school's Christian ethos. If you are interested in getting involved with the school on this or want more information, please let the office know and Mr O'Malley will be in touch.

### School places at St Monica's

We have a number of school places available in a number of year groups, including in our current reception class. Please can you pass the word around to anybody who is looking for school places for their children, including if they are considering moving their children from another school due to moving house or for any other reason? We are going to hold an open day for prospective parents on **28<sup>th</sup> November** but please feel free to come and visit at any time.