

NEWSLETTER

1st April 2019 – 5th April 2019

ATTENDANCE

Whole School Attendance from 18th – 22nd March was 95.8%.

Congratulations to form **7C, 7K, 9C** who achieved 100% attendance and will have a wear your own clothes' day on Monday 1st April. 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.

YEAR 11 PHOTOGRAPHS

Year 11 photographs will be taken on Monday 1st April, please ensure full uniform is worn.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

School will close at 3pm on Friday 5th April 2019 & pupils will return on Tuesday 23rd April.

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 club runs every Wednesday first half of lunch in room 35. Mrs Melia

BURY COUNCIL CAMPAIGN

Please see the attached poster from Bury Council regarding the 'ask for Angela' campaign.

AUTISM SPECTRUM NIGHT WALK

2 of our Year 7 pupils are raising awareness and taking part in the autism spectrum night walk, this is the National Autistic Society's biggest fundraising event of the year. Take to the streets and tell the world about autism with hundreds of other passionate walkers. If you want to support autism awareness please help autistic children and adults by doing a 5K, 10K or 15K walk.

Saturday 6th April 8pm

How to book your place – use the link below for more information & booking

<https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/raise-money/trek-walk/night-walks.aspx>



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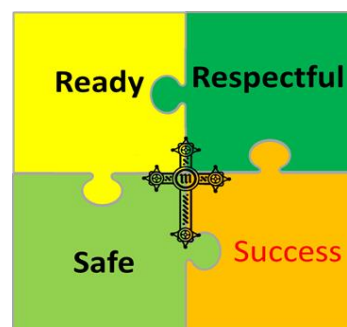
SAFEGUARDING

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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FOSTER FOR BURY

Foster for Bury, the fostering team at Bury Council are having a big push to recruit more foster families within Bury, to help keep children local. As part of the campaign, eight ambassadors, who are all foster carers themselves, have been recruited to attend community events, supermarkets, coffee shops, GP surgeries, and leisure centres to have stalls, put posters up, and talk to the general public about the benefits of being a foster family. Foster with Bury, the fostering team at Bury Council, are currently recruiting for all kinds of foster carers for children and young people from 0-18 years old.

You can foster, as long as you are over 21 years old, there is no upper age limit, if you are in good health. You can be single, married, in a civil partnership, or living together (as long as you've been living together for over two years). You can still be in full or part time work, but will need to be available for school runs if the child is of that age, and cover school holidays.

Foster carers are core members of the team around each child looked after.

If you are interested in finding out more, along with the benefits, and allowances on offer, please get in touch on 0800 9555 311 or visit www.fosterwithbury.co.uk

PROM DRESS SALE

We are holding a half price prom dress sale at the Holiday Inn in Brighouse, near Huddersfield on Saturday 30th March. The hotel is located just off Junction 25 of the M62 a poster is attached.

All dresses are half price or less with prices starting from £15 - we also have some lovely evening dresses and bridesmaid dresses if anyone else is interested in coming along!

FINANCE

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

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 via the machines 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.

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 – **please do not park on the pub car park**) 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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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

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. Security at school will pass on vehicle registrations to the police who park in these areas. A bodycam is worn by the security staff member on the gate for Health & Safety reasons and to help identify vehicle registrations that are passed onto the police. 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. Mrs Cannon

LITURGICAL NEWSLETTER

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THE LITURGICAL LIFE OF ST MONICA'S SCHOOL

The father in this Sunday's Gospel gives us a glimpse of God the father's merciful and forgiving nature. If we acknowledge when we have gone wrong, God is always ready to forgive us and to help us to forgive others. We are all part of God's family and no matter how many times we need to forgive or to be forgiven, God is there to help us.

This Sunday (4th Sunday of Lent) is traditionally known as 'Laetare Sunday'. Laetare is a Latin word that means rejoice.

Let's rejoice for the forgiveness which God our Father gives to us whenever we tell him we are sorry.

'It is by forgiving that one is forgiven' St. Teresa of Calcutta

Lent 2019

Time Out with God
1.15pm – Wed, Thu & Fri
Chapel
Everyone is welcome



Please see below for the liturgy assemblies taking place this week.

Liturgy Assemblies

Thursday

**P2 – Year 8
P3 – Year 9
P4 – Year 10**

Friday

**P1 – Year 11
P2 – Year 7**

PRAYER REFLECTION – LENT

Each form has been invited to lead a prayer time reflection in the chapel at lunchtime during lent. The Pupil Chaplaincy Team will set up the reflection and would be brilliant if pupils could attend and read. The forms invited next week will be

3rd April – 8G – Station of the Cross No 12

4th April – 8K&L – Station of the Cross No 13

5th April – 8R&W – Station of the Cross No 14

WORLD YOUTH DAY

Please find attached information about the World Youth Day taking place on 7-9th June 2019.

OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH MASS TIMES

SUNDAY First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am

MONDAY 9.15 am - The Annunciation of the Lord

TUESDAY 12 noon - Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY 12 noon - Lent Weekday

FRIDAY 8.00 am - Lent Weekday

SATURDAY 11.00 am Lent Weekday (Novena 10.40)

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*“His way of life is **not like others**’; the paths he treads are unfamiliar.” Wisdom 2:15*

“They have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it...” Exodus 32:7-14

“He will guide them to springs of water.” Isaiah 49:8-15

“They will build houses and inhabit them...” Isaiah 65:17-21

“The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.” Psalm 45

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“ HI I'M ANGELA,

ARE YOU ON A DATE
THAT ISN'T WORKING OUT?

DO YOU FEEL LIKE
YOU'RE NOT IN A
SAFE SITUATION?

IS YOUR TINDER OR
POF DATE NOT WHO
THEY SAID THEY WERE
ON THEIR PROFILE?

DOES IT ALL FEEL
A BIT WEIRD?

IF YOU GO TO THE BAR AND ASK FOR 'ANGELA'
THE BAR STAFF WILL KNOW YOU NEED SOME HELP GETTING
OUT OF YOUR SITUATION AND WILL CALL YOU A TAXI OR
HELP YOU OUT DISCREETLY - WITHOUT TOO MUCH FUSS

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Cerruti & More

DONT MISS OUT