



St. Monica's Primary School

Newsletter 22nd September 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels like Autumn has arrived this week, and we've certainly had the Autumnal showers! This week we had our first Open Day of the school year, and it was lovely to welcome so many families to come and look around our wonderful school and learn more about who we are. Thank you for supporting us by spreading the word. The St Monica's Nursery and Forest School have also reintroduced the Mini Monica's tots group, with their first session happening this Wednesday in their Nursery room. It was very successful, and will be running each week from 9.10am - 10.10am on a Wednesday morning. Please share with anyone you know who may have little ones - it is a good opportunity for adults to meet as well as for the little ones, and I know Mrs Lightfoot has exciting plans for a variety of visitors to come and speak to the parents in the informal setting too.

Forest School began for our Blackbird class this week - they were well dressed for the weather! It was lovely to hear the excitement of the 'litter crime scene' they found, and they shared their learning with me very knowledgeably afterwards.

On Monday we held our annual 'Meet the Teacher' event and it was lovely to welcome you into school and for you to have an opportunity to see your child's new classroom and find out a bit more about the year ahead from their teacher. Each half term we will be sharing the new class information and curriculum sheets with you, and you can find these on the website on the updated class pages. You can also find the presentations the teachers shared on Monday evening on their class page too.

This week the office will be sending out a data collection google form for parents to complete for each pupil. It is a really important part of our annual process, to ensure that we have up to date details held for a range of reasons: emergency contacts, medical, allergy, permissions for photos and videos, permissions for short local walks. Please can you complete as soon as you can for every child so that we can ensure our systems are up to date.

On Thursday after school, there was a Mass for the start of the new academic year at St John Henry Newman church, and it is a good moment to stop and give thanks for the blessings we have here at our school - our dedicated team of staff, our enthusiastic and joyous children who 'love to learn' and our supportive parent, governor and parish community.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Pearson



Our School Councillors delivered the harvest goods to church ready to be distributed to the St. Joseph's Centre in Warrington.

Thank you for all your generosity and support!

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MDA vacancies

We are looking to recruit two positions for Midday Supervisors, working on a FRIDAY lunchtime, 12pm - 1pm. This will help us to free members of staff to take on other roles over the lunch period on a Friday. Hourly rate: £9.81 per hour.

Details of the role will be advertised, but please ask at the office, send us an email or give us a call if you are interested.

Pocket Rockets Club

The Pocket Rockets Club has been going for 2 weeks and the children are loving the opportunity to be a part of these groups! We have a few spaces left for KS1 Pocket Rockets on a Wednesday. It is an active, fun club for the children. There is a charge for this club of £5 per child per session. ***If you are interested in reserving a place, please contact Mrs Rylance.***

If you would like to learn more about Pocket Rockets, please follow the links below:

pocketrocketsfitness.co.uk | [Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#) | [TikTok](#)

Flu Vaccines

A polite reminder that the Immunisation team will be in school on Thursday 28th September. If you haven't don't so already, please can you open the attached document in the Spider app in order to use their e-consent form.

The letter has a link for you to follow which then gives you information about the vaccination programme and allows you to give electronic consent. Each school has a unique identifying number for the e consent system, our schools number is also contained in this letter.



Dogs

We have a no dogs on site policy. 'No dogs on school grounds' policies are designed for the safety of children and to protect children with allergies. Plus, there's nothing worse than dog poo in the playground... other than dog poo on children's shoes! ***Thank you for your understanding and support.***



Pocket Rockets

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Another lovely session at St.Monica's Primary today with KS1 🥰. The time went far too quickly! The children enjoyed all the games: bushy tail 🦊, target team challenge 🎯 and helicopter 🚁 🥰. Well done everyone ⭐



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As in previous years, our Year 4, 5 & 6 pupils are invited to attend the Walton Gardens Cross Country Competition. There are three dates for children to attend, please note these in your diary:

Saturday 30th September 2023

Saturday 7th October 2023

Saturday 18th November 2023

It would be fantastic if we could have as many children attending as possible to ensure we are able to maintain the achievements set in previous years. Please note your child does not have to attend the school running club to represent the school, they are welcome to run if they would like too. The Walton Gardens event is an extremely well organised event with many schools across Warrington in attendance. All children who attend enjoy the experience to represent the school and be a part of a team, as well as compete for individual awards.

Children should aim to attend all three races if possible. If they are unable to attend all, they should on the dates they are able to.

The race start times and distances are:

10.30 Years 4 & 5 Girls 1.4k (1 Lap)

10.50 Years 4 & 5 Boys 1.4k (1 Lap)

11.10 Year 6 Girls 2k (1 Loop + 1 Lap)

11.30 Year 6 Boys 2k (1 Loop + 1 Lap)

Please complete the form below and read the instructions carefully if your child is able to race on the Saturday 30th September

The first race is on the 30th of September, Runners are to meet Miss Lambert at 10.00am outside the café entrance. Please ensure prompt arrival so the children can warm up appropriately prior to racing.

Please ensure your child is wearing their school PE

top and is dressed appropriately for the weather on the day as the races will be run regardless of wind, rain or snow. Miss Lambert will provide children running with a vest to race in, this can be worn over your child's white PE top if preferred. Please note that a Parent/Guardian has to attend with each runner and will be their responsibility during the event.

Warrington Athletics Club have issued a reminder that all school representatives (including parents) and spectators to keep off the course once the first race has started. There are walkways around the course that can be accessed at all times. No one should be crossing the tape at any point during the races.

The Neville Jones Schools Cross Country League 2023 @Walton Gardens

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