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# Friday 14th January 2022

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Spring Term 2022		Mon 21st Feb	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2.00pm
Summer Term 2022	(Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> April Training Day School Closed.) School re-opens Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Thurs 21st July 2.00pm

### **Welcome Back**

We welcome our children and whole school community back to school and wish you all a Happy New Year!

After another challenging and difficult term, we hope and pray that the coming year will bless us all and our school, as we continue this academic year.

We are delighted with the way our children have returned to school, positive and ready to learn, despite being in uncertain times.

Our school and staff are here to work together with you to ensure the best possible outcomes for your children.

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

# **COVID Update**

- As you are aware Confirmatory PCR tests, following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result, have been suspended for anyone who <u>DOES NOT</u> display Covid symptoms. Anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/confirmatory-pcr-tests-to-be-temporarily-suspended-for-positive-lateral-flow-test-results">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/confirmatory-pcr-tests-to-be-temporarily-suspended-for-positive-lateral-flow-test-results</a>
- There is also advice on new 6-7 day Lateral Flow Device (LFD) isolation rules: <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/</a>

Please find attached a Covid-19 Isolation Flow Chart, which you may find useful and our school's updated Covid-19 Contingency Plan.



# Reading and Homework

- As you are aware, Reading is the most important part of our school curriculum and it is vitally
  important that we encourage our children to read regularly above everything else. Please encourage your
  child to access MYOn Accelerated Reader, Oxford Owl, ReadingExpress and any other reading materials
  provided by the class teacher that your child is signposted to. We are very concerned that children will
  easily fall behind with their reading and it is very difficult to access other areas of the curriculum without a
  solid foundation in reading and comprehension
- Homework is a very important activity, which consolidates and extends the learning happening in school.
  We appreciate the work that families do to support children with their homework and ask that you ensure
  that your child is completing their homework and returning it to school on time. Please note all homework
  (excluding Y6) must be done in grey pencil, NOT felts, ball pens or gel pens. If you wish to find out
  more information about our school policy on homework, please visit our school website:
  https://www.stjonmon.bham.sch.uk/parents/family-life-homework-extra-curricular

### Life Education

This week we have had a very special visitor from Coram Life Education. Each year group was involved in a workshop, which took place in their classrooms, with Kate and Harold the giraffe. Kate and Harold helped the children understand how to make healthy choices; including how to create a healthy lunchbox, hygiene and exercise. Also, they learnt how to build positive relationships and share feelings. Kate and Harold also spoke to the children about the organs inside our bodies and about what our bodies need to survive. The children had a fantastic time during the workshops and loved meeting Harold! If you would like more information about the work of Life Education, go to:

https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/what-we-do/

- Miss Geoghegan PSHE Lead





Attendance for Week 4th to 7th Jan – Well done to Year 6 – 97.5% Week 10th to 14th Jan – Well done to Year 5 - 97.9%

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
%	83.2	91.7	91.1	95.7	96.5	97.4	95.4
Attendance							
Lates	3	4	2	5	9	5	4
Whole School Attendance so far this year			ır	93.6%	School Target		97%



# **Attendance and Punctuality**

Although we are fully sympathetic to those who are not able to attend school due to testing positive for Covid, for all other children who are well, it is important that they attend school every day. Next week, we are holding an attendance focus week and those who achieve 100% will be put in a draw to receive a special book prize.

We are also continuing to give out our punctuality certificates for those children who are regularly punctual for school and ready to learn.

# The following children have been chosen for exceptional work and behaviour. Well done to everyone

Reception: Mrs. Riches, Mrs. Deacon & Miss Smith	Arjan & Ajeet		
Year 1: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs. Shaheen	Aryan & Keyaan		
Year 2: Miss Millar & Mrs. Tutt	Lina & Abbas		
Year 3: Miss Treacy & Mrs. Ali	Danish & Emilia		
Year 4: Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Catling & Mrs. Ali	Pedro & Whole Class		
Year 5: Miss McEvoy & Miss Hill	Hibba & Hasan		
Year 6: Mrs. Gray & Miss Hill	Bavleen & Vlada		
Mr. Ullah: Deputy Head Teacher	Sam – Rec & Whole Class Year 4		
Mrs. Elliott: Headteacher	Ava – Year 3		

### Catholic Life

### Virtues - Curious and Active

This term we will be focusing on growing curiosity and being actively engaged with the world, so our children can change what they can for the better. As a school, we help our children grow by leading them to ask questions about the world around them and to take increasing responsibility for their own learning.



## **Class Mass**

The next Class Mass is Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Jan Year 5 (2nd Sunday in Ordinary time) and Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Jan Year 2 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time). Due to Covid restrictions, unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate parents at this time, but will keep you updated.

# Peace Sunday – 16 January 2022

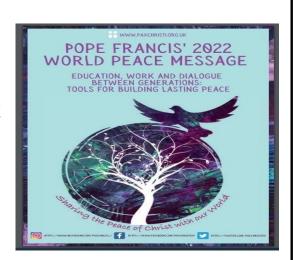
Theme of Pope Francis' World Peace Day: Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace.

# Loving God,

We pray for your peace in our homes, in our school, and in our hearts.

We pray that by learning and working together we may become peacemakers, spreading your peace throughout the world.

Amen



# **Wednesday Word**

Please find the link for this week's **Wednesday Word** which shares Sundays Gospel with parents and families.

https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/change?pid=MTA101634&v=4.4

### **Ten Ten Parent Newsletter**

The following link takes you to the Parents newsletter for January. <a href="https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/">https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/</a>

### Parish of SS John and Martin

Please click on the following to access Mass times and the current SS John and Martin parish newsletter. http://www.ssjohnandmartin.org.uk/newsletter.htm

# **Polite Notice**

We are still operating a one-way system for dropping off and collecting children. This is never so important as now, when covid-19 cases in school and outside are so high. May we politely remind everyone to be courteous to others and stand back away from doors Rec/Y1/Y2, to allow parents through. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Mrs. M. Elliott - Head Teacher

# Mission Statement

