



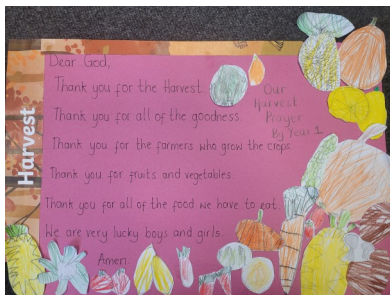
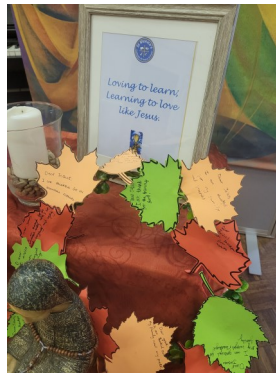
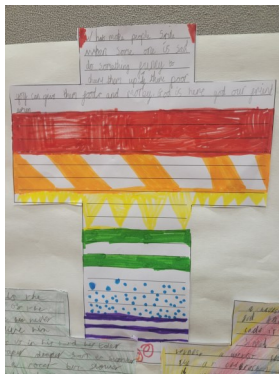
# St. Monica's Primary School

## Newsletter 13th October 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we had our first Mission Day of the year. Our theme was Harvest and Thanksgiving, and the children spent the day exploring why the harvest is important, people who help get crops from the ground to food on our tables, things we are grateful for in our world. Following our mission line of 'learning to love like Jesus', all the children listened to stories Jesus told which are linked with this theme, and our older pupils examined pieces of scripture which help us to understand the Kingdom of God. All round it was an energy filled day full of reflection, and we ended it with a lovely prayer assembly pulling all the children's work and our thoughts together. We were joined by some parents and grandparents for this which was lovely.



On the theme of thanksgiving, we held our Friends of St Monica's AGM last night, and I would like to reiterate my thanks to all of our St Monica's community for the fundraising efforts and dedication to organising the events. It means a lot to the school to have the support of our parent/grandparent community and the funds raised have had a big impact on the pupils and staff: our amazing Sunshine Room makeover so that we now have a sensory space, the enrichment experience of having Allegro dance come for a day of ballet performances, the support so that we can continue our offer of instrumental tuition, soft furnishings to bring our Prayer Room back into use for classes...these are just a few of the things that you have supported this year. The reports from last night will be available to all parents. A big thank you to the committee and class reps who do an amazing job of pulling the community together for not just fundraising, but the events for the children like movie nights and discos. We have lots of exciting plans for this year coming up, which will be communicated to you through the FOSM newsletter in due course.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone,

Mrs J Pearson

### Open Day

Our next Open Day is on Wednesday 15th November. Tours are at 9:30, 11:00 and 1:30. Please do spread the word to friends who may be interested in seeing our lovely school. Thank you.

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### Lost Property

Today I seem to have more coats than Go Outdoors! Please visit the school office to claim anything that might belong to your child.

### National Recycling Week 16th-20th October 2023

During our Recycling Week, the school councillors will be asking classes to make models in their Art and DT lessons using recycled materials brought in from home.

We will also be running a competition for both Key Stages. This will be to design a recycled carrier bag, being as creative as possible. There will be prizes for both Key Stages along with 2 runner up prizes per Key Stage too. The closing date for this will be Monday 23rd October 2023 and the winners will be announced in assembly on Friday 27th October 2023.

### KS2 Walton Gardens Cross Country

Walton Gardens cross country race 2 completed

A huge well done to our fabulous runners for turning up and giving it everything they had last Saturday on a very muddy course. Fantastic results with lots of children achieving personal bests, and some children trying cross country out for the very first time! This team is a credit to our school and we are immensely proud of every single one of you!



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### Trips and Sporting Fixtures Next Week

KS1 Wrens and Robins are off to Imagine That in Liverpool on Wednesday 18th October

Y6 Skylarks are going to The Imperial War Museum on Thursday 19th October

Y3 Blackbirds have a Tag Rugby festival at Victoria Park on Wednesday 18th October

Y3 Blackbirds—a small number of children are attending a football tournament at Priestley College on Friday 20th October

We are sure that all of the children will enjoy their trips and the chance to represent school. Thank you to the parents who have offered their support in accompanying/transporting their children to these events. It is, as always greatly appreciated.

### Mini Monicas

I have some updated information for Mini Monica's. We have decided to stop our group on a Wednesday morning for many reasons, such as staffing, consistency, and settling new children. However, we have decided to offer stay-and-play sessions in the morning and afternoon throughout the week except for Friday morning at our Forest School. (This may be provided later in the year.) An adult is required to stay with the children for the session. Available times are 9.30 am until 11 am and 1 pm until 3.20 pm. Parents/carers can book via the nursery office. Refreshments will be provided for both parents/carers and children. we will be charging £2 per child.

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### Diocesan Building Fund

Can I strongly encourage you to consider contributing to this cause? The way Catholic schools are funded means that the Diocese has to pay for a portion of all work on school buildings. The school pays an annual amount for this whether we receive parental contributions or not, so any voluntary contributions you can make would be really appreciated.

Over the last few years St Monica's has benefitted from several building projects paid for via the Diocesan Schools Building Fund.

Gift aiding increases the value of your contribution by 25%. If you would like to Gift Aid your contribution please log onto [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/schools-building-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/schools-building-fund) and follow the link or you can make a contribution through your ParentPay account. Any amount you feel happy to offer will be received with thanks.

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