



Friday 14th May 2021

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Summer 2021		Fri 28 th May Training Day School Closed	Mon 7 th June	Wed 21 st July – 2pm
Autumn Term 2021	Thurs 2 nd /Fri 3 rd Sept School Closed for Training Days. School re-opens for children Mon 6 th Sept	Mon 25 th - Fri 29 th Oct	Mon 1 st Nov	Fri 17 th Dec

COVID-19

Restrictions from 17th May

The planned Roadmap Step 3 easements will go ahead on Monday 17th May, the Prime Minister has confirmed. From Monday 17th May:

- Up to 6 people or 2 households will be able to meet indoors and up to 30 people outdoors
- Indoor hospitality can reopen and indoor entertainment can resume, including cinemas, museums, and children's play areas.

Close contact continues to carry a risk of catching or spreading COVID-19, and people must consider the risk to themselves and to others. COVID-secure rules remain for the workplace and businesses, such as in shops and hospitality.

Lateral Flow Tests

Last week, NHS Test and Trace reintroduced confirmatory PCR testing for any positive lateral flow device tests conducted at all assisted testing sites, including schools. This means that all staff, pupils and family members who get a positive LFD test should get a confirmatory PCR. The PCR test should be booked immediately either online <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/> or by calling 119 and should be undertaken within 2 days. Staff, students and pupils who had a positive LFD test result, and their close contacts and other members of their household, should self-isolate immediately in line with NHS Test and Trace guidance while awaiting the PCR result. If the PCR test is negative, it overrides the LFD test and the staff, pupil or student can return to school or college, and their close contacts can end their self-isolation. **All existing protective measures set out in the guidance remain important and the need to be followed. We are aware of families within our school community who are still having family member testing positive for Covid-19. For that reason, we must still be vigilant.**

Parent Governor Election

We would like to thank our whole school community for supporting this election and we are delighted to announce our newly elected parent governors. We welcome Mrs Hall (parent of Aisha Rec and Laiq Y2) and Mrs Elliston (parent of Bobby Y1) as parent governors and wish them well in their role. We would like to say 'thank you' to Mrs Phillips (parent of Arlo Y2 and Felicity Y4) and Mrs Uhbi (parent of Tegh Y4), who have completed their term of office for all their contributions to the governing body of SS John and Monica School.



Reception Places September 2021

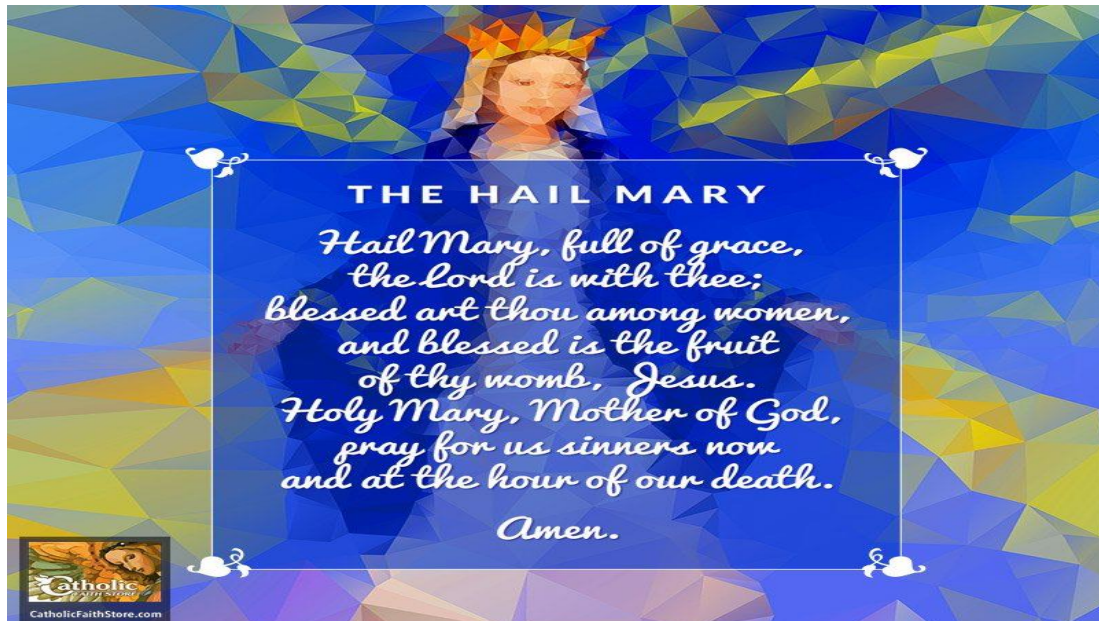
We have a few places available for Reception class for Sept 2021. If you are aware of any family who requires a place for their child for September, we would be grateful if you could direct them to the school office.

We also have places available in the following classes: Y3 – 1 place & Y4 – 2 places.

Catholic Life

May is the Month of Mary

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The practice of honouring Mary, Queen of Heaven during the entire month of May is something that we can share as a Catholic community.



First Holy Communion Programme

Our First Holy Communion Programme is as follows:

Tues 25 th May	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Y3/Y4 Pupils)
Tues 8 th June	Final Preparations Parent's Meeting
Sat 19 th June	Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sat 26 th June	Sacrament of Holy Communion

Please pray for our children and families as they continue on their journey of faith.

Wednesday Word

Please find the link for this week's *Wednesday Word*

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

TenTen Parents Newsletter - May

Please click on the following link to access the TenTen Parent's newsletter for May:

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/REapS6cTFMjHG/>

Catholic School's Profile - Compassionate and loving

This half term, as part of our Catholic School Pupil Profile, we are talking to the children at SS John and Monica's about what it means to be compassionate and loving.

Compassionate: We are compassionate when we feel sympathy and concern for other people who are in difficulty, whether they are near to us or far away.

Loving: We are loving when we show our sympathy and concern for other people by our actions and by our words





The Big Ask

This is the largest ever survey being conducted of children and young people in England. The government will use results of this survey to inform them about what children think and need to live happier lives.

We have been talking to the children about this and completing the survey with our KS2 children. We encourage all parents to access this survey and talk to your children about it. Rec/and KS1 parents can complete it with their children on-line. It is important that all children's voices are heard.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Pupil Questionnaire

Please find attached our recent Pupil Questionnaire. Following an analysis of results, we aim to action the following:

- Class teachers to follow up any individual concerns with specific pupils
- As well as Anti-Bullying week, incorporate a revisit of this theme each term
- Where the curriculum allows, plan in some additional work on keeping healthy e.g. healthy foods and exercise

Rewards

Reading Eggs Well done to **Anna** - Rec and **Bavleen** - Year 5 who are regularly accessing Reading Eggs/Express and working hard through the programme!

Mathletics

Well done to **Hafsa** - Year 1 and **Chitrani** - Year 4 for regularly accessing Mathletics and working hard through the programme!

MyOn

Well done to **Abbas** - Year 1, **Ayden** - Year 2, **Khadija** - Year 3, **Ono** - Year 4, **Angela** - Year 5 and **Jesse-John** - Year 6 who have worked hard to read lots of books on MyOn.



School Mission Policy

We have spent some time updating our school Mission Policy. As part of this policy review, we wanted to ensure that our children were able to contribute. For this reason, we held a SS John and Monica Acrostic Poetry competition for our children. The following children were awarded certificates for their brilliant efforts: **Iris, Hafsa & Lina -Y1, Sakina – Y2, Argun, Milaan, Areeba, Serena & Klareece – Y3, Taio, Yanet, Hibba, Aleks & Chitrani – Y4, Mark & Mariam – Y5, Foz & Jesse-John – Y6**. The winning, chosen Acrostic poem, however, was written by **Hafsah Y4.....**Well done to Hafsah! Hafsah received a special prize of a book, a certificate and a SS John and Monica school pen and pencil. Her winning poem is featured in our revised Mission Policy which is attached.



House Points

Well done to St David's House for having the highest house point total for this week! Well done!

St Andrew 877 St David 904
St George 707 St Patrick 755

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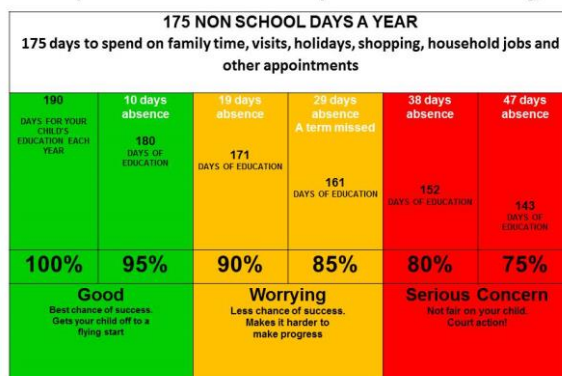
Attendance

We have noticed an increase in the number of children who are falling into the **persistent absence category** of attendance, below 90% and this is a concern. If your child currently has attendance below 90%, it is very important that they attended school every day for the remainder of the academic year, in order to move above this figure and catch up with any lost learning. If your child's absence is below 90% and you wish to discuss this, please contact myself or Mr Ullah – we are here to support you with anything regarding school attendance.

Please be aware that only 1 day can be authorised for Eid Celebrations.

Thank you to all those children who are in school, on time, every day. We are working hard to ensure that our end of attendance target of 97% is achieved.

Days off school add up to lost learning



Attendance for: Week 4th to 7th May – Well done to Reception & Year 5 – 98.3%
Week 10th to 14th May – Well done to Year 1 - 86%

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	90%	91.1%	87.4%	85%	88.5%	89.6%	86.9%
Lates	10	5	7	10	2	4	4
Whole School Attendance so far this year			95.6%		School Target		97%

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

Reception: Mrs. Sparrow & Mrs. Hodges	Dawud & Kai'ron
Year 1: Miss Millar & Mrs. Reed	Izabelle & Wisam
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Miss McKeown	Jayden & Imaan
Year 3: Miss Treacy & Mrs. Ali	Amin & Mae
Year 4: Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Catling & Mrs. Ali	Miya & Aayan
Year 5: Miss McEvoy & Miss Hill	Angela & Hessa
Year 6: Mrs. Gray & Miss Hill	Alima & Foz
Mr. Ullah: Deputy Head Teacher	Ariana – Year 6 & Arlo - Year 2
Mrs. Elliott: Head Teacher	Jesse-John & Foz – Year 6 & Whole Class Year 3 & 4

Community

From Birmingham With Love

'From Birmingham with love' is a range of help for all families and children in Birmingham. It includes help with food, finances, parenting, drug and alcohol abuse, bereavement, domestic violence and mental health. Here is a video explaining the 'From Birmingham With Love' offer: https://youtu.be/KI_xyNB598MxyNB598M

Families can also visit the 'From Birmingham with Love' website to find help for themselves or you can get in touch with the local team who can help to find the support they need with food, fuel and family support, including parenting advice. https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50224/birmingham_children_s_partnership/2218/from_birmingham_with_love

Please find the following further community information attached:

- Hall Green Families Newsletter
- IT User Skills Training
- Brandwood Centre Training Courses
- Jump Start Activity Dates
- Small Heath Community Forum Support
- Springfield Pantry



Breakfast Club

Please remember to pre-book with the school office before sending your child to Breakfast Club. We do have a limit on numbers and need to know in advance which days your child will be attending. Thank you.



Please note the school will be closed to all pupils on Friday 28th May due to Staff Training. It will reopen again to pupils, after half term, on Monday 7th June.

Eid Mubarak 2021 wishes to all our families at SS John and Monica School.



Stay well and Keep Safe
Mrs. M. Elliott - Head Teacher

Mission Statement



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