

NEWSLETTER

8th October – 12th October 2018

THE LITURGICAL LIFE OF ST MONICA'S SCHOOL

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus shows us that the Kingdom of God is open to everybody, to people of all cultures and backgrounds.

Jesus puts forward a child as an example of how to enter God's kingdom.

Why a child? Could it be a child's simplicity, dependency or a child's openness to God? God wants us to accept him and to trust him always to be there for us. God has a great plan for each of our lives, and we can discover what it is when we are open to God. Dear Lord Jesus, please help me to be more open to you by being kind and open to the people I meet each day.

Amen

NEW INTAKE EVENING/SCHOOL EARLY CLOSING

Open Evening will take place on Thursday 11th October 2018. This is to allow prospective parents and Year 6 to look around school. **In order to prepare for this event, school will close at 1.00pm. School buses will not be running in the afternoon so pupils must make alternative arrangements for getting home on that day. All Pupils will be provided with a lunch before leaving school.**

ROSARY CHALLENGE

Pupils are invited to the rosary challenge.

Meet at 1.10pm in the school chapel during October*

*starts Thursday 4th October

FORM TIME REFLECTIONS

Next week will be the start of form time reflections for Year 7.

These will be based in the school and led by the pupil chaplaincy team.

The theme is – Be Great #CAFOD

ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance for the 24th – 28th September was 95.9%.

Congratulations to forms 8R & 10C who

Achieved 100% attendance and will have a wear your own clothes day on Monday 8th 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

WEAR YOUR OWN CLOTHES DAY

Wear you own clothes day Friday 12th October. £1 donation given to Francis House. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for a school environment.

NEW ASSESSMENT SYSTEM YEAR 7 – 9

On Tuesday 9th October, there will be a short presentation for parents of pupils in years 7 - 9 regarding the new assessment system. In order for us to inform as many parents as possible 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.

YEAR 11 PARENTS' APPOINTMENT

Mrs Hainsworth and members of the Senior Leadership Team have invited parents of all Year 11 pupils to school to keep you informed of son's/daughter's progress and to identify targets for successful GCSE results next summer. All pupils should have received a letter providing details. If your son/daughter has not booked an appointment, please send them to the main school office to book in.

WELCOME DAY

On Thursday 4th October all Y7 pupils and form teachers were involved in the Welcome Day. The aim of the day was for pupils to understand that they are created uniquely by God as a gift to themselves. It is a team building opportunity with their form teacher and form group.

One part of the day involved the students being invited into the school chapel for a special prayer reflection design & led by The Pupil Chaplaincy Team. The pupils visited 6 prayer stations and reflected in different ways about their relationship with God.

The day ended with a large mass celebration to mark their new journey at St Monica's.



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.

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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)**

WORLD GIFTS CAMPAIGN

CAFOD have asked that we support their 'World Gifts' campaign again this year. There will be different fundraising activities up until Christmas to support the cause.

Each form will receive a box (Similar to a St Joseph's Penny) to fill up with any change that they have. The box does not have to be full but pupils will be awarded 10 Merits per box handed in.

Please send the boxes down to room 16 before half term.

The form that brings back the most boxes will get a prize each and more Merits.

STAND UP FOR CANCER

'Stand up for Cancer' Bands are for sale for £1 in order to raise money for Cancer research. Pupils will come round during am registration to sell the bands.

SCHOOL TRIPS

YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY ENRICHMENT TRIP TO LONDON 2019

Please see the attached letter from Mr Day regarding the London Enrichment trip in May 2019.

YOUNG CARERS

Please see the attached leaflet for information from Bury Carers.

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

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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 8th OCTOBER

KS3 Boys Rugby training 3- 4.15pm open to all pupils

TUESDAY 9th OCTOBER

Girls Rugby training 3-4.15pm open to all pupils

WEDNESDAY 10th OCTOBER

THURSDAY 11th OCTOBER