

NEWSLETTER

19th November 2018 – 23rd November 2018

THE LITURGICAL LIFE OF ST MONICA'S SCHOOL

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus describes the 'earth-shaking' signs of his return at the end of time. Jesus reminds us to look beyond the troubles of the world, to something far more important. Jesus assures us that although many things in the world may change, his words will last forever. We can be certain that our faithfulness to God will be rewarded in his life and in the life to come. When we grow in faithfulness, others will know that we are people who are reliable and trustworthy. We can ask God to help us to grow in faithfulness. Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for being our faithful friend. Please help us to keep growing in faithfulness to you and to one another. Amen

SAINT OF THE WEEK - ST HILDA

St Hilda lived in the north of England in the seventh century. She was brought up in the court of the king and had a privileged life. She had a very strong character and was a good teacher and administrator. Many people, including kings, sought advice from her. She eventually became abbess (leader) of a monastery of both men and women in Whitby.

In the year 664 there was a synod (special Church meeting) held in Hilda's abbey. Back then, people were arguing about when we should celebrate Easter but with Hilda's help, they reached an agreement and started to celebrate Easter on the same day. Hilda helped to bring peace to the Church of her time.

Think - How can I follow St Hilda's example and be a peace-maker ?

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2018

Pope Francis has declared Sunday 18 November 2018 to be the second World Day of the Poor. <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/World-Day-of-the-Poor>. On this World Day we are called to examine our conscience to see if we can truly hear and respond to the cry of the poor in our world. In our communities, we are invited to offer friendship, solidarity and welcome to the poorest of our sisters and brothers. Pope Francis asks us to pray, and to share a meal after Mass if we can, in a spirit of joy and togetherness.

'On this day, may all of us feel that we are in debt to the poor, because, in hands outstretched to one another, a salvific encounter can take place to strengthen our faith, inspire our charity and enable our hope to advance securely on our path towards the Lord who is to come.'

Pope Francis

PARENTS EVENING – YEAR 7

Reminder to parents & carers Year 7 parents evening will be taking place on Thursday 29th November 2018. A letter will be coming to parents & carers via children for replies.



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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

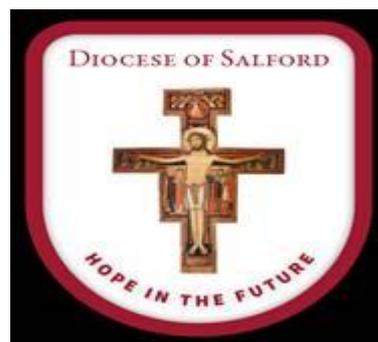
Whole School Attendance 5th November – 9th November was 97.2%. Congratulations to forms 8C & 7K who Achieved 100% attendance and will have a wear your own clothes day on Monday 19th November.

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.

CHRISTMAS CARD WORKSHOP

The pupil Chaplaincy Team have come up with a good idea for Advent 2018. They want to make, write and send out Christmas cards to members of our parish communities. If you have any names of parishioners who would benefit from a home-made Christmas card please email e.allmand@stmonicas.co.uk



YEAR 7 PHOTOGRAPHS & YEAR 11 GOLD TIE PHOTOGRAPHS

Monday 19th November please make sure that your child's uniform is smart and complete.

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.

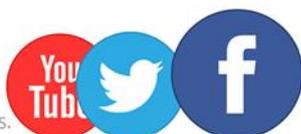
MATHS ONLINE HOMEWORK /REVISION SESSIONS

Every Thursday for KS4 from 3-4 pm and on Fridays 3- 3.45 pm for KS3 both in Room 50.

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.

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CHESS CLUB

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

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.

SEND YOUTH FORUM

Please see attached flyer for information on groups for children and young people with SEND who want to have their say about what is happening for them in Bury!

GEOGRAPHY

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.

The Royal Town Planning Institute (North West) Schools Competition 2018

Good luck to our year 10 pupils who have entered this competition. We have had some amazing entries full of ideas, creativity and vision for the improvement of Prestwich Village. Mr Day

JEWISH THEATRE COMPANY

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

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.

Mrs Walker

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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

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

Congratulations to the PE dept. who have been recognised as one of the top 30 schools in the country for sporting achievements. An indication of just how difficult it is to reach the list can be seen when you realise that reaching the top 30 means you are in the top 1% of sporting schools in the country. Well done to all pupils and staff on this amazing achievement.

MONDAY

Boys' Rugby Club 3.00pm – 4.15pm

TUESDAY

Bury School Cross Country @ Heaton Park

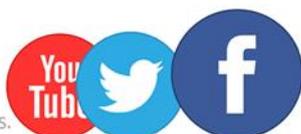
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THURSDAY

Girls' Rugby Club 3.00pm – 4.15pm

FRIDAY

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Following on from the 'Have your say' SEND
C&YP events last term...



Bury SEND Youth Forum

Monthly groups for children and young
people with SEND who want to have
their say about what is happening for
them in Bury!



For those who are 13 years old and younger: 4th December
5pm-6pm at New Kershaw Centre, Deal St, Bury BL9 7PZ

For those who are 14 years old and older: 5th December
5pm-6pm at New Kershaw Centre, Deal St, Bury BL9 7PZ

If you have any questions about this group and if you would like to come please
contact Erica Douglas-Osborn (Educational Psychology Service) on
Erica.SEND@bury.gov.uk. Please also let us know any
specific needs we may need to support with.

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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

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