



Newsletter

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Catholic Social Teaching: **Solidarity**

Solidarity arises when we remember that we belong to each other. We reflect on this in a special way at Mass. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth, the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognise Christ in the poorest."

Summer Newsletter

Welcome back to school and to the summer term, the final term of the year. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed eating lots of chocolate eggs.

Hopefully we will soon start enjoying warmer days and will see all children in their summer uniforms. Please do make sure that all children bring a labelled water bottle to school every day. We advise to apply sun-screen prior to the school day.

Medicine – some children may suffer from hay fever or other allergies; please speak to our Office staff if your child requires administration of over-the-counter medicine.

This really does promise to be a busy and exciting term. Class teachers will soon be sending out their class newsletters for you to help support your child's learning and also for you to know what lies ahead.

We are again looking to extend learning opportunities by continuing with class, whole school events and an extensive extra-curricular timetable! Full details will be shared in the usual ways using our newsletters and Class Dojos, so please keep an eye out for special and important dates.

We will mark the King's coronation with a tea party on Friday 12th May at 2pm. Parents are welcome to join us to mark this special occasion. Also on 23rd May, we will carry out our annual Crowning of Our Lady. This is a ritual celebrated in the month of May where an image or statue of Mary is crowned with a wreath of flowers and honoured as the Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God.

Birthday celebrations – we always like to celebrate with our children on their birthdays. As a Healthy school, we would like parents to please try and avoid sweet snacks but instead offer fruit or even better – donate a book that children can enjoy for a long time to come.

Our school website is being currently revamped and soon we will share it with you. Your feedback would be much appreciated.

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All staff have continued to be incredibly impressed in the way that the children have continued with such positive attitudes to their learning, constantly displaying such wonderful levels of excitement and enthusiasm.

God Bless.

Mrs Lenka Jallow
Head of School

Message from the Executive Headteacher

Welcome back to you all.

In the words of Pope Francis, 'Happy Easter! May you bring to all the joy and hope of the Risen Christ'. Let us remember Jesus was the Prince of Peace; The Servant King; the humble one who taught others how to live in the way we should. Jesus did not ask us to take up the cross as he did but instead to make small sacrifices to help others; to show one another love; to help those in need; to be selfless and give what we can to help our brothers and sisters. Mother Theresa said, 'We cannot all do great things, but we can all do small things with great love.' Let us remember this in our daily lives and never underestimate the difference a small gesture can make.

This term is set to be another busy one! Please do take the time to read the newsletters & check our school platforms such as Class Dojo and our school websites regularly.

Spring is always such a wonderful time of the year. It is lovely to have the lighter nights returning and the feeling that Summer is well and truly on its way. Please do enjoy this time with your loved ones and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Best wishes,

Mrs Ruthven
Executive Headteacher
St Monica's Catholic Primary School, Hackney
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Best Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to:

Class 1 for achieving 97.6%
(KS1)

BEST ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY THIS WEEK

Remember that attending school is a legal requirement so make sure you're on time and ready to go at the start of each day!

Wednesday's Word

Our Wednesday Word for this week, which links in with our Sunday Gospel is:

JESUS

"Each encounter with Jesus changes our life. Jesus is with us today! He is alive, Jesus is in our hearts."

Pope Francis

May – The Month of Mary

Many traditions in the Church have their roots in ancient times and the month of May is no different. For May we can look back at the ancient Greeks who dedicated the month of May to Artemis, their goddess of fecundity. The month of May was also significant to the Romans who honoured Flora, their goddess of bloom or blossoms. The Romans would celebrate "floral games" at the end of April ask for Flora's intervention to help all things that bloom. For Catholics and many other Christians, May is an opportunity to speak to Mary and get to know her better. We can read the Gospels discover her as the Mother of Jesus and how as a young girl, she too would have felt fear of the unknown, just as many of us are feeling right now. We can also look to her faith and trust in God, knowing that He walks beside us and will catch us as we fall, always helping us to get back up again. Mary's complete trust and obedience in God's plan for her is inspirational, for if a young girl about to be married can so completely and absolutely put her life in God's hands, then her example can bring us hope and comfort in these challenging days.

Why is May dedicated to Mary?

The devotion to Mary during the month of May started sometime in the Thirteenth Century and began as a way to encourage more non-religious practices to be replaced with more religious traditions and acts of worship and prayer. During this month, Catholics will offer up prayers and adoration to Mary both in Church and at home. In these difficult times we all need the loving care of Our Mother and it is important to remember that we can pray to Mary anywhere - through formulaic prayer or spontaneous prayer and meditation.

What can we do during May?

Pray the Rosary: In Fatima, Portugal in 1917, Mary appeared to three children and asked them to pray the Rosary to help save the world. Pope Saint John Paul II too insisted that everyone pray the Rosary for the peace and salvation of the family. Please feel free to upload your videos of you praying the Rosary with your family.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK!

"When the week begins, think of how you will end it. Start your week with joy."

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Assemblies will be held every last Friday of the Month

08– 12/05—KS2 SATs

15– 19/05—KS1 SATs

22/05 —Crowning of Our Lady

09/06—KS1 Ball

30/06—Summer Fayre

**3rd to 14th April 2023
Easter Holiday**

School re-opens 17th April

**29th May to 2nd June
Half Term**



Spanish Lesson with Mr Marcos—Spanish Teacher



School Uniform

As the days are becoming warmer, our children should come to school dressed in their Summer Uniform. Please ensure that you refer to the School Uniform Policy and if you require assistance, please feel free to speak to the School Office.

School Assemblies

Parents are invited to join us every last Friday of the month to celebrate children's achievements. The first Friday is 28th April and we will start 9am.

Curriculum

This is a very important term for the children. Not only will Yr2 and Yr6 be practising for the National Literacy and Numeracy tests, Yr4 for Multiplication Check and Yr 1 for Phonics Screening check, but we will also be consolidating and extending the work covered in the year, so that firm foundations are laid ready for the children's transition in to their new year groups.

Feast of St Monica's Mass

On Thursday 4th May, we will be celebrating our Patron Saint, St. Monica as a whole school Mass. It would be wonderful if you could all join us from 9:30 to help us celebrate this wonderful day.

SEAL

Welcome to the third part of the school year-Summer term. For SEAL we will focus on Relationships- The different kinds of relationships, the relationships between friends and how to nurture them so they grow. Changes-As it is time for transition- to another class or school, what to expect and be prepared for the changes that come.

An assembly on Behaviour for both parents and children is also in the pipeline so we all know our expectations.

Finally, the icing on the cake is the school trip for the winners of ClassDojo points, which we are all looking forward to.