
St Monica's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter 8th December 2020

Dear Parents,

We are in full Advent swing at school. The Christingle service retained its magic despite being online. The message this year was: These flames will eventually burn down if we do nothing more than just light these few Christingles. The light of the candles needs to be passed on. Jesus wants his light to be passed on in the same way.

Advent Resources

There are two lovely resources for families on the website, shared with us from the Marriage and Family Life Team in the Arundel and Brighton Diocese, to help you with your celebration of Advent.

Listening to Music

Even though the Renaissance period covered over two hundred years of cultural history many of what would be considered to be famous pieces from that time are from a reasonably narrow time period. The High Renaissance (1520-1560) and the Late Renaissance (1600-1660) are the dates where most of these works originate. The composer who is often heralded as the master of the High Renaissance is Josquin des Prez. He was a remarkable craftsman who was incredibly productive bringing the Renaissance style into an altogether more sensitive and communicative manner. Josquin was Italian by birth and began life as a singer at the Cathedral Santa Maria Maggiore in Milan. This is likely to have had a profound influence on his compositions. Josquin's works fall broadly into three areas; the Masses, the Motets and the Chansons (including instrumental works). A wonderful place to begin is Josquin's, "Missa L'Homme armé super voces musicales". You can enjoy this piece together at home just like we have been doing in school.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=B-EFD8WrEdo>



Diary Dates

- **Friday 11th December** — Christmas Jumper Day for a £1 contribution to our Christmas Charity St. Joseph's Family Centre
- **Tuesday 15th December** — Nativity videos will go on the web site for you to enjoy
- **Wednesday 16th December** — Party in a Bag Christmas Lunch, KS1 no payment required, KS2 £2.40 via ParentPay
- **Thursday 17th December** - Christmas Party with a virtual visit from Santa on Google Meet
- **Friday 18th December** - Last day of Term

KS2 School Meals

Gentle reminder that your school meals ParentPay account should be in credit for meals required. A school meal is £2.40 a day.

Christmas LUNCH



Party in a Bag Wednesday 16th December

KS2 please pay £2.40 via ParentPay

**Choice of Sandwich
(Turkey or Cheese)**

Pizza Finger

Sausage Roll

Crisps

Salad Bag

Choose either; Christmas Shortbread Biscuit

Choc Ice

Satsuma

Drink



Health and Safety/Parking Reminders

- Keep to your time slot at the gates - don't let your child get mixed up with the bubble who are going into school in the earlier slot. Not only does it mean that the bubbles are mixing but it also potentially leaves children in school without supervision.
- Masks must be worn at drop off and pick up times.
- Double parking on St. Monica's Close has caused problems recently. There are very few parking spaces available for parents dropping off their children on St. Monica's Close which is why we recommend that you use one of the three local car parks - St. Monica's Church car park on Broomfields Road, St. Mary Magdalene's car park on Bridge Lane, or the car park behind the pool at Broomfields Leisure Centre.
- Some parents/carers are still using the disabled bays outside school and Broomfield's Leisure Centre whilst dropping off/picking up their children. If you do not have a disabled badge please park in the regular parking spaces leaving the bays free for those who genuinely need them.

Sponsored Walk

The St Monica's community is certainly sharing the light in the way you have responded to our Sponsored Walk for St Joseph's Family Centre. The money is flooding in. Many thanks — if you haven't already done so, please get your contributions to the office by Friday am.



Board Games

We would appreciate any donations of board games (that you no longer use at home) so the children can use them during wet playtimes. Board games ideally for 2 e.g. Snakes and Ladders, Connect 4 etc.

Have a lovely week,

Best wishes,

Mrs. Norman and all the staff.
