

29th September 2023

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. Voting will start in store from the **first week of October 2023 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.

Safety at the beginning and end of each day



I don't ever like to use the newsletter to air complaints, however, due to the very real risk to everyone's safety I have to raise this...

I have had several complaints this week, from members of the community about some **near-miss accidents** just outside our school. They have **involved St Monica's pupils** and are linked to how children have been **dropped off or picked up** each day. Please can you ensure that you always park in a safe place and look before you allow your child to open car doors. Younger children will need close supervision.

Children have also been running around at high speed on the school playground at the end of the school day, there was a bad accident earlier this week which resulted in a child breaking their arm. There are nearly 150 children (not including younger siblings) plus parents and family members. **There can be nearly 250 people all accessing the same small area.** Once your child has been dismissed to you, **please keep them with you at all times** and do not allow them to chase around the playground or to use their scooter or bicycle until outside the school gates.

The best way to come to school is to walk wherever possible – with the new speed limits in place across Wales, this should be even safer to do! We are a WOW Travel Tracker School, the challenge this year is for all children to travel sustainably (walk, scoot or cycle) once a week for a month – every child that does that gets rewarded with badges, a different badge for each month, there are 11 to collect.

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/wow>

THE BRITISH NATURE WALK



WOW

the WALK
TO SCHOOL
challenge

2023/24



WOW - THE WALK TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE

WOW is a pupil-led initiative where children self-report how they get to school every day using the interactive **WOW Travel Tracker**. If they travel sustainably (walk, cycle or scoot) once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that easy!

FIND OUT MORE

Cardiff Local Authority and Schools working in partnership

dyslexia

Awareness Award



Bronze Award

2023-2025

Awarded to: St Monica's C/W Primary School

On: Monday 25th September 2023

Signed (on behalf of Cardiff LA): *JEFrost*

By Cardiff Local Authority and Cardiff Schools

This document is available in Welsh / Mae'r ddogfen hon ar gael yn Gymraeg



Parent Consultations are on Monday 2nd October

This year we have given slightly longer time slots (15 minutes maximum) for each child so you can discuss progress on the targets set in the reports from June and talk about how your child has settled into the new school year. There will also be an opportunity to look at your child's books.

6th October - INSET DAY – no school for children

HARVEST 2023



Our Harvest Festival is on **Wednesday 4th October**. We are collecting for Cardiff FoodBank this year.

Please could any donations come in on Wednesday 10th October – Step 3 will take them to St Michael's Church for the Parish Eucharist and Harvest Festival on Thursday 11th at 2pm.

The Food Bank have a shopping list of things they currently need:

At the moment they don't need pasta, baked beans, tea, cereal or sweetcorn.

WE CURRENTLY NEED

SAVOURY SNACKS

UHT MILK (LONG LIFE)

FRUIT JUICE (LONG LIFE)

SPONGE PUDDINGS

TINNED POTATOES

TINNED FRUIT

RICE PUDDING

EASY COOK PASTA AND NOODLES (POT NOODLE ETC.)

TINNED CUSTARD

DEODORANT/ANTIPERSPIRANT

SHAMPOO & SOAP

GOOD QUALITY CARRIER BAGS



Fund Raising Updates

ALL Donations Greatly Received!!!

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

The Bake Sales have raised £260

I will give you another update on how much we have been able to add to that once ParentPay donations have been collected.

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.

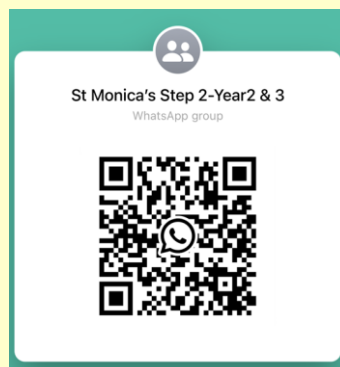


Helping Hands

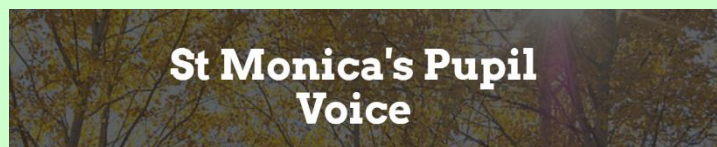
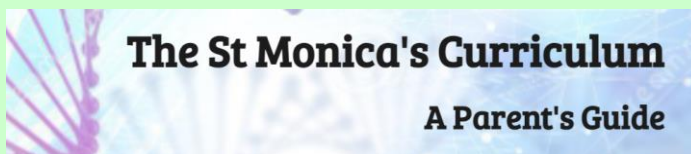


All minutes of meetings are available on the school website or following **[THIS LINK](#)**. There is also a Helping Hands WhatsApp group which can be accessed via the link too. Once per month there will be a group call within this WhatsApp group called Parent Space, for parents to get together to chat about ways they can help the school and each other. **The date for the 1st Parent Space is Tuesday 10th October at 8pm.**

Please join the Step WhatsApp groups, lots of parents are on there and they all help each other to keep informed and help answer any questions you may have – there is no such thing as a daft question on these WhatsApp groups – we've all been there with last minute queries that need an urgent answer!



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@stmonicasschool.co.uk)

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

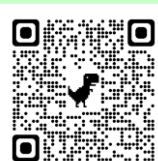
We try to answer all emails within 24 hours, if your query is really urgent please phone the school 029 2023 3925. **To help preserve the family life of teachers, I have asked them not to respond to any emails outside of the normal working day or at weekends.** Most parents find asking the parent WhatsApp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

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

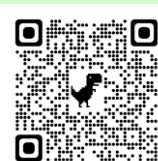
Step 1 Web Pages



Step 2 Web Pages



Step 3 Web Pages



Dates for your diary

Children have missed so much face-to-face teaching time already due to the pandemic and no one is sure of what may happen regarding future lockdowns or strike action. I will not 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 2 nd Oct	Tuesday 3 rd Oct	Wednesday 4 th Oct	Thursday 5 th Oct	Friday 6 th Oct
Parent Consultations Day	10.35 Mr Miller for assembly – learning a musical instrument	10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship – Harvest Collection for Food Bank Family Meals at The Table resume	2pm Step 3 to Parish Eucharist to take Harvest offerings to St Michael's Church	INSET DAY – No school for children
Monday 9 th Oct	Tuesday 10 th Oct	Wednesday 11 th Oct	Thursday 12 th Oct	Friday 13 th Oct
	10.35 Mr Akrill for worship 8pm Parent Space WhatsApp group call		4pm Finance, Premises and H&S GB meeting	
Monday 16 th Oct	Tuesday 17 th Oct	Wednesday 18 th Oct	Thursday 19 th Oct	Friday 20 th Oct
Colorfoto – individual and family portraits Y6 swimming	Y6 swimming	10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship Y6 swimming	Y6 swimming	Y6 swimming
Monday 23 rd Oct	Tuesday 24 th Oct	Wednesday 25 th Oct	Thursday 26 th Oct	Friday 27 th Oct
Y6 swimming	Y6 swimming	10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship Y6 swimming	11am Vision & Values GB meeting Y6 swimming 4pm Standards GB meeting	9am Helping Hands at The Table Y6 swimming

		2pm Step 2 Parents – Space Afternoon with children	5.30pm Extra GB meeting re consultation	
Half Term Break – no school for 1 week				
Monday 6th Nov	Tuesday 7th Nov	Wednesday 8th Nov	Thursday 9th Nov	Friday 10th Nov
		Film Club & Y6 to the Film Festival 10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship 3.30 – 4.30 Maths for Parents workshop (CLIC and SAFE)	2pm Step 3 to Parish Eucharist	
Monday 13th Nov	Tuesday 14th Nov	Wednesday 15th Nov	Thursday 16th Nov	Friday 17th Nov
		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
Monday 20th Nov	Tuesday 21st Nov	Wednesday 22nd Nov	Thursday 23rd Nov	Friday 24th 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 4pm Full Governing Body meeting	9am Helping Hands at The Table
Monday 27th Nov	Tuesday 28th Nov	Wednesday 29th Nov	Thursday 30th Nov	Friday 1st Dec
	9.30 Bumbles of Honeywood Y3	10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship		
Monday 4th Dec	Tuesday 5th Dec	Wednesday 6th Dec	Thursday 7th Dec	Friday 8th Dec
		10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship 4.30 Family Film Night	2pm Step 3 to Parish Eucharist	
Monday 11th Dec	Tuesday 12th Dec	Wednesday 13th Dec	Thursday 14th Dec	Friday 15th 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 18th Dec	Tuesday 19th Dec	Wednesday 20th Dec	Thursday 21st Dec	Friday 22nd 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
Christmas Break – no school for 2 weeks Children return to school on TUESDAY 9th January				



ST. MONICA'S PRIMARY
MUMS AND CARERS!

FREE MOVEMENT AND
COMMUNITY
BUILDING SESSIONS!
(NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED)

MESSAGE TO SAY YOU'RE
INTERESTED:
07456623617

11:30 - 13:00
MAINDY CENTRE

EVERY FRIDAY
(OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2023)