

SS John & Monica's Catholic Primary School – Bulletin 1

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Friday 11th September 2020

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Autumn 2020		Fri 23rd Oct Training Day School Closed	Mon 2nd Nov	Fri 18th Dec – 2pm
Spring 2020	Mon 4th Jan Training Day – School Closed. School Opens Tues 5th Jan	Fri 12th Feb	Mon 22nd Feb	Thur 1st April – 2pm
Summer 2020	Mon 19th April Training day – School Closed. School opens Tues 20th April	Fri 28th May Training Day School Closed	Mon 7th June	Wed 21st July – 2pm

A New Academic Year!

A very warm welcome back to all our children and families! We are so happy to have our children back in school and our school family together again after such a long time away. The children have already settled well into their classes have made a really positive start, despite routines being different. Thank you again for ensuring that your children are smart in their new labelled school uniforms and ready to learn every day.



You've Been Missed

The '#YouveBeenMissed' campaign is led by a partnership within Birmingham supporting pupils, parents, carers and education professionals to aid our children and young people return to school.

As part of the project, clear guidance has been created for NHS colleagues in primary care, along with families and carers to ensure appropriate resources, videos and webinars are in place to support children and young people. You can find our helpful resources, guidance and activities under the tab that is relevant for you, child or young person here:

<https://bwc.nhs.uk/youve-been-missed>

Over the next few weeks the campaign will be launching weekly themed resources and videos to support children and young people return to school: Anxiety and worry, Challenging thoughts, Emotions and Self-care.

Secondary School Applications

If your child is due to transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2021 you should apply for your child's secondary school place online at:

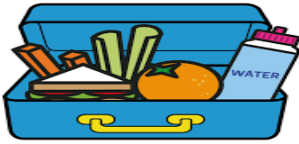
https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/apply_for_secondary_school_year_7_place before 31st Oct 2020.

Covid-19 Update

Parents do not need reminding about the recent rise in infections both nationally and locally. With Birmingham now on the National watch list and having the third highest case rate in England, we face some challenging weeks ahead. To reassure parents, the school is following all the guidelines <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools> including sending pupils home who display symptoms e.g. temperatures. A couple of reminders to help keep our school community safe:

- Please do not drop young children outside the school gate before ensuring that they have entered the premises
- Please do not congregate immediately outside the main gate, thus blocking access for other children and parents
- Please say goodbye to KS2 pupils outside the school gate, thus leaving clear access for all other pupils

An additional letter was sent home on Wednesday regarding changes in drop off and collection times next week. Thank you to all parents for your support and co-operation.



Breakfast Club

This will start Wk. Beg 21st Sept. Please complete the booking form sent and return to the school office. Please note, places are limited and awarded on a first come, first served basis.

School Food

School Meals - As per letter issued on Wednesday, we are making changes to lunchtime arrangement for next week.

Children will eat a cold lunch in the hall in their year group 'Bubbles,' as opposed to their classrooms. This change will allow any issues to be ironed out before hot lunches resume the following week (21st Sept)

Toast (Y3-Y6) - An email was sent out informing parents of the arrangements for ordering toast using our cashless system <https://eduspot.co.uk/> . This service will be up and running for next week

Fruit – If any KS2 child wishes to bring into school a piece of fruit for break time they may do so (KS1 given fruit under government's 'Free Fruit Scheme').

School Fund and School Building Maintenance Fund

We ask our families for a voluntary £5.00 (per family) per year contribution towards school fund. This year this money was used to purchase a range of resources, to enhance learning and the school environment. In addition to school fund, we ask our families to contribute a small voluntary donation (£5.00 per family) towards our school maintenance building fund. Last year's funds went towards a variety of school improvements such as new flooring in Rec/KS1 and replacement windows Thank you in advance for your support for our school. Payments can be made online via School Money <https://eduspot.co.uk/> .



Eco- Corner Parking Pledge

Please see attached our '**Parking Pledge**'. This is a commitment to parking safely and respectfully in our school locality. Keeping our children safe and contributing to a healthier environment is a priority for the health and wellbeing of all in our school and community. We ask that you would sign it electronically and return it via enquiry@sdtjonmon.bham.sch.uk .

C02 Sensor

A big 'thank you' to Mayla's dad for his donation of a Carbon Dioxide Sensor. This will be used to help monitor ventilation in the classroom by indicating the best time to open windows. In the current pandemic and with the colder winter months coming this will be an excellent additional asset to keeping children safe. If the trial proves to be successful, we would look to rolling it out across all classrooms.

Catholic School Pupil Profile

Our virtues for this half term are **Curious and Active**. We are helping pupils grow by encouraging them to be curious about everything; and active in their engagement in the world, changing what they can do for the better.



A Prayer for the New School Year

Almighty God

As we begin this new school year, we ask for your blessing on all who work and study here: Open our minds as we learn about the glory of your creation, grant us courage as we accept new challenges, and help us to play our part in shaping this community.

We give thanks for the opportunities that lie before us: for the people who help us learn and play, for friendships old and new, and for the support of our families.

Finally, we pray for all those around the world who do not have a school to go to or are caught up in conflicts. In particular we pray for the children of Syria and Iraq. Comfort and support those who suffer and give them hope and strength to work for a better future.

We ask all this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen



Mrs Jena – Retirement Collection

As you are aware Mrs Jena retired back at Christmas from SS John and Monica's after over 30 years of faithful service to the school. During this time, Mrs Jena was well respected and loved by many children and families who came through the school. Indeed, we still have family generations, parents and grandparents who often ask about Mrs Jena, having remembered her and the work she did. She is sorely missed by pupils, staff and families both old and new. To say thank you to her, for all the years of service and commitment to the school, we are organising a 'retirement collection' from staff and pupils. If you would like to contribute to this whole school collection, there is an option to do this via school money at <https://login.eduspot.co.uk/> Thank you.

Mrs M. Elliott – Head Teacher

Mission Statement



At SS John & Monica's, we learn through the example of Respect, Understand and Value each other.

HM Government

NHS Test and Trace

