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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of a fantastic half term already. Please find key information and dates for the upcoming events in St Monica's.

St Monica's Maths Day 2024

What a fantastic day today was. Our pupils and staff really got into the spirit of St Monica's Maths Day: there was a real buzz around this fantastic subject in the corridors and classrooms of our school. For some pupils, there can be a fear of maths at times, but days like today really empower pupils to see maths as a fun and exciting subject that 'adds' so much to their lives. Why not check out our [Twitter](#) feed to see some photos?

The overwhelming feedback from the pupils is they would like to make this a tradition, so keep hold of any t-shirts or headbands. We can have a donation system next year when we hold this prestigious event. Who needs Glastonbury?

Term Dates 2024/5

We now return on Tuesday 3rd September after the summer holidays. This is due to important staff training on Monday 2nd. Please see our term dates page [here](#).

Y3 Easter Pageant Date: Wednesday 27th March, 10am

Our date for the Year 3 Easter Pageant has been confirmed with Father Ged, it will take place on **Wednesday 27th March at 10am**. Year 3 parents and carers are warmly welcomed to St Monica's Church for this event. I was lucky enough to be invited to the Easter Pageant last year as a guest, and I cannot wait to attend as a headteacher. It is not to be missed.

Year 4 and 5 First Holy Communion Dates

Dates for our Year 4 and Year 5 Holy Communion Services have also been confirmed:

- Year 4: Tuesday 11th June, 10am
- Year 5: Friday 14th June, 10am

Families are warmly welcomed to both services in Church. We will host a nice celebration for pupils on the afternoon of both services (we will invite all pupils from the year group to take part). More information to follow in due course.

St Monica's Emergency Food

As part of our Catholic mission, we have collated essential food bags for anybody who may need some extra help over half term. These are available for pick up on Monday 12th February from 9:00am to 10:30am. Please come to the main entrance, our car park will be open. We will also have good quality used uniforms available, free of charge. We hope that this will be of some help to our families. We are all in this together, do not hesitate to come down.

Crossing Guard Update

It was Jan's final shift before retirement today. It was lovely to see so many parents wishing her well and making a fuss of her - she placed her lollypop behind the wall for the final time laden with gifts and cards. She knows I feel she is the best Crossing Guard around, but she still refused to postpone her retirement despite my pleas.

I have been in constant contact with Sefton about a replacement, they are interviewing at the moment but have said they cannot make promises. I will be a constant thorn in their side to find somebody, rest assured. If you know anybody who is interested in the post, please call The School Crossing Service on 0151 288 6153.

In the meantime, we will ensure we will complete road awareness lessons in school for our pupils, and I will remain vigilant on the roads outside school. If your child walks home, please take time to have a good conversation about how and where they will cross roads on the way home. It can even help to go out on training sessions for crossing roads (my son has been put through this!).

Have a restful and healthy half term, Mr J. Gouldbourne