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Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day – Next Thursday

World Book Day is next Thursday, 6th March, and it is always a special event at St Monica's. Pupils are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character if they wish. Own clothes are acceptable, as many characters wear 'normal' clothing. Please note, pyjamas and football kits are not permitted. PE kits or school uniforms may be worn.

Staff will be on the gate on the day. Why not get a photo and make memories to look back on?

If you have any old costumes you would like to donate, please drop them off at the school office, as they are always useful.

On World Book Day, we have a range of engaging activities planned to promote a love of reading. One of these is 'Book Swap'—if your child brings in a book, they will have the opportunity to exchange it with another book to freshen up their library at home.

With the rise of streaming services, video games and digital devices, reading faces ever increasing competition for our children's attention. Our goal for World Book Day is to remind pupils that time spent reading a book is more fun and enriching than the other three combined.



Extreme Read Competition for World Book Day

We are running a competition for World Book Day. The challenge is to take a photograph of your child reading a book in a fun or interesting place. Please email your photos to finance.stmonicas@schools.sefton.gov.uk or tag us on Twitter [@stmonicasbootle](https://twitter.com/stmonicasbootle).

On Thursday, we will select three winners from across the school, each will receive a £20 book voucher. Mrs. Chorzepa has already submitted her entry, but I have told her, *"No teachers can win a prize."*



Scooters and Bikes

Pupils must not ride scooters or bikes on school premises. Once they arrive at the school gate, they should dismount and walk their bike or scooter to the designated areas.

At home time, pupils should walk their bike or scooter to the front entrance before riding home. These rules are in place to prevent injuries in congested areas, and includes Nursery children at the front of the school. Persistent rule-breakers will be banned from bringing scooters or bikes into school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Universal Breakfast Club

You may have read that St Monica's has been named in the Universal Breakfast Club offer from the government. In December, we did register interest in the scheme, but when the full details were released to us, it became apparent that it would be impossible to make it work logistically due to the number of staff needed and our early start for informal entry.

I will keep tabs on the scheme and if we can make it work as the initiative develops, we will certainly return to it.

Attendance Trophy News

We have had one of the best weeks of the year for attendance this week: 96.61%. This is even more pleasing as all classes start new topics in all subjects, so children get those key building blocks for the unit.

Two classes share our Attendance Trophy this week: Mr Lynch and Mrs Reardon - both whom finished the week with an amazing 99.3%.

Chocolate Whirled - Year 3 Visit



Y3 had a fabulous day at Chocolate Whirled this week. They learned where the ingredients come from, the detailed process of making chocolate and even made a variety of chocolate treats to share with their families.

They are now going to use this day out to inform their writing in English, where they are going to write explanation texts on how chocolate is made. Well done, Year 3!

Lent Assembly

In today's assembly, I spoke about the meaning behind Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent next week. Lent is a 40-day period during which Christians reflect on the events leading up to Jesus's death and resurrection. It is a special time of prayer and reflection.



Many of us also make Lenten promises. In assembly, some of our Year 1 pupils shared their Lenten promises: Shay's commitment to tidying his toys up and going to bed early was particularly thoughtful.

Teachers and staff also shared what they intend to give up for Lent. Personally, I am going to make a promise to not be on a digital device whilst with my children (unless it's for school!).

This is all in preparation for our visit to Church next week for Ash Wednesday, when Father Ged will administer ashes to pupils and staff.

Take care one and all,

Mr. James Gouldbourne
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