

SS John & Monica's Catholic Primary School – Bulletin 19

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Friday 16th July 2021

| Term | Start | Half Term | Reopens | Term Ends |
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| Summer 2021 | | | | Wed 21st July Rec – 1.30pm Y2 & Y4 - 1.40pm Y1 & Y5 – 1.50pm Y3 & Y6 – 2.00pm |
| 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 |

Please note that school finishes on Wednesday 21st July– Rec 1.30pm, Y2 & Y4 1.40pm, Y1 & Y5 1.50pm, Y3 & Y6 2pm.

COVID-19

As you are aware, there have been some recent announcements from the Government regarding the Step 4 Road map and schools. This information can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

We are currently in the process of working through government guidelines and plans for September, being mindful that currently rates in Moseley have increased significantly to 356 per 100,000 and 371 in Birmingham as a whole.

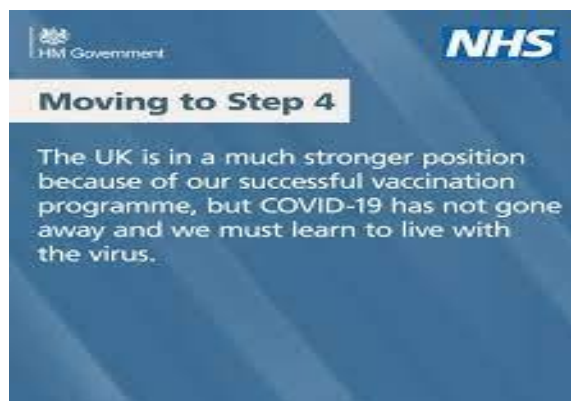
Our aim is to get things as back to relative normal and as soon as we possibly can e.g. start/finish times, mixing 'Bubbles', timetables etc. We are mindful, however, that some measures may have to stay in place. We will also be working with public health should there be cases or an outbreak in school.

We are very keen to reinstate some of the things we have been unable to do over the last year or so. We recognise that it will be a period of adjustment for our children and us all, as we move to a 'new normal'. We will keep you fully informed about return to school arrangements. Please ensure that you read emails prior to this on 2nd and 3rd Sept before children return on 6th Sept.

Recent information has indicated that **Covid symptoms for many children include a runny nose, sore throat, cough and 'cold like' symptoms.** If your child has any of these symptom at this time when the variant is spreading so rapidly, please take your child for a PCR test at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

FSM Vouchers

FSM vouchers will be issued over the summer holidays for 4 weeks. This voucher scheme will be funded through the government's COVID Local Support Grant. For Reception to Year 6 each voucher code is worth £60. You need to look out for an email with regards to redeeming your voucher, which will be emailed out the week of the 12th July. Please contact the school office if your email has changed.



Catholic Life

Fr Mario's Visit to Reception

Reception class had a lovely visit this week from Fr Mario, our parish Priest, who talked to the children all about himself and the important role he has in helping others. The children had chance to ask lots of questions and do some follow-up work. In the new academic year, Fr Mario will be coming into school regularly, to say Mass and talk to children in all classes.



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>

Parish of SS John and Martin

Please click on the following to access Mass times and the current SS John and Martin parish newsletter.

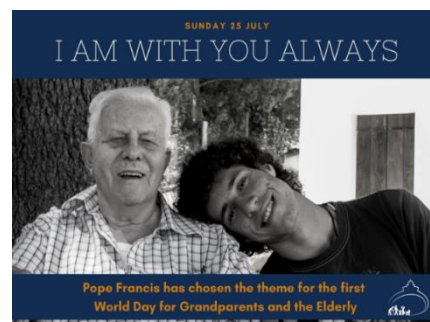
<http://www.ssjohnandmartin.org.uk/newsletter.htm>

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

A world day is being held for Grandparents and the elderly on 25th July. This day is being celebrated the day before the feast day of Ss. Joachim and Anne (the Grandparents of Our Lord). Grandparents often play a key role in the faith development of their grandchildren and are very important part of our families.

A message from the Holy Father, Cardinal Vincent and some special prayers for

grandparents can be found here <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-day-grandparents-elderly-2021/> and here <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly>



Wow Walk to School Hall of Fame

Friday marked the end of the WOW Walk of Fame Challenge and what a fantastic week it has been! There were 20,055 pupils taking part across Birmingham and more than 30,023 active travel journeys recorded on Travel Tracker!

DRUMROLL.....

The list below shows the top ten schools in Birmingham and we are delighted to have achieved 3rd place!

| Position | School Name |
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| 1st | Ark Kings Academy |
| 2nd | Walmley Infant School |
| 3rd | St John and Monica Catholic Primary School |
| 4th | St Benedict's Primary School |
| 5th | St Joseph's Catholic Primary School |
| 6th | Woodthorpe Junior and Infant School |
| 7th | St Brigid's Catholic Primary School |
| 8th | Chad Vale Primary School |
| 9th | Lea Forest Primary Academy |
| 10th | Brownmead Primary Academy |



Thank you to Miss Geoghegan for leading this initiative and everyone who is trying hard to walk all or part of the way to school.

We are looking forward to receiving our limited-edition certificate!

Skills Builder Challenge Day

We held a Skills Builder Challenge Day on Wed 14th July entitled 'Game On!', with a theme of sportsmanship and why we have rules in sport. The skills focus for this day was staying positive, creativity and aiming high, all very important life skills to develop. A big 'Thank you' to Miss Treacy for leading this day. Go to [twitter@SS JohnMonicas](https://twitter.com/SSJohnMonicas) to find out about the challenges children took part in on the day!



Fundraising

Thank you to Mrs Santra (Serena's mom), Mr Short (Ivo's dad) and the Fundraising Committee for organising the end of term events, including the Euro Flag Hunt, Bingo and planned non-uniform on the last day of the term Wednesday 21st July. The amounts raised are as follows:

Bingo - £112.20

Euro School Flag Hunt - £225.60

Non Uniform - £129.20

Giving a grand total of £467.00, which will go towards purchasing new school resources.

A huge 'Thank you' to everyone who contribute to these events!

Rewards

We held an end of year virtual celebratory assembly this morning. As well as our usual weekly golden book certificates, there were also certificates awarded for the following areas: Achievement Award, PE and Sports, Reading, Writing, Maths, RE, Geography, History, Art and PSHE. Well done to all those who received a certificate!

The following children have been chosen by their class teachers for regularly accessing the following educational programmes:

| Year group | MyOn | Mathletics | Reading |
|------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Year 1 | Abbas | Hafsa | Maxwell |
| Year 2 | Danish | Preet | Inaya |
| Year 3 | Pedro | Areeba | Serena |
| Year 4 | Tegh | Hawwa | Amaad |
| Year 5 | Ali | Amanda | Yusuf |
| Year 6 | Jesse-John | Seraj | Benjamin |

House Points

Well done to St Andrew's House for having the highest house point total for the end of this year! The House captain from Year 6 was presented with the House Point trophy on behalf of St David's House. The final overall House point totals for the year were as follows:

St David 1238 St Andrew 1090

St George 979 St Patrick 924



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New School Furniture

We have very pleased to have been able to purchase new desks and chairs across the school, ready for next academic year. This has improved our classroom environments tremendously and the children are delighted with them!



Attendance

Unfortunately, this year we fell short of achieving our end of year attendance target. We had been expecting this, due to the challenging circumstances we have all had to face this year. All schools are judged on their attendance and next year attendance and punctuality will continue to be a focus on our school improvement plan. We hope that disruption will be minimal and we will be able to achieve our end of year target of 97%.

Well done to Year One who achieved the highest class attendance total for this academic year with 97.6%!

Well done to the following children who have 100% for this academic year (up to 13/07/21) - a brilliant achievement!

Rec – Luca, Yoel, Dan, Leo & Rafael.

Y1 – Jonah, Aria, Bobby & Ethan.

Y2 – Sam, Callum, Zachary, Emilia, Ojaswithaa & Ava.

Y3 – Argun, Fleur, Vincent, Milaan, Jeremie & Pedro.

Y4 – Maisie, Felicity, Ranell, Ono, Tegh & Eliza.

Y5 – Angela, Johanna, Jessica, Jeremiah, Amanda, Lucas & Hessa.

Y6 – Eve, Shaniya, Benjamin, Jack & Mariatou.

With Eid al-Adha being celebrated next week, please note authorisation for this celebration will only be one day. Thank you.

Attendance for: Week 5th to 9th July – Well done to Year Rec - 100%

Week 12th to 16th July – Well done to Year Rec - 97.4 %

| Class | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|--|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|
| % Attendance | 98.5% | 94.3% | 93.6% | 93.6% | 95.9% | 93.8% | 96.2% |
| Lates | 2 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 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!

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| Reception: Mrs. Sparrow & Mrs. Hodges | Leo & Whole Class |
| Year 1: Miss Millar & Mrs. Reed | Umar & Zakarriya |
| Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Miss McKeown | Amelia & Azaan |
| Year 3: Miss Treacy & Mrs. Ali | Zoya & Michaela |
| Year 4: Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Catling & Mrs. Ali | Hibba & Felicity |
| Year 5: Miss McEvoy & Miss Hill | Aahil & Jessica |
| Year 6: Mrs. Gray & Miss Hill | Seraj & Jesse-John |
| Mr. Ullah: Deputy Head Teacher | Hawwa – Year 4 & Eve – Year 6 |
| Mrs. Elliott: Head Teacher | Ali K – Year 4 & Whole Class – Year 6 |

Transition

In-school

Unfortunately, due to a Birmingham City Council directive to all Birmingham schools, transition was not able to take place this term for our Year 6 pupils moving to secondary schools, our new reception pupils joining us and our current pupils moving up to meet their new class teachers. Transition activities will be planned for the first week of term, to ensure that the children have an opportunity to settle into their new classes and get to know their new teachers.

Year 5 Secondary Transfer

Parents of current Year 5 pupils need to start thinking about Secondary School choices for their child who will start Year 7 in September 2022. Birmingham has not updated its main page yet but you can still use the link to research appropriate schools - [https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/directory/24/birminghama mschools/category/318/categoryinfo/3](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/directory/24/birminghama%20mschools/category/318/categoryinfo/3) It is very important that you research the school you wish your child to attend, mindful that open evenings may or may not take place again this year. If you are applying for a Catholic School, please check their expectations regarding any Supplementary Application Form etc.

Induction- New Reception Intake Sept 21

We have an Induction programme for our new Reception children and parents in September. All parents should have received relevant paperwork and an invitation to attend at various times on various days. The format of Reception Induction is as follows:

Monday 6th Sept – Head Teacher Talk (Children visit Rec) 10.00am/1.45pm

Tues 7th/ Wed 8th Sept – Individual Parent/Teacher meetings

Thurs 9th Sept – Group 1 in school all day

Fri 10th Sept – Group 2 in school all day

Mon 13th Sept – Group 1 and 2 in school



Oak Academy Summer Learning Resources

Oak National Academy has produced some easy-to-use lessons for over the summer holidays. As well as all curriculum areas being covered, there are a range of creative and well-being activities too. Click on the following link to navigate and access resources: <https://www.thenational.academy/summer-learning-pupils>

Uniform

This year the school has been more flexible with its school uniform policy, in order to support parents who were finding it difficult to source uniform items during lockdown. From September, however, we will be reintroducing our full uniform policy. This includes school shoes, not trainers or other types of casual footwear. Please click on the following link to access the complete SS John and Monica School uniform requirements: <https://www.stjonmon.bham.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform>. We take pride in our school uniform, which shows we are from the family of SS John and Monica's.



Good Bye and Good Luck

Mrs Hodges has decided to retire after devoting over 26 years of her life to teaching children at SS John and Monica's. We thank Mrs Hodges for the commitment and time that she has given to the school and for the education she has given to many children over the years. We wish her all the best in her retirement and hope that she enjoys the extra time that he can spend with her loving family. We shall miss her greatly!

Year 6 Leavers

Year 6 are currently working hard, busy preparing their end of year production! Unfortunately, government restrictions do not currently allow for an audience and the assembly and Y6 Leavers Mass will be recorded and the link sent out to parents before the end of the academic year. We wish our Year 6 pupils all the very best as they move to the next chapter of their education and on to secondary school. We are very proud of them and will miss them!



Thank you

As this academic year comes to an end, the staff and Governors of SS John and Monica School would like to thank you for your continuous and invaluable support. We wish all of our families a very happy and restful summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you all back in September!



Prayer to End a School Year

God of wisdom,
we thank you
for all the gifts you have given us
throughout this school year.
We praise you for giving us life,
for saving us in Christ,
and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year,
we voice our gratitude
for the good things you have done in us,
and we praise you for all who have shared
in the work of this school.

We ask you to bless them in your love
and give them refreshment and peace.
We praise you, God,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.

Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers/Revised Edition. USCCB

Stay well and keep safe
Mrs. M. Elliott - Head Teacher

Mission Statement



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

