

NEWSLETTER

1st October – 5th October 2018

THE LITURGICAL LIFE OF ST MONICA'S SCHOOL

In this week's Gospel reading Jesus says 'whoever is not against us is for us'.

He says that anyone who gives a cup of water to a person in need will be rewarded in heaven. Jesus calls us to help those who are in need.

We pray for our school community that we may be inspired to make a difference and to share what we have so that all people may have enough.

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.



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.

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

ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance for the 17th – 21st September was 96.1%.

Congratulations to the following forms 7C & 9L who Achieved 100% attendance and will have a wear your own clothes day on Monday 1st October.

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.

PARKING

Please can parents ensure they do not park in the school car park before and after school unless it has been pre-arranged with the school.



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UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Y7 WELCOME DAY 2018

On Thursday 4th October Y7 Pupils and form teachers will be involved in the Y7 Welcome Day and Mass (6.30pm)

This is an important event in the liturgical life of St Monica's school.

The objectives of the day are

- 1) Pupils realise they are a vital part of St. Monica's school community.
 - 2) Pupils to understand that they are created uniquely by God as a gift to themselves.
 - 3) Pupils to understand in using their gifts and talents they are helping the community of St. Monica's to develop.
- The Y7 pupils will be off timetable all day with their form teacher. They will return home as normal, then end the day coming back to school for the celebration of Mass at 6.30pm in the Sports hall. All Y7 pupils, parents and form teachers are invited.

YEAR 11 NEXT STEPS

On Wednesday 3rd October year 11 students will have one allocated hour in the sports hall to talk to various colleges, apprenticeship and other providers about their options post-16. Parents are also invited to attend. Letters have been issued to all year 11 students and if you can or would like to attend, please return the attached reply slip on the letter.

Later that week, each form group will be shown how to begin the application process and all students will begin writing a personal statement for college or whatever their chosen route will be. All this information has been passed to students via form teachers and in year 11 assembly.

Mr Mullin – Careers coordinator

NEW ASSESSMENT SYSTEM YEAR 7 – 9

In order to ensure that all pupils are making expected progress we have introduced a new assessment system.

Further to the letter sent out this week explaining our new assessment system, we will be hosting an event to explain the new system to parents. This will take place on Tuesday 9th October in the Hub. Please attend at the following sessions: **Year 7 6pm-6.30pm, Year 8 6.30pm-7pm, Year 9 7pm-7.30pm.** Parking will be available at Heaton Park entrance 9 opposite the Hub. Letter attached for information

YEAR 9 B SAFE B COOL DAY

Friday 5th October is B Safe B Cool Day for all Year 9 pupils. Pupils will be off timetable all day and will be involved in a number of different workshops delivered by representatives from Bury Council, GMP, Fire service, HMPS at Forest Bank, Health education team and PREVENT.

PUPIL PREMIUM GRANT

This Government initiative is to provide schools with extra funding to help students from disadvantaged backgrounds. The principle is to allow schools to level the playing field and provide equal opportunities for all. Eligibility for the grant is based on the following criteria: children who qualify for free school meals; looked after children and children who were previously looked after, and, children whose parents serve in the armed forces. More information on this can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium-conditions-of-grant-2018-to-2019/pupil-premium-2018-to-2019-conditions-of-grant>

If you feel your child is eligible for the grant and would like to discuss this further, please contact Miss Farrelly or Mr Gill.

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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)

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.

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.



9K RAISING MONEY FOR MACMILLAN!

Cake sale Thursday and Friday, thank you to everyone who contributed.



LUCY COBB FASHION SHOW (In aid of Jigsaw)

Lucy Cobb will showcase their latest collections of clothes, jewellery and accessories, all sourced from across the globe. Their collections are constantly changing so there is always something new hitting the runway. They will provide a bespoke range of outfits, all at very affordable prices! Tuesday 13th November 2018. Radcliffe Borough Football Club, Stainton Park, Colshaw

Close East, Pilkington Road, Radcliffe. M26 3PE

7 till 10 PM (show starts at 7:30 PM)

£5.00 per ticket

To purchase tickets in advance please call the Jigsaw Office on 0161 253 6853 or email

jigsaw@bury.gov.uk <<mailto:jigsaw@bury.gov.uk>>

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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 code to do this, please contact 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. 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.

PARENT PAY YEAR 7 LOG IN DETAILS

All year 7 pupils will have received a letter detailing log in details for Parent Pay (distributed Thursday/Friday registration). Any pupils that were not in school on these days the letter will be posted home. For any further information please contact the finance office.

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 1ST OCTOBER

Year 7 and 8 Netball @ Home V Castlebrook approximate finish 4:30.
Boys Rugby Club 3.00pm – 4.15pm

TUESDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Year 7 and 8 Girls Football training 3:00 till 4:00 everyone welcome.
Boys U16 Rugby Vs Woodhey @ Sedgley Park RUFC

WEDNESDAY 3RD OCTOBER

Year 6 Primary school netball @ St Monica's.

THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER

Boys U16 Rugby Vs Oulder Hill @ Rochdale RUFC

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Ref: letters/school gateway comms

7th September 2018

Dear Parent/ Carer,

SCHOOL GATEWAY/SCHOOL COMMS

Improved text messaging system – and you can help the school save money

From time to time, we send information to parents via text message to your mobile phone. A new, free, smartphone app for parents is now available for download called 'School Gateway' for Apple (iOS 8 on the iPhone 4S or later, iPad, iPod Touch) and Android (4.0) devices.

If you haven't done so already please could you download this new app to your phone (it's free) as it will help us improve communication with parents – and save the school money.

The set-up process is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes:

1. Search for "School Gateway" in the Apple App Store/Google Play or on your phone go to www.schoolgateway.com/apple (Apple) or www.schoolgateway.com/android (Android).
2. Install the app and if you are asked then say yes to "Allow Push Notifications"
3. When you launch School Gateway for the first time, please select 'New User' and enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school. If this is not the same as the school has on file it will not let you activate the account.
4. The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you.

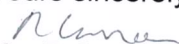
As soon as you've got the system set-up, all of the text messages we send you will appear in the app; you'll receive notifications/alerts as normal.

If you've recently changed your email address or mobile telephone number, please let the school know via the school email address: stmonicas@bury.gov.uk so we can update our records.

Thank you for your continued support with improving school systems.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need anything further.

Yours sincerely,


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