

# NEWSLETTER

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## PARENTS EVENING – YEAR 7

Reminder to parents & carers Year 7 parents evening will be taking place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018. A letter will be coming to parents & carers via children for replies. Pupils are expected to attend with parents. Parking will be available opposite the Hub using gate 9 at Heaton Park.

## ATTENDANCE

Whole School Attendance 12<sup>th</sup> November – 16<sup>th</sup> November was 96.6%.

## 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 INFORMATION

### 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 runs every Wednesday at 13:00 in room 35. If you love puzzles and number crunching, come and see what we do. All welcome, no matter what your ability is.  
Bicuits provided. Mrs Melia

### TALENTED YEAR 9'S

Four of our Year 9 talented Maths students are taking part in Mathematics Master classes at Manchester Metropolitan University. They have already attended two out of six classes and have worked on some challenging mathematics' concepts. Students were chosen on their consistently high record in the UKMT challenges and nominations by their teachers. This is our second year in enrolling into this programme and we hope they enjoy the rest of the sessions. Mrs Melia



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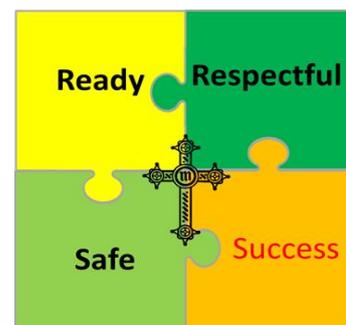
## SAFEGUARDING

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](mailto: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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## 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.

## 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.

## CHESS CLUB

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

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> November.

## 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

### MONDAY

Boys' Rugby Club 3.00pm – 4.15pm

### TUESDAY

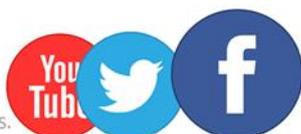
### WEDNESDAY

### THURSDAY

Girls' Rugby Club 3.00pm – 4.15pm

### FRIDAY

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# LITURGICAL NEWSLETTER

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## THE LITURGICAL LIFE OF ST MONICA'S SCHOOL

This Sunday is the last in the Church's year. It is the day on which we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. This feast presents a golden opportunity for us to make a new start with Jesus the Universal King. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus' Kingship is not one of political power, crowns and splendour, but one of peace and truth. He is not an earthly King- his kingdom is heaven.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for leading us in the way of truth to help God's kingdom of love to grow in our hearts, in our homes and in our schools. Amen



## SAINT OF THE WEEK ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

St Josephine lived from around 1869 until 1947. She was born in Sudan and when she was still very young, she was kidnapped and became a slave. She was treated very badly. Eventually she was bought by an Italian who lived in Sudan and although she was still a slave, she wasn't treated quite so badly. Sometime later, Josephine and her master went to live in Italy and this is where Josephine decided to become a Christian. She gained her freedom and became a nun. She was always happy to do the simple jobs, like cooking and answering the door and everyone in the community liked her.

Throughout all her suffering as a slave and her simple service as a nun, Josephine always showed enormous patience.

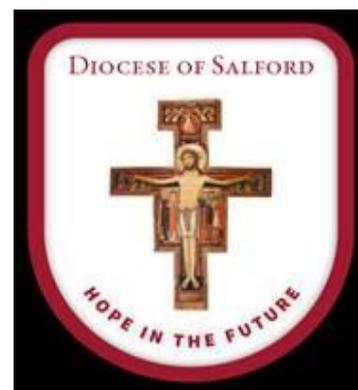
Reflect - can you think of some situations when you need to show patience?  
Why is it important to show patience?

## CHRISTMAS CARD WORKSHOP

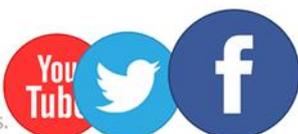
The pupil Chaplaincy Team have come up with a good idea for Advent 2018. They want to make, write and send out Christmas cards to members of our parish communities. If you have any names of parishioners who would benefit from a home-made Christmas card please email [e.allmand@stmonicas.co.uk](mailto:e.allmand@stmonicas.co.uk)

The Pupil Chaplaincy Team are starting a **CHRISTMAS CARD WORKSHOP** room 14 Wednesday lunchtimes.

We are asking for pupils to come along and make Christmas cards that will be sent out to the sick and housebound in our parish communities.



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