



St. Monica's Primary School

Newsletter 12th April 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to school, and the Summer term! I hope that you all had a lovely time over the Easter break. After a very prayerful and reflective Holy Week, we return to school to celebrate the period of Eastertide, the 50 days following Easter. Please see the RE & Catholic Life newsletter which went out this week for more details of dates during this period and the RE programme of study. It is also saved on the website in the Catholic Life section.

This term will (hopefully!) bring with it the brighter, milder days which really lend themselves to a variety of outdoor learning experiences. But, as you see below in an OPAL reminder section, we want to get the children out as much as possible, so wellies are key please!

During this half term, our oldest pupils will be taking their end of KS2 final assessments, and after half term some of our younger pupils will take part in their phonics screening assessment, and our Yr4s in the Multiplication Tables Check. Whilst these assessments are an important way for the children to demonstrate their learning and for them to celebrate their progress, it is only one measure and does not reflect the entirety of what every pupil has achieved this year and throughout their time at primary school, and the many other skills, subject areas and personal attributes that they excel in. This term we will also have a number of other events and opportunities in school for children to demonstrate their skills, including our annual Music for a Summer's Evening concert, Sports' Day, a number of sporting opportunities with local schools, the Year 5 Waxwork Museum and much more.

Please keep your eye on the weekly newsletter for information, but also at the website which is also a detailed source of information about school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Pearson

Parent Survey from Spring term

Thank you to the many parents who have completed the parent survey sent out last term. There have been a number of great suggestions in the newsletter question and I will be thinking about how to reflect some of that in the newsletter moving forwards. If you haven't had an opportunity yet to complete the survey, it is still open and your feedback would be gratefully received. <https://forms.gle/v3j6TwCYJcu4THuU9>

Daley Mile

In memory of our beloved friend and colleague Cath Daley you are warmly invited to join staff and children in celebrating her and raising some money for St Rocco's Hospice.

On Friday 12th April at 3.45pm we will be walking 7 laps around the school field - the Daley Mile.

St. Rocco's Hospice

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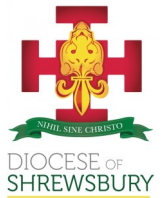


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OPAL

The children have loved our OPAL launch so far, getting stuck into chalks, lego, bubbles and dressing up!

Thank you for the donations we have received so far, we are still on the look out for more.



DONATIONS WANTED

To help us to continue to develop our play provision we are on the look out for resources. If you are having a clear out or know anyone who is able to donate resources, we would be extremely grateful. Please leave any donations in the donation station (the small green container in the staff carpark). The car park will be open daily 7.30 - 9.30 and from 2.30 - 5.30. If you would like to drop donations off outside these hours please contact the school office.

WHAT DO WE WANT?

- Small world items such as plastic animals, dinosaurs, cars, trains.
- Dolls
- Suitcases
- Plastic crates
- Road signs and cones
- Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, large spoons, mixing bowls, chopping boards
- Tools like spades, trowels, brooms)
- Buckets/containers
- Nets and ropes
- Fabric (large sheets, waterproof tarps)
- Wooden pallets
- Metal frames
- Sledges
- Cable drums/reels
- Guttering
- Noodles (the type you use in the swimming pool)
- Clothes pegs
- Plastic crates
- Briefcases, especially hard cased ones
- Large plastic bins/water butts
- Watering cans
- Dressing up items such as old scarves, handbags, hats (children's and adults)
- Old buggies/strollers
- Storage boxes
- Scooters/balance bikes/trikes
- Building blocks/Lego/Duplo
- Planks (decking/scaffolding)

This list is not extensive - please let us know if you have anything else you are unsure about!

Some fantastic photos of their play times will be in the newsletter next week.

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Key Dates:

30th April	-	KS1 trip to Tatton Park Farm
3rd May	-	Tempest taking class photographs
9th May	-	Y5 Swifts to Safety Central in Lymm
12th—14th June	-	Y6 Skylarks to Conwy
25th June	-	Y1 and Y2 to Delamere Forest

Weekly Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Robins	91.74
Wrens	95.71
Blackbirds	89.55
Kingfishers	98.46
Swifts	93.46
Skylarks	98.33
Totals	94.54

**Well done to Kingfishers
and Skylarks this week for their
high attendance**

Position Available— St Monica's Nursery

A position has become available in the nursery for one hour per day Monday to Friday. This would be a part time role assisting the nursery over lunchtimes.

If you are interested, please email Mrs Emma Lightfoot in the first instance at: leader@stmonicasnursery.com. Thank you.

Please familiarise yourself with our website where you will find important information about our school, like:

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mrs Pearson (Head teacher)

Miss Williams (Deputy Head teacher)

Dr Martin (Governor)

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Information with useful links

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