



29th November 2019

### **School Open Days, 10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December**

We are having Open Days at 9.30am on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December and 1.30pm on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> December.

We welcome parents or your friends to either session if you are looking for a school place for your child for Nursery at any time or Reception from September 2020. We also have a number of spaces available in other year groups, including this year's Reception, Year 3 and year 5 classes.

Thanks to so many of you for distributing flyers advertising these events. You have helped us distribute 2,000 so we hope for busy Open Days. If you cannot make those times, please let us know and we can do a personal tour for you at a time convenient for you.

### **New Lunch Supplier – Tasting Session next Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December after school in the Hall.**

From January 2020, we are going to have a new lunch supplier, Kingswood Catering.

<https://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk/> We looked into new suppliers largely in response to pupil and staff survey results. Mr O'Malley and four Year 6 children visited Kingswood's commercial and teaching kitchens in Corby recently. We enjoyed baking cakes and lunch in the board room. We have written to parents separately about how to book lunches to be eaten from the beginning of next term and you will be able to register at the tasting session if you attend.



### **School Council News**

The School Council has been busy this year working on a climate change project to reduce the amount of single use bottles being used and thrown away at school. They are also supporting Citizens MK <http://www.citizensmk.org.uk/> in helping persuade food outlets to become 'refill stations' for people to reuse plastic bottles and refill rather than buy and throw away disposable bottles. Well done to them.





## **New Chair of Governors**

**Our Chair of Governors, Dom Kingsman, has tendered his resignation this term after 12 years as a Governor of our school. We thank Dom, a former pupil of the school, for his service and for his great support over the years.**

**Michael Manley, who has a grandson in our Nursery and is the former Headteacher of St Paul's Catholic School is our new Chair of Governors. We wish him every blessing as he takes up this role. Thanks to those of you who have shown an interest in governance at our school. We will be in touch with all parents after Christmas on this.**



## **School Football**



The football team have had their first win in the League this week with a 1-0 win over St Bernadette's after three defeats. Well done to Michael for scoring and to all the boys for improving each game as they get used to playing on large pitches at Woughton. We look forward to the next League night.

## **Thornton College Cross Country Competition**

Our girls performed really well at the recent Thornton Cross Country event.

Our team included Natasza and Princella (Y3), Amelia and Elizabeth (Y4), Luisa and Alexis (Y5) and Janelle and Kendra (Y6). Our Year 5/6 girls came 10<sup>th</sup> over 2000m and our Year 3/4 girls came 16<sup>th</sup> over 1200m. Well done, girls.



## **Year 6 Victorian Day**

Year 6 dressed up as poor Victorian children. They learnt about what a day at school would have been like, played Victorian games and researched different Victorian inventions. It was lovely to see so many children dressed up.





## Year 2 News

The children were recently visited by Tee Nemesis, a Street Dancer from Milton Keynes who made it to the semi-finals of Britain's Got Talent with his group 'KNE'.

The children took part in a dance workshop and were mesmerised and inspired by such an energetic and enthusiastic professional dancer.



### Friends of St Monica's (PTA) Cake Sale

Well done to all of you for making so many cakes for the recent Friends of St Monica's Cake Sale. <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofStMonicas>

Thanks to FoSM members for their organisation of this event which was enjoyable, despite the rainy weather. A total of £180 was raised for which we are very grateful.



### Diary Dates

Tuesday 3rd December	Reception Christmas Performance 2.00pm
Wednesday 4th December	Reception Christmas Performance 6.00pm
Friday 6th December	FoSM's Christmas Fun Night 3.15-5.30pm Non School Uniform Day
Tuesday 10th December	KS1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm
Wednesday 11th December	Nursery Christmas Performance 10.00am
Wednesday 11th December	KS1 Christmas Performance 6.00pm
Friday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day Non School Uniform Day
Wednesday 18th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Service 7.00pm
Thursday 19th December	Class Christmas Parties Non School Uniform Day
Friday 20th December	School closes for Christmas holidays 3.15pm
Monday 6th January 2020	School Closed—Staff Training Day
Tuesday 7th January 2020	School RE-OPENS

