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### Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school has been awarded the prestigious **Trauma and Attachment Award** this week.

All staff have undertaken training modules throughout the year, culminating in a full day assessment on Thursday. This award recognises that we have a staff base that understands any signs of distress and trauma in our pupils. Throughout this process, all staff have received training to support children with understanding, compassion and, most importantly, practical strategies to help pupils in need.



Mrs Fate and Mrs Hough led this award with real distinction. As a pastoral team, they are second to none. We are incredibly grateful for their dedication and the difference they continue to make to St Monica's.

### Celebrating our Y1 Pupils for completing the Phonics Screening Check

I would like to say a huge well done to our amazing Year 1 pupils for their tireless efforts in learning to read this year.

This week, all of the children have completed the Phonics Screening Check, and each and every one of



them should feel incredibly proud. Many began this journey in Nursery and have worked hard every day, both at home and in school, to learn their sounds and special friends.

The children all had a well deserved hot chocolate and enjoyed some lovely team building activities on the yard this afternoon to celebrate their achievements. We are very proud of you all, Year 1.



### **Y3 Family Assemblies: Pentecost and Light**



Our Year 3 pupils hosted their families today for two superb family assemblies.

3G celebrated the importance of Pentecost, when Christians celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the Church. 3R celebrated how our children can shine brightly and share their light with the world, just as Jesus taught us.

Both were lovely occasions and were very well attended by our families. Well done, Year 3.

## **Parent Meetings: Please Book in Advance**

We pride ourselves as being an open, welcoming school where families feel part of school life. We ensure that staff are visible at the start and end of the day so that children and parents are warmly welcomed and we are available to speak to you if needed.

However, if you have a pressing concern or an issue you would like to discuss with a teacher, please contact the school office to make an appointment. This ensures staff can give you the time, privacy and attention needed to discuss the matter properly.

For this reason, we will not hold meetings or lengthy discussions on the yard at the end of the school day. These times are focused on dismissing children safely to their families.

We also ask that all conversations with staff are respectful. Intimidating, aggressive or inappropriate behaviour towards any member of staff will not be tolerated.

We are proud of our relationships with families and this is a very infrequent occurrence in St Monica's, but please remember to book meetings in advance.

## **Miss Quick**

Miss Quick has gone on that wonderful journey of maternity this evening. Can I say on behalf of all the whole St Monica's family, good luck and enjoy every moment of the magical times ahead.

**Have a great weekend one and all.**

Warm regards,

Mr. James Gouldbourne

**Headteacher**

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