

NEWSLETTER

4th March 2019 – 8th March 2019

ATTENDANCE

Whole School Attendance for the term 4th September 2018 – 15th February 2019 was 95.5%.

Forms with the highest attendance per year group throughout the term were as follows:

7C - 97.3, 8R - 96.6, 9W - 96.7
10B - 96.4, 11F - 98.2

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE

Pupils are encouraged to take responsibility for coming to school fully equipped. To assist with this, please note that the office staff will no longer be able to accept forgotten items such as PE kits, Food Tech ingredients, homework etc. Thank you in advance for your support.

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

ONLINE SAFETY - MOMO

Momo has been brought to the schools' attention, it is a character that is prompting children to hurt themselves or others by doing unsafe acts, usually by "popping up" during YouTube streaming. Please be aware of what children are doing online and ensure you have parental restrictions in place to ensure children are safe when on-line. If you would like any advice, please check BSCB twitter page or use the following link to access parentzone for information. <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/three-minute-briefing-momo-challenge>

GEOGRAPHY FIELDTRIPS AND ENRICHMENT TRIPS

Fieldwork Trips to Cleveleys and Castleton Y10 June/Sept 2019

May I please ask the payment for these trips is completed ASAP as I need to make bookings and payments to the coach company.

If you have any queries with regards any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me. Regards Mr Day

CHESS CLUB

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



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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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IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING THE BURY LOCAL OFFER. SEND (SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITY)

The SEND Local Offer is a guide to information about services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities. In March 2019, we will be launching a new and improved SEND local offer website. In order to make sure that we get it right, we are currently working closely with parents, carers, children and young people; looking at how to improve the site. We are discussing colours, fonts, imagery as well as the general layout, navigation and functionality.

We are also looking for parents, carers, children and young people to take part in the testing of the new site. This will take the format of focus groups and also online testing. If you are interested and would like to take part in the testing phase, then, please get in contact and send your details to either Matt Peluch, M.Peluch@bury.gov.uk or Janet Watts

J.Watts@bury.gov.uk.

BUSINESS REVISION BOOSTER

Please find attached a copy of a letter sent home with Year 11 pupils today regarding a booster session.

FUNDRAISING

There is going to be a cake sale in room 52 on Monday 4th March at break time to raise funds for a girls' rugby kit. Please come and support this great fundraising effort.

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

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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.

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. 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

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SPORT

Monday 4th March

Tuesday 5th March

Wednesday 6th March – Y7/8 Boy's Rugby fixtures @ Bury RUFC – 3:30PM

Thursday 7th March – Rugby Training @ School – 3:00-4:15PM

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LITURGICAL NEWSLETTER

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THE LITURGICAL LIFE OF ST MONICA'S SCHOOL

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus told a parable to his disciples 'Why do you observe the splinter in your friend's eye and never notice the plank in your own eye?'

Jesus is using parables to teach us important lessons.

Jesus reminds us that our true self is shown by our actions. Just as good fruit is a sign of a good tree, so our words and actions show what is truly inside our heart.

This Gospel reminds us not to criticise others' actions but rather to look at our own actions and try to grow in goodness.

Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to be good friends to our family, our neighbours and all who we meet through our words and actions.

Amen

'We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions.' Pope Francis

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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. Next week's forms invited will be

6th March – 7B – Station of the Cross No 1

7th March – 7C – Station of the Cross No 2

8th March – 7F – Station of the Cross No 3

PARISH ASSEMBLIES

It has been a tradition at St Monica's to welcome parish priests to come and speak to pupils from their parish. It is an opportunity for the pupils to be reminded that their parish is always open to them and an opportunity for the priest to advertise Lenten activities in their parish.

Assemblies are 8.30am-8.45am in the main school hall for all pupils.

W/C 4th March 2019

Monday – Our Lady of Dolours

Tuesday – St Bernadette & St Michael

Wednesday – Ash Wednesday

Thursday – Our Lady of Grace