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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support with *Jeans for Genes Day* this week. Together we raised a fantastic £350 for the charity. The children looked wonderful and engaged thoughtfully with the day, showing real understanding of the difference we can make as a school for those in need.



We have now finalised some key dates in advance to help families plan and arrange time off work where needed. While there will be further dates and information to share in due course, I wanted to get these key details to you as soon as possible.

<b>Parents' Evening</b>	<b>October 22nd/ 23rd - booking to be sent out on Monday</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Break up for half term on Thursday 23rd October at 3:15pm</b>
<b>Nursery Christmas Performance</b>	<b>Friday 12th December 2pm</b>
<b>Reception Christmas Performance</b>	<b>Friday 12th December - 10am</b>
<b>Y1/ Y2 Nativity Performance</b>	<b>Thursday 11th December 10am; 2pm</b>
<b>Y6 Carol Concert in Church</b>	<b>Tuesday 16th December, 6pm</b>

## St Monica's Eco Warriors

Our Eco Warriors delivered a brilliant presentation to the entire school in assembly today and inspired the whole school to become eco-friendly. Clara started by stating they didn't want to be Eco-Councillors but wanted to be "Eco-Warriors" - what a great opening statement!

At St Monica's, our aim is to help all children become eco aware and ready to play their part in looking after our planet. Why not start at home? Here are a few simple ideas you could try together:



- Teach your child which items go into the recycle bin
- Litter pick in the garden (if this storm dies down!)
- Take old toys to a charity shop to recycle (and make space!)
- Switch off to save energy: encourage children to turn off lights, TVs and consoles when they're not in use
- Walk or cycle short journeys: leave the car at home for quick trips to the shop or school if possible
- Clothes clear-out – donate clothes that no longer fit to charity or swap with friends and family

Our Eco Warriors have already been busy suggesting initiatives such as organising a parent-and-pupil litter pick in Derby Park and running a Christmas toy swap on the yard. With such brilliant ideas and initiatives, it's safe to say they are going to make a real difference this year.



## **School Council Elections Next Week**

Next week we will be holding our School Council elections. In each class, children who would like to become a School Councillor can put themselves forward to become a candidate.

Each candidate will be invited to deliver a speech to their class, explaining why they would make a good School Councillor and the reasons why others should vote for them. After this, the class will hold a secret ballot to choose their school representative. The results will be shared in assembly next Friday.



Why not talk to your child about whether they might like to stand for election? Even if they don't win, the process of preparing and delivering a speech is a wonderful opportunity to develop confidence and oracy skills.

## **Prayer and Liturgy: The Lost Sheep**

In Prayer and Liturgy today, we reflected on the parable of the Lost Sheep and thought about what it means for our own lives. We talked about how, just like the shepherd cares for every single sheep, God cares for each one of us. We thought about how important it is to feel we are important and we belong, both in our homes and here in St Monica's, and how everyone is equally important.



The children also shared ideas about how important it is to belong and feel equal - and how they can help others to feel welcome and valued.

*“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?”  
(Luke 15:4)*

**There is a Family Mass this Sunday at 9:30 in St Monica’s Church, followed by refreshments and a raffle in the Parish Hall.**

### **Weekly Attendance Update**

6M have won this week’s attendance trophy, which is lovely to see as Year 6 is such a crucial year. Well done all.

<b>Attendance Matters</b>					
	<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Overall</b>		<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Overall</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>95.56</b>	<b>96.96</b>	<b>3R</b>	<b>95.52</b>	<b>95.83</b>
<b>RA</b>	<b>94.67</b>	<b>97.71</b>	<b>4T</b>	<b>93.10</b>	<b>96.34</b>
<b>RH</b>	<b>90.67</b>	<b>95.20</b>	<b>4W</b>	<b>97.93</b>	<b>98.23</b>
<b>1H</b>	<b>93.57</b>	<b>96.35</b>	<b>5GB</b>	<b>95.48</b>	<b>95.36</b>
<b>1T</b>	<b>96.07</b>	<b>96.36</b>	<b>5M</b>	<b>96.55</b>	<b>97.20</b>
<b>2C</b>	<b>96.67</b>	<b>97.78</b>	<b>6L</b>	<b>93.79</b>	<b>95.78</b>
<b>2M</b>	<b>93.45</b>	<b>95.40</b>	<b>6M</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>93.96</b>
<b>3G</b>	<b>97.59</b>	<b>97.49</b>	<b>Overall</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>96.35</b>

### **Headteacher’s Hot Chocolate**

This week, a lovely group of children were chosen by their class teachers to enjoy hot chocolate as a special treat. Their teachers had some wonderful

comments to share about them, recognising their hard work, kindness, and positive attitude:

Hot Chocolate Winners			
Nursery	Rohan T for always being a lovely role model - he is always a kind and caring friend.	3R	Betsy P - fabulous effort writing an excellent setting description which was read out in assembly. Betsy shows great aspiration and determination everyday!
RA	Jasmine C for trying her best in phonics and showing resilience when learning to write her name.	3G	Louie J for super effort in Maths this week. Louie has tried incredibly hard and showed great resilience when faced with challenges - what a star. An accountant of the future.
RH	Teddie D for being a kind friend and helping another member of the class put their jumper on.	4W	Lula B for demonstrating a caring and thoughtful attitude in PSHE. She listens to others with empathy and considers how her actions can support those around her. A very caring and loving pupil.
1H	Francis S for showing aspiration and resilience when he is working - he has made an excellent start to Year 1.	4T	Callie Mai - for showing resilience in swimming and worked hard to learn. She is also an excellent all round sportsperson - she will score goals for Liverpool one day!
1T	Grace for always trying her best, making great choices and showing integrity. Well done for taking care in your writing and focusing on your presentation.	5GB	Harley - For demonstrating the St Monica's Mindset each and every day. Hard work and a kind smile - and an excellent writer. Harley will go fare
2M	Clara, for always demonstrating St Monica's Way in everything she does. She is a credit to our school. She campaigned to change the name of our Eco Councillors to Eco Warriors - the world needs more children like Clara!	5M	Hollie for showing a great mindset in her writing and demonstrates strong determination to get the highest levels. Her positive attitude and perseverance shine through in her work and brighten up the class.
2C	Matilda G- for beautifully designing the first page for the Bible and always having a kind word for others. A superstar!	6M	John S - a consistently positive young man. His approach to learning is excellent and demonstrates kindness and compassion in all that he does.
Miss Tohill	Iggy Gandziarowski (1T) For using all the skills he last learned in gymnastics lessons and club to perform an excellent sequence: everybody loved it!	6L	Isla S for showing fantastic determination in Maths. Isla is also a wonderful role model who always shows kindness to others. She is also an excellent Eco Warrior!

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Gracie M (2M) - for producing excellent work everyday - always with a lovely positive mindset and a kind nature. What a pupil and role model.

Thank you one and all, have a lovely and safe weekend.

**Best Regards,**

*Mr. James Gouldbourne*

**Headteacher**

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