

10th November 2023

Links to the School Website – for up to date information about what your child is learning in school, PE days and ANY homework they may have

Step 1 Web Pages



Reception / Year 1

Step 2 Web Pages



Year 2 / Year 3

Step 3 Web Pages



Year 4 / Year 5 / Year 6

Well Done Miss Meyer!!!

Thank you for raising a whopping £1,785 for school!!!



Video and Presentation from the Maths Parent Workshop

We held a very successful workshop for parents all about Mathematical Development and how we teach maths in school. There were a series of presentations detailing what a CLIC session is and how we work with children on their wider maths skills through SAFE.

[Click here for the video about how we teach maths - CLIC](#)

[Click here for the video about SAFE](#)

[Click here for the full powerpoint presentation](#)

Things you might have missed from our X (Twitter) feed

Every Step posts at least once a week, clubs often post what they are doing and we post about any special events... it's very easy to follow us and keep up to date with everything going on!



St Monica's C/W
@StMonicasCW1

We are so proud of [#StMonsStep3](#) for their thoughtfulness and respect during today's Parish Eucharist. They made and presented paper poppy wreaths, and read out some really meaningful poems that they'd written for Remembrance Day.

[#StMonsSHINE](#)
[@LlandaffEd](#)

Parish
Eucharist all
about
Remembrance
Day



St Monica's C/W @StM... · 21h
[#StMonsStep3](#) worked so hard with Rosie to produce some videos using iMovie and Adobe Aero.

Check them out out, they're right outside the school!

[#StMonsSHINE](#)



Children in Need



We shall be celebrating Children in Need day on Friday 17th November. All children (and staff) will be encouraged to come to school wearing something spotty, all we ask is a small donation towards this very worthy charity, you can do this by bringing money in (a suggested donation is £1 per child) or...

[You can donate online to Children in Need via ParentPay using this link](#)

All children will be taking part in [the Joe Wicks Burpees Challenge](#) next week too!

Step 3 Girls: Wednesday 22nd November 2.30 - 3.20pm

Talk for Step 3 girls (parents welcome to a separate talk with Mrs Cuthbert) regarding puberty, periods and period dignity products. All girls in Years 5 and 6 will also be given period products to take home.

<https://www.gov.wales/period-proud-wales-action-plan-html>



**BALCH | PERIOD
O'R MISLIF | PROUD**

Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

**48% of girls in the UK
feel embarrassed by
their period***

*Plan International

#PeriodProudWales



**BALCH | PERIOD
O'R MISLIF | PROUD**

Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

**15% of girls in Wales
aged 14-21 have been
unable to afford period
products***

*Plan International

#PeriodProudWales



**BALCH | PERIOD
O'R MISLIF | PROUD**

Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

**A big-brand pack of 14
menstrual pads can contain
the same amount of plastic
as five carrier bags***

*Natracare

#PeriodProudWales

WhatsApp Groups for Parents

St. Monica's
STEP 1



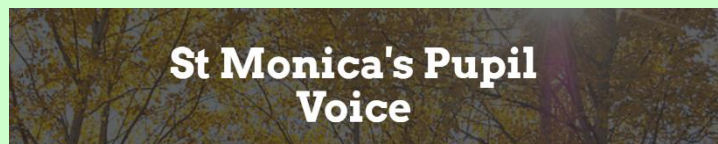
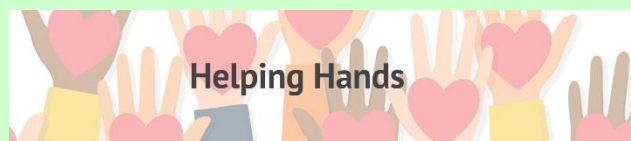
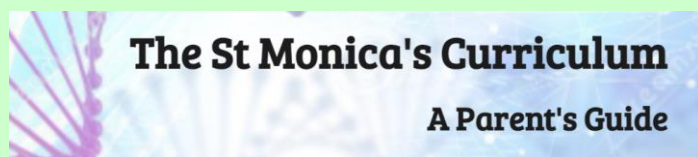
St Monica's Step 2-Year2 & 3
WhatsApp group



ST. MONICA'S STEP 3 GROUP
WhatsApp group



Weblinks to important parts of the school website – click on the pictures



Contact details for staff

We MUCH prefer a face-to-face chat rather than an email, however, we know that for some parents, getting hold of us at the right time can be tricky.

For questions about Parent Pay or music lessons contact Mrs Fedorova:

Jozefina.fedorova@cardiff.gov.uk

To make an appointment to speak directly with (or see) the Head Teacher contact Miss Williams:

Debra.williams@cardiff.gov.uk

To email the Head Teacher: [Mrs Cuthbert](mailto:Mrs.Cuthbert)

To email the Deputy Head Teacher: mrsmeakins@stmonicasschool.co.uk

To email the Additional Needs Co-ordinator: mrsogorman@stmonicasschool.co.uk

To email any teacher:

Step 1 Mrs Vaughan: mrsvaughan@stmonicasschool.co.uk

Step 2 Mr Wycherley: mrwycherley@stmonicasschool.co.uk
Miss Hampson: misshampson@stmonicasschool.co.uk

Step 3 Mr Thomas: mrthomas@stmonicasschool.co.uk
Mrs Irwin: mrsirwin@stmonicasschool.co.uk

We try to answer all emails within 24 hours, if your query is really urgent please phone the school 029 2023 3925. **To help preserve the family life of teachers, I have asked them not to respond to any emails outside of the normal working day or at weekends.** Most parents find asking the parent WhatsApp group for their child's year group really helpful too.

Dates for your diary

Mrs Cuthbert is not able to authorise any absence for term time holiday or any extended time away from school. Please do not be tempted to take your child out of school during term time.

<https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Schools-and-learning/Schools/School-term-dates/Pages/default.aspx>

Monday 13 th Nov	Tuesday 14 th Nov	Wednesday 15 th Nov	Thursday 16 th Nov	Friday 17 th Nov
Applications for new Reception (Sept 2024) accepted		10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship		Children in Need Day Spotty Dress Up / wear a spotty mask Suggested donation = £1, money raised to Children in Need

Saturday 18th November 11-2pm St Michael's Church Christmas Fayre

Monday 20 th Nov	Tuesday 21 st Nov	Wednesday 22 nd Nov	Thursday 23 rd Nov	Friday 24 th Nov
Universal Free School Meals start for children in Year 4	Y1, 2 and 3 to the Film Festival	10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship 2.30 – 3.20 Period Dignity – Step 3 girls, parents welcome	Y6 to Crucial Crew in Llandaff 4pm Full Governing Body meeting	9am Helping Hands at The Table
Monday 27 th Nov	Tuesday 28 th Nov	Wednesday 29 th Nov	Thursday 30 th Nov	Friday 1 st Dec
	9.30 Bumbles of Honeywood Y3 10.35 Mr Akrill for Worship	10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship		
Monday 4 th Dec	Tuesday 5 th Dec	Wednesday 6 th Dec	Thursday 7 th Dec	Friday 8 th Dec
	10.35 Jo Deeley (Highfields Church) for Worship	10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship 4.30 Family Film Night	2pm Step 3 to Parish Eucharist	
Saturday 9th December 10.30-1.30pm St Michael's Church – Messy Christmas				
Monday 11 th Dec	Tuesday 12 th Dec	Wednesday 13 th Dec	Thursday 14 th Dec	Friday 15 th Dec
Dress rehearsals	2pm Step 2 Christmas production	10am Step 2 Christmas Production 2pm Step 1 Christmas Production	10am Step 1 Christmas Production 2pm Step 3 Christmas Production	10am Step 3 Christmas Production
Monday 18 th Dec	Tuesday 19 th Dec	Wednesday 20 th Dec	Thursday 21 st Dec	Friday 22 nd Dec
		1.30 Community Carols at The Table 6pm School Carol Concert at St Michael's Church	10.30 Step 3 to Sherman Theatre to see Peter Pan 11am Steps 1 & 2 to Sherman Theatre to see Hansel & Gretel	Last day of term – no school for 2 weeks
<p align="center">Christmas Break – no school for 2 weeks Children return to school on TUESDAY 9th January Essential dates this year: https://www.stmonicasschool.co.uk/news/detail/diary-of-events-for-2023-2024/</p>				

Booking Lunches

Please could parents **book lunch** for their child the day before they need it – it takes up a huge amount of time each day for teachers to ask each child what they would like. Parents are able to book lunches and make menu choices a week in advance. Please do this using **Parent Pay**.
<https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v2/#/login>



Booking your child's meal is essential!!

Rev. Caroline would like to invite us all to the
St Michael's Church Christmas Fayre



Christmas Fayre

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

ALL WELCOME

SANTA'S DIARY
18-11-2023
VISIT ST MICHAEL'S
CHRISTMAS
FAYRE!

COME AND ENJOY A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY EVENT
WITH FESTIVE STALLS,
CAFE SERVING DELICIOUS REFRESHMENTS AND.....

SPECIAL EARLY VISIT FROM SANTA!
SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER
2023, 11AM- 2PM

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH
GELLIGHER ST., CATHAYS, CARDIFF CF24 4LA


www.parishofcathays.org

VOTE FOR US!!!



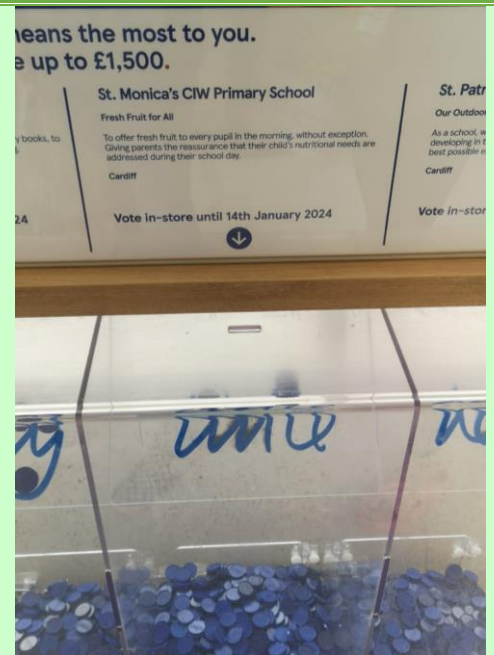
We are delighted say that our application to the Tesco Stronger Starts as been successful and our project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco

stores. **Vote now until Mid January 2024.**

St. Monica's CIW Primary School - Fresh Fruit for All

To offer fresh fruit to every pupil in the morning, without exception. Giving parents the reassurance that their child's nutritional needs are addressed during their school day.

All you need to do is pick up a blue voting token – in any Tesco store in Cardiff, and drop it into the St Monica's slot in the plastic voting station which is usually by the entrance of each store.



If you don't shop in TESCO...

There is quite a bit of hard work going into collecting blue TESCO tokens, however, there is a way to help St Monica's if you don't shop there...

Lidl now have an app called Lidl Plus. You get discount coupons, special offers and draws each time you scan your digital card at the till. I have been told that if you spend over £200 in a month, you then get £10 cashback. Helping Hands have made a great suggestion – **why not consider donating your cashback to St Monica's???**



How to donate to St Monica's

There are many ways you could help in school, the first step is to either:

- come to the monthly Helping Hands meetings at The Table, or
- join the Helping Hands WhatsApp group, or
- join the online Parent Space meetings held at 9pm once per month

We welcome any donations, whether they be:

- **donations of time** (become a regular walker for trips to the park, listen to children read, help with fundraising events)
- **donations of resources** (Step webpages will have resource lists of things they may need to help with a particular learning context or with things needed for Christmas plays)
- **donations of money** (to help support trips or special events in school)

If you would like to donate money – you can do this in several ways, either in an envelope into the school office, via our donate button on Parent Pay or by doing a sponsored event – just like Miss Meyer...

Donations Greatly Received!!!

Our donation button is active on Parent Pay – thank you to those people who have found it. Our new target is to ensure that every child can access educational trips. You can get to the link by clicking on the picture below, or by visiting the school website...



Another lovely invite from St Michael's Church



CRAFT
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All
welcome!

STORY
FOOD

Saturday
9 December
10.30am – 12.30pm

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
WHITCHURCH ROAD, CARDIFF