

NEWSLETTER

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THE LITURGICAL LIFE OF ST MONICA'S SCHOOL

Mark 8:27-35 Who am I?

This Sunday's Gospel reading is a turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross.

The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death.

This kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the gospel.

Dear Jesus, we know who you are. You are God's only son, the saviour of the world. Amen

SCHOOL GATEWAY

From time to time, we send information to parents via text message to your mobile phone. A new, free, smart-phone app for parents is now available for download called 'school gateway' for most devices. If you haven't already done so, please could you download this new app to your phone. Please read the attached letter regarding the app and how to download.

PUPIL CHAPLAINCY TEAM

This week the team have planned and lead form reflection for Y7. Over the next few weeks Y7 forms will be invited to the chapel during morning registration for a prayer reflection. The theme will be taken from CAFOD resources 'Power to Be'. The pupils will have an opportunity to reflect and pray for changes to be made in our world. If any pupils would like to join the Pupil Chaplaincy Team, please attend a meeting on Wednesdays 1pm room 14 or See Mrs Allmand

UNIFORM CONSULTATION

Pupils will have received a letter regarding uniform. In the letter is a link to an online survey regarding uniform. The link is also below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhuhmBBgTdk92DZrRANX5LVmSYKVXOWzXaLKEQiy6-Gc8QFA/viewform?c=0&w=1>

ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance for the 4th – 7th September was 97.5%.

Congratulations to the following forms 7L, 7R, 8B, 8K, 9L, 10B, 10G who all Achieved 100% attendance and will have a wear your own clothes day

On Monday 17th September.

Please note own clothes must be suitable for school, no baseball caps, Children should not show their midriff, no crop tops or low slung trousers

That will show their underwear. No offensive clothing should be worn.

Clothes should be suitable for a school environment.



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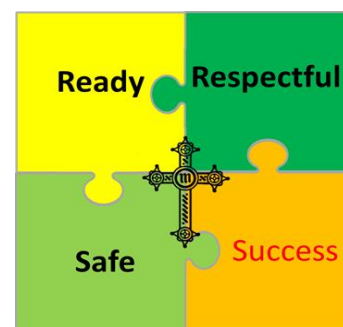
SAFEGUARDING

If you have a concern for the safety of a child at the school you can contact Mrs. Walker, the designated Child Protection Officer on 0161 773 6436 or g.walker@stmonicas.co.uk

You can also contact Bury Social Services directly on 0161 253 5678.

UNIFORM

All uniform should be of the highest standard and in line with school policy. The uniform guidelines are on the school website.



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YEAR 7 CAT TESTING

CAT (Cognitive Ability Tests) testing will begin for year 7 students on Wednesday 12th September. This is not something that students should be worried about, it is a test that you cannot revise for. It is used to help teachers learn more about your child's strengths and challenges in learning. The tests are administered digitally in our LRC and will be taken in test conditions, supervised by class teachers. Please remind your child of the need for high standards. The only equipment they will need are a pair of headphones. School will provide these; but if your child wishes to bring their own they may do so. Thank you for support and please can I emphasise, NO preparation is needed for these tests! Have a lovely weekend after a very busy first week.

Monday 17 th September	P1,2,3	7F
Wednesday 19 th September	P1,2,5	7K
Friday 21 st September	P1, 3, 4	7R
Monday 24 th September	P2,3,4	7L
Wednesday 26 th September	P1,2,5	7C

E SAFETY

We have made aware of an account on Instagram called [i_know_you_Radcliffe_2](#) which is asking pupils to join and pass on details of names etc. Please ensure you check your child's social media settings are set to private and they are not sharing information with unknown sources. We have attached e-safety information and have information on the school website under the parent's section should you need any information.

CHARITY EVENTS

Every half term an own clothes day will be held in order to raise money for our chosen charities - Caritas, CAFOD, Francis house and Bury Hospice. We also do work with Manchester's homeless, our Parishes and operation Christmas Child.

This Half Term the money raised will be for Macmillan Cancer support. During the half term there will also be various cake sales and events to support the charity. Notices will be shared on show my homework, the News Letter and to your child during form time. You will be notified in advance when these events will take place.

Our other school charities also include, Caritas, CAFOD, Francis house and Bury Hospice. We also do work with Manchester's homeless, our Parishes and operation Christmas Child.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On the 28th September staff will be holding a Macmillan coffee morning. Form groups may hold their own that week and form teachers will inform pupils if they arrange one.

CROSS-CURRICULAR WEEK - EXHIBITION AT THE FUSILIER MUSEUM

We are currently organising the exhibition at the Fusilier Museum following on from our very successful Cross-Curricular Week focussing on the topic of 'Legacy'. We will be finalising details with winners from each year group in the next week. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Dalton.

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HOUSEKEEPING

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Could we remind all parents who drop off/ collect children in the school day not to park in the school entrance or in the bus stops, please do not park on the opposite side of the road this compromises the Health and Safety of our pupils and carries a fine. If you are collecting pupils by car, please arrange to collect pupils at a location a little further away from the school or after 3.10pm when most pupils have left. Thank You.

YEAR 11 – DINNER MONEY USING PARENT PAY FROM SEPTEMBER 2018

Year 11 dinners should be paid for via Parent Pay as Year 11 dinners are served in the Hub. If you need to set up your parent pay account and need your activation codes to do this, please contact my colleague Mrs Firth. You can set yourself a reminder so you know when your funds are running low. Year 11 pupils should not top up their dinner monies in the main school.

PARENT PAY – General

Please remember to log onto your account regularly to check you are up to date with any payments for trips and revision guides. For pupils who receive financial support for trips parent pay has been updated with this amount. If a refund has been actioned via parent pay from school you should receive a notification on your parent pay account and be able to withdraw the money to your bank by clicking on your parent account, statement, withdrawal.

CHANGE AT SCHOOL

Please can you make sure pupils have the correct notes/ change to top up their dinner money account if they are year 7-10. With the introduction of Parent Pay at school the finance office has limited funds so does not always have change.

YELLOW SCHOOL BUS

Any pupil who is using the service must have the relevant yellow school bus pass, this will be enforced by bus drivers. All pupils also should be in possession of an igo pass. More details are available on www.tgfm.com or you can call 0161 244 1000 or email yellow.bus@tgfm.com

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

It is that time of year again when we celebrate Europe's linguistic diversity. To get into the spirit year 7 pupils are encouraged to come dressed in an outfit representing one of the European countries on Friday 28th September. Assembly for year 7 that week will be on Friday to allow the Head teacher to pick the best dressed pupil and award a prize. We would like to ask that pupils refrain from simply wearing their favourite European team's kit. Also, the school canteen will be serving up a few typical European dishes.



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YEAR 10 AND 11 STUDENTS AND PARENTS – BURY CAREERS EVENT

The annual Bury Careers Event takes place on Wednesday, 26th September 2018 at Bury Town Hall. This event is a great opportunity for you to chat with colleges, apprenticeship/training providers, employers and IAG advisors. **See attached leaflet for times.**

Year 11 students and parents will have further opportunity to talk to colleges and apprenticeship/training providers at the Year 11 Next Steps Event at school in early October 2018. Details of this will be passed on to students in school and posted on our website and Twitter account. Mr Mullin.

SKI TRIP 2019

There are still some places available on this year's Ski trip to Italy. It is open to all year groups including our new year 7's. Please complete the attached reply slip and send in to either Mr Hughes or Mr Plunkett. Alternatively get in touch for more information. (t.hughes@stmonicas.co.uk / g.plunkett@stmonicas.co.uk)

PRESTWICH ARTS FESTIVAL

Join in with the first Prestwich arts festival. We're lifting the lid on local talent! Learn a new skill, get involved, make a new friend or simply watch and be inspired by the town's creative talents. Please see the attached leaflet for more information its being help ion Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th September.

TRAVEL SAFE

Travelling on public transport is safe, however the police offer this advice to avoid putting yourself at risk from crime:

- Use timetables to plan your journey in advance to minimise the time you spend waiting at bus stops and stations, especially at night.
- Avoid poorly lit areas such as footpaths, subways and alleyways.
- Try to appear confident that you know your surroundings at all times.
- If you are travelling alone let someone know how and where you are travelling and contact them to let them know you have arrived safely.
- Choose a seat in busy areas of the train, tram or bus, if there are not many passengers sit close to the driver or train guard. Don't be too proud to change seats if you feel uncomfortable.
- Keep your valuables out of sight, especially jewellery. Keep your belongings close at hand.
- Be aware of the people around you, where they are sitting and standing and what they are doing.
- In the unlikely event that you are threatened or attacked, don't fight back. Make as much noise as possible and run away, your possessions can be replaced, your health and well-being is much more important. Report the attack to the police as quickly as possible.
- If you are threatened on a bus, tell the driver. On trains tell the guide or use the emergency handle. On Metrolink trams use the emergency intercom.
- If you use taxis, only use reputable companies. Before getting in the taxi ask the driver to tell you the name of the company and check the licence plate on the vehicle. Always sit in the back seat. If you have any doubt don't get in.