



St. Monica's Primary School

Newsletter 29th September 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children have been focusing on Little Way Week - where we are inspired by the works of St Therese of Lisieux and her little acts of kindness. Her feast day is this Sunday, 1st October, where the Gospel is also about being true to our words in our actions, and helping others. This Sunday, all our new pupils and their families are warmly welcomed to the 10am family Mass at St Monica's parish, as part of our welcome to the community. It would be lovely to see you there. Also a reminder that the children's liturgy group runs every week in the resource room at the back of church during the main part of Mass.

The parish of St Monica's send their grateful thanks for your generosity in supporting their St Joseph's Family Centre Harvest appeal.

Next Tuesday, 3rd October, at 11am the school will be going to church to celebrate a Mass of welcome and celebration for a new academic year. You are very welcome to join us in church for this Mass, and classes will also need some adult support in walking to and from school so please do approach your child's teacher if you can offer your help; we would be very grateful and happy for you to join us. We leave school at 10.45 for Mass at 11am.

During the month of October, the children will be learning about the Rosary as a form of prayer, and we will also be re-introducing a 'First Friday of the Month Rosary' prayer session. This will take place at 8.30am on the First Friday of each month in our Prayer Room, and all are welcome, adults and children, to come and join in the prayer. It will last for 15 minutes before school 'opens'. **Our first prayer session will be next Friday, 6th October, 8.30am.** We have sets of rosary beads for your use, or you can bring your own personal beads. Don't worry if you have never prayed the Rosary before; there will be an adult leading each session, and explanations, guidance and words will be given to support people in their prayer. No need to book; you can turn up on the day to pray.

Sending you all best wishes for a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Pearson

Healthy Eating

We would like to remind parents that we promote healthy snacks in school. Please can you make sure that your children do not bring any sweet or chocolate treats in. Also, a gentle reminder that we ask that treats to celebrate birthdays are not brought in to school.

As a nut free school we have noticed that some children have pesto sauce in their packed lunches, whilst a pine nut is not officially a nut, we do have some children in school with allergies to them so we kindly ask that alternative sauces are provided.

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.

Details of the role will be advertised, but please ask at the office, send us an email or give us a call on 01925 267609 if you are interested.

Mini Monica's

Mrs Lightfoot in St Monica's Nursery is starting Mini Monica's, a weekly parent and tots group, which will run on Wednesdays from 9.10am - 10.10am at St Monica's School.

Please spread the word - sessions are only £1.

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Drop off and Pick up reminders - Parking

A gentle reminder that St Monica's Close, whilst being a public road, is not a safe place to drive down and park for the start and end of the school day. As the main gates open directly into the cul-de-sac, it is a key area for families and children to be entering and exiting school. The close is narrowed considerably by cars parked bumper to bumper down the left, and there is no turning circle at the bottom which causes a grid lock effect. Consequently, parking here, or driving down the close to drop off has a significant impact on the safety of this area. It also causes issues for our neighbours and school staff trying to enter or exit the cul-de-sac at these times.

There are a number of schools in our immediate area, which puts pressure on the surrounding streets at these peak times, so we ask that for those who need to travel by car at these times of the day, please think before choosing a parking place.

Clubs for Autumn 2

KS1 FRENCH—We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Hinds is interested in running a KS1 French Club next half term, probably on Thursdays. Please have a look at her Facebook page for further information. <https://www.facebook.com/bethpetitspois>. Could I please ask you to email Mrs Rylance if you would like to register interest for this course.

KS1 and KS2 MAD SCIENCE— If you haven't already registered your child for a place, the deadline has been extended to Monday 2nd October 9am. Please go to northengland.madschience.org or call them on 01772 628 844 if you would like your child to participate in this club after half term.

Kingfishers

The Tattenhall Residential Parents Evening will be held on Monday 9th October 5-6pm. This will be held in the Kingfisher Classroom.

Also, a reminder that if children can't access a computer or other device at home for any reason, they are welcome to come to Mrs Rowland's homework club on Thursdays for TTRS or Numbots.

Young Voices

Thank you to those parents who have kindly offered their help on 5th February 2024 to accompany the children on the coach to the Manchester Arena. We still need one more parent. If you are able to join us, please contact Mrs Rylance. Thank you, Mrs Cornelia

Newsletter

Our newsletter will now be sent out on Fridays instead of Wednesdays.

FOSM

The Friends of St Monicas AGM is to be held on Thursday 12th October at 6.30pm in the school hall. Their newsletter will be sent out to you via School Spider later today. Within their newsletter is a google form link for you to join the team. Alternatively, you could email them at fstmonicas@gmail.com.

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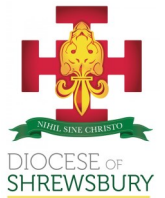


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Swifts Trip to Warrington Museum

Swifts had a fabulous time at Warrington Museum exploring and handling a selection of replica artefacts showing craftsmanship, beliefs and everyday life. They all loved making sketches and used their designs to create a print block.

After lunch, the children listened to adventurous stories involving Loki, Thor and Beowulf with the captivating story-teller Helen Stewart.



Lost Property

We are finding there is an awful lot of uniform without names ending up in our lost property basket each week. Please can we ask you to check that the names haven't come off in the wash before your child returns to school. We do all we can to return the named items to their owners.

There will be a lost property table outside reception or in the foyer each Friday afternoon until half term. Please take a moment to recover any lost items. Here are some photos of what is on offer today!



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