

NEWSLETTER

12th November 2018 – 16th November 2018

LETTER HOME

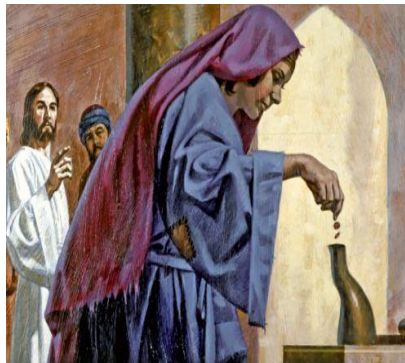
All pupils should have received a letter to bring home today 09.11.18 in their form time. A copy will be available on the website & emailed to parents.

THE LITURGICAL LIFE OF ST MONICA'S SCHOOL

Mark 12:38-44

Jesus wants us to be generous and to share all that we have with others. Jesus asks us to give what we have to help others as the widow in the gospel story does.

Jesus also shows us in this Sunday's reading that everyone has something that they can give. We can give our time to help others or our talents and skills. Generous God, help us to share what we have, even when it is not much, so that all people may have enough. Amen



LEST WE FORGET

During the month of November let us not forget to remember and pray for our dearly departed loved ones.

During morning form time prayer pupils were asked to write a prayer, message or share a memory for those whom you have lost.

A display has been completed by The Pupil Chaplaincy Team Staff and pupils are invited to add messages of remembrance to the display



SAINT OF THE WEEK - ST ISAAC

Isaac was the son of Abraham and Sarah in the Book of Genesis, the first book of the Bible. Sarah had no children. Both Abraham and Sarah were old when the Lord promised them that they would have a son and Sarah laughed, because she thought it was impossible. This is why they gave their son the name Isaac - it simply means 'laughter'. The birth of Isaac brought much joy to his parents. It must then have been so hard for Abraham a few years later when God asked him to sacrifice his son Isaac. Thankfully, God was only testing Abraham's faith and Isaac was not sacrificed. Instead, he lived and married Rebecca and they had twin boys, Jacob and Esau. Jacob was also known as 'Israel' and it's from him that the people of Israel get their name.

Think - what makes me joyful? Do I realise that God's love for me is a cause of great joy?



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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. Please note with the cold weather drawing in a reminder for pupils:

- Coats should be Dark Blue/Black/Dark Green
- No coats are to be worn in the building.
- No hoodies.



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ATTENDANCE

Whole School Attendance 29th October – 2nd November was 96%. Congratulations to forms 8C & 11F who Achieved 100% attendance and will have a wear your own clothes day on Monday 12th November.

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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND HOLIDAY GUIDANCE

St Monica's would appreciate all parental support on the leave of absence & holiday guidance. The guidance is attached and will be available on the school website.

DINNER MONEY YEAR 11 PARENT PAY

Please be aware school will not accept cash from the 29.10.18, all YEAR 11 pupils must use parent pay. Pupils who receive free school meals (fsm) can top up their account via parent pay for break purchases otherwise the fsm has to be used at lunch time. Please make sure your account is up to date. Thank you Mrs Cannon

DINNER MONEY YEAR 7-10

Please can you ensure you do not add money to Parent Pay for Year 7-10 children's dinners as this will not transfer over to the kitchen. Please still add money as normal via the pay machines in school or by cheque.

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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

In order to support Operation Christmas Child again this year, your child will be encouraged to create a shoe box of gifts. A collection will be arranged for **Friday 16th November.** so please can we ask that you to bring in any boxes by **Thursday 15th November.** We need at least 100 boxes to be eligible for a collection. Please bring any boxes to **Room 16 (Miss Atkinson)**

MATHS CHALLENGE CLUB

Maths Challenge club will restart next week. If you like Maths puzzles, please come and join. Every Wednesday first half of lunch, 13:10 till 13:25, in room 35. Mrs Melia.

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club every Tuesday lunch in room 33. All welcome.
Mr Rodger

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YEAR 11 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Year 11 students should be completing and submitting their college applications as soon as possible. Deadlines are fast approaching. Paper applications must go through school. Any issues, see Mr Mullin.

SPANISH EXCHANGE

The Manchester leg of this academic year's Spanish exchange will take place from 16th – 23rd November. Our visitors will arrive on Friday morning and be collected by coach from the airport by Mr. Higham. They will spend periods 3-5 with their partners from St. Monica's getting to know each other and will do further ice breakers and activities on Saturday 17th at Heaton Park from 10 am to midday. Pupils are reminded to bring lunch on 16th for their exchange partners.

GEOGRAPHY MOCK EXAM W/C 12/11/18

Please could ALL pupils access ALL of the revision material placed on show my homework to help with revision. Resources have been available since September and have been added to throughout October and November.

Thank you and good luck in your exam.

Mr Day – Lead Teacher of Geography

GEOGRAPHY ENRICHMENT TRIPS

Year 11 New York Feb 2019

A letter has been handed to pupils regarding the optional trip extra of The World One Observatory. Payment can be made via parent pay, with a deadline of 30th November.

Mr Day

NEW FREE GRAPHICS CLUB FOR YEAR 9-11S

Starting at Manchester School of Art, please see the attached poster for a new graphics club.

JEWISH THEATRE COMPANY

The Jewish theatre company is running a play called "Dear Brutus" please see attached flyer for ticket information and prices.

SCHOOL CAR PARK

The school car park is for staff & pre-arranged visitors only. There are limited spaces available and with the introduction of the security gate the turning circle is not available to members of the public. Therefore, unnecessary vehicles on the car park can cause a Health & Safety issue.

We have a security staff member on the gates who will question your reason for requiring access to the car park.

There are plenty of parking facilities near school on Bury Old Road (just past the Ostrich pub) or on Scholes Lane.

We have limited disabled parking spaces and these should only be used should you have a valid disabled badge.

Mrs Cannon

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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.

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. 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.

SPORT

MONDAY

Boys' Rugby Club 3.00pm – 4.15pm

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

Girls' Rugby Club 3.00pm – 4.15pm

FRIDAY

U13 & U15 Greater Manchester Rugby Girls' Tournament @ Broughton Park 12.30pm – 4pm

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January – March 2019

The Graphic Design Club at Manchester School of Art, Manchester Metropolitan University is a free project offering young people in school years 9 – 11 ten Saturday morning Design classes, starting the 19th January 2019

Masterclasses by leading graphic design Manchester professionals

To apply for a place please email:

s.merkaj@mmu.ac.uk

by the 3rd December 2018

Applications received after this date will be added to a waiting list and will not be guaranteed a place

**Graphic Design
Principles
Critical Thinking
Typography
Hand lettering
Poster Design
Editorial Design**

THE JTC PRESENTS

Dear Brutus

A PLAY BY J. M. BARRIE

A MAGICAL COMEDY FANTASY

19 - 22 NOVEMBER 2018 at 7.30pm

ST MONICA'S RCHS THEATRE CENTRE

BURY OLD ROAD, PRESTWICH

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