

20<sup>th</sup> October 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

**Physical Education**

All children need to change into different clothes for their gymnastics and sports/games sessions in school. We call these clothes their PE kit. Different clothes are worn to make sure that children can exercise freely, without restrictions and to ensure they are safe. **We do not allow children to wear jewellery** for obvious safety reasons – earrings should be taken out on PE days and any religious jewellery (if it cannot be taken off) must be taped down.



**Activities in the School Hall**

When children are in the school hall, we ask children to do their activities **barefoot**. This is important for a child's foot health and development. It is safer, healthier and helps to strengthen children's feet, ankles and legs when they do some activities without socks or trainers. We ask all children to wear **shorts and a T-Shirt**, they are not allowed to do gymnastics in their school uniform. Shorts allow a child to grip with their legs when they are climbing and don't get tangled in toes if they are jumping or crawling.

**Activities Outside**

Each week we also do PE outside on the playground or at the park or in Maindy Leisure Centre. We need all children to be wearing **trainers which can be fastened properly** so they don't slip off and a **tracksuit** or **sweatshirt with long sleeves**, a **T-Shirt** and **long jogging trousers**. We do not have a colour code for clothing, we just ask that it be suitable for the weather and activities children are doing.

**If children do not have the correct clothing and it is not safe for them to participate, they will be asked to sit out of the lesson and watch.**

# GAMES AFTERNOON



**TOMORROW**

2PM - 4PM



@ ST MICHAEL'S  
CHURCH,  
GELLIGAER ST, CATHAYS

**FREE  
ENTRY**

ALL ARE WELCOME

**COME AND  
ENJOY AN  
AFTERNOON  
OF GAMES,  
TOYS & FUN!**



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MUSEUM  
MATHIAS  
www.parishofcathays.org



REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

*Fancy your chances at Snakes & Ladders? Have you got the skills to conquer Jenga? Or are you clever enough to Connect 4? If so, our Games Afternoon is for you. All ages welcome. Caroline will be taking part in Twister as she is a past European Champion!! Entry is free and refreshments are available.*

## Step 2 – Space Afternoon

**You are invited to come to visit Step 2  
2pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
as they celebrate the end of their  
learning context all about Space**



## Parent Workshop

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 3.30 - 4.30pm**

If you would like to find out more about Mathematical Development and **how we teach maths in school**, please come along. We will be showing you what a CLIC session is and how we work with children on their wider maths skills through SAFE.



## 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.**

## 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!**

## Snack Money

We provide a daily fruit snack for each child in the school for **£1 per week**, this is subsidised by the school. Please can any payments be made via Parent Pay. Payment can be made either weekly or half termly and a reminder text goes to all parents each week – if you have already paid please do not be offended. If you do not wish for your child to have a fruit snack please let us know.



## 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



2023

## Children's October Half Term Activities Llanover Hall Arts Centre



### Monday 30th October

- 10am-12pm Little Artists: Pets, Family and Friends Autumn Walks Painting (5-8yrs)
- 10am-12pm Little Potters: Witches and Wizards (5-8yrs)
- 10am-12pm "Fireworks" Tie Dying (8yrs+) Please bring a t shirt or light clothing
- 10am-12pm Drawing: Autumn Wreaths and Spooky Characters( 8yrs+)
- 1pm-3pm Clay Club: Autumn Wildlife Animals (8yrs+)
- 1pm-3pm Block Printed Wall Art (5-8yrs)
- 1pm-3pm Halloween Papercrafts (8yrs+)



### Tuesday 31st October

- 10am-12pm Little Artists Halloween Magic -Painting (5-8yrs)
- 10am-12pm Clay Club: Ceramic Halloween decorations (8yrs)+
- 10am-12pm Ghost in a Bottle (5-8yrs)
- 1pm-3pm Little Potters: Halloween Pumpkins(5-8yrs)
- 1pm-3pm Haunted Watercolour (8yrs+)
- 1pm-3pm Aboriginal Dot Pictures (5-8yrs)
- 1pm-3pm Harry Potter Inspired Drawing (8yrs+)

### Wednesday 1st November

- 10am-12pm Clay Club: The Nightmare before Christmas Inspired Characters (8yrs+)
- 10am-12pm Little Artists: Bonfires, Sparkles and Fun Food- Painting (5-8yrs)
- 10am-12pm Creating Illusions (8yrs+)
- 10am-12pm Fun with Felt (5-8yrs)
- 1pm-3pm Sew Much Fun (8yrs+)
- 1pm-3pm Little Potters: Clay Cats and Dogs (5-8yrs)
- 1pm-3pm Dinosaurs & Unicorns Tissue Light Catchers (8yrs)



Let's Act Presents ...Halloween Tales!

Mon 30th October- Wed 1st November

10am-3pm Ages 8yrs+

Join us this Halloween for three spooktacular days filled playing drama games, creating new scripts and being part of a brand new live theatre show based around spooky Halloween stories!

Friends and family show on the final afternoon!

Children on all 2 hour courses will require adult supervision if they stay during the lunchtime

Please note we are unable to enrol any children under 5 years old.



£8.00 per 2 hour session  
Lets Act Presents course £50.00  
**Call now to book a place**  
**029 20872030**



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

**The St Monica's Curriculum**  
A Parent's Guide

Helping Hands

**St Monica's Pupil Voice**

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mrsmeakins@stmonicasschool.co.uk)

To email the Additional Needs Co-ordinator: [mrsogorman@stmonicasschool.co.uk](mailto:mrsogorman@stmonicasschool.co.uk)

To email any teacher:

Step 1 Mrs Vaughan: [mrsvaughan@stmonicasschool.co.uk](mailto:mrsvaughan@stmonicasschool.co.uk)

Step 2 Mr Wycherley: [mrwycherley@stmonicasschool.co.uk](mailto:mrwycherley@stmonicasschool.co.uk)

Miss Hampson: [misshampson@stmonicasschool.co.uk](mailto:misshampson@stmonicasschool.co.uk)

Step 3 Mr Thomas: [mrthomas@stmonicasschool.co.uk](mailto:mrthomas@stmonicasschool.co.uk)

Mrs Irwin: [mrsirwin@stmonicasschool.co.uk](mailto: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 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Y6 swimming	Step 1 and Y2 Designed to Smile – fluoride varnish Y6 swimming	10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship Y6 swimming <b>2pm Step 2 Parents – Space Afternoon with children</b>	11am Vision & Values GB meeting Y6 swimming 4pm Standards GB meeting 5.30pm Extra GB meeting re consultation	<b>9am Helping Hands at The Table</b> Y6 swimming
<b>Half Term Break – no school for 1 week</b>				
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Breakfast Club doors open at 8.10am		Film Club & Y6 to the Film Festival 10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship <b>3.30 – 4.30 Maths for Parents workshop (CLIC and SAFE)</b>	2pm Step 3 to Parish Eucharist	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov
<b>Applications for new Reception (Sept 2024) accepted</b>		10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship		<b>Children in Need Day Spotty Dress Up / wear a spotty mask Suggested donation = £1, money raised to Children in Need</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> 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	Y6 to Crucial Crew in Llandaff	<b>9am Helping Hands at The Table</b>

			4pm Full Governing Body meeting	
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>
	9.30 Bumbles of Honeywood Y3 10.35 Mr Akrill for Worship	10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship		
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>
		10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship <b>4.30 Family Film Night</b>	2pm Step 3 to Parish Eucharist	
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>
Dress rehearsals	<b>2pm Step 2 Christmas production</b>	<b>10am Step 2 Christmas Production</b> <b>2pm Step 1 Christmas Production</b>	<b>10am Step 1 Christmas Production</b> <b>2pm Step 3 Christmas Production</b>	<b>10am Step 3 Christmas Production</b>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>
		<b>1.30 Community Carols at The Table</b> <b>6pm School Carol Concert at St Michael's Church</b>	10.30 Step 3 to Sherman Theatre to see Peter Pan 11am Steps 1 & 2 to Sherman Theatre to see Hansel & Gretel	<b>Last day of term – no school for 2 weeks</b>
<b>Christmas Break – no school for 2 weeks</b> <b>Children return to school on TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>				