

NEWSLETTER

24th September 2018 – 28th September 2018

THE LITURGICAL LIFE OF ST MONICA'S SCHOOL

This Sunday Gospel reading (Mark 9:30-37) we hear how Jesus valued children and thought they were important. Jesus says that anyone who welcomes a child, welcomes him.

This week let us pray for all children throughout the world that they may be valued and loved and have the chance to build a brighter future in peace and unity.

God of love, help us to recognise the importance of all children no matter where in the world they come from.

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.

YEAR 11 GCSE STUDY SUPPORT EVENING: 'THE ROAD AHEAD FOR LEAVERS 2019'

As part of our commitment to driving forward academic standards, a meeting has been organised to provide information and support for parents of pupils in Year 11.

The purpose of this session is to provide information and resources for parents to help their children revise for their forthcoming GCSE examinations. It will also provide strategies for parents to help their children manage the pressure of examinations in this important year.

The evening will take place at St Monica's in the Hub on **Thursday 27th September at 6pm.**

ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance for the 10th – 14th September 96.6%.

Congratulations to the following forms 10G & 11C who all Achieved 100% attendance and will have a wear your own clothes day On **Monday 24th 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.

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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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 students, parents and form teachers are invited.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

On Friday 21ST September it is International Day of Peace. During form time registration pupils will have lead a prayer reflection.

The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on 21 September. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

This year's **#peaceday** celebrates the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: "The Right to Peace- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70." **#standup4humanrights**

An extract taken from the prayer reflection script – " Here in our school, today, with people all over the world, we are gathering together to celebrate International World Day of Peace. In order to do this, we gather around the person who brings together all the nations of the world as one family – Jesus, the Light of the world. Jesus said to his disciples, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. A peace the world cannot give; this is my gift to you."

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!

Monday 24 th September	P2,3,4	7L
Wednesday 26 th September	P1,2,5	7C

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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.

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.

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.

POLICE CADETS

The police cadets are looking for New recruits aged 13 -17 who live or are in education within the Bury Borough. Should you wish to receive any information please contact BuryPolice.Cadets@GMP.Police.uk

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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.

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.



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.

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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SPORT

NETBALL

Next Saturday (29th September) there is the Manchester and District Netball Tournament for Years 7, 9, 10 and 11. This will take place at Stockport Grammar School. Teams will need to meet at school at 7:45am. We will return to school at approximately 13:15. The Year 9 and 11 team will be defending their trophy won last year- good luck to all teams involved.

RUGBY

Monday 24th September – KS3 Boys Rugby Training 3PM-4:15PM
Thursday 27th September – Year 10/11 fixture vs Bury Church @ Bury 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.

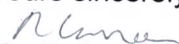
As soon as you've got the system set-up, all of the text messages we send you will appear in the app; you'll receive notifications/alerts as normal.

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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