



Friday 17th January 2020

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Spring 2020		Mon 17 th Feb	Mon 24 th Feb	Fri 3 rd April – 2pm
Summer 2019	Mon 20 th April Training day – School Closed. School opens Tues 21 st April	Mon 25 th May	Mon 1 st June	Fri 17 th July – 2pm Mon 20 th July Training Day – School Closed.



The Staff and Governors of SS John and Monica School would like to wish our whole school community a very Happy New Year!

Virtues

This term's virtues are Compassionate and Loving; the children will be learning about their meaning and how these can be carried out in our own lives and the lives of others. Please encourage your children to reflect on these virtues in their lives at home.



Class Masses

The next school Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 30th January – Y2 (Presentation of the Lord - 2nd Feb) at 9.00am.** Parents, friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend. Please Note if no Priest is available there will be a Service of the Word.

History Theme Day

Our History theme day was held today and proved to be a great success! It was wonderful to see so many children come in such a variety of historical costumes and as characters from history. Please visit our twitter **@SSJohnMonicas** for photos of the day.

Y6 Parent's Standard Assessment Tests (SAT's) Inspire Workshop and Club

- Year 6 Parent's Standard Assessment Tests (SAT's) Inspire Workshop will take place on **Tuesday 21st January at 9.15 am.** There must be a representative for all Y6 children at the workshop
- Year 6 Afterschool SAT's club will start on **Wednesday 22nd January at 3.15pm - 4.15pm** and will take place every Wednesday up until SAT's take place (Week Beginning 11th May). Please make sure your child attends and that they are collected on time

Life Bus

We welcome back The Educational Life Bus which be visiting school on **Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st January.** The programme offered is designed to encourage children to take a positive attitude towards health, and make informed decisions when making healthy choices. There is an introductory meeting for parents on **Monday 20th January from 8:55 – 9:15am.** All parents/carers are most welcome.



Homework

- It has been wonderful to witness some of the excellent homework projects that children have completed over the Christmas break. I have seen an exciting range of topic work and wish to thank parents in supporting their children in completing research projects and such like.
- 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. It is paramount that all pupils read every night as part of their homework. **Please note all homework (excluding Y6) must be done in grey pencil, NOT felts, ball pens or gel pens.** Thank you
- Your child has their Mathletics and Reading Eggs passwords in their reading diaries. Please encourage your child to access these sites regularly to do additional homework and challenges linked to maths and reading. The school has invested a lot of money in the license for these programs and they are available for you to use at home.



Year 6 Bell Heath Residential Trip 3rd to 5th June

Mr. Ullah held a meeting about the exciting Year 6 Bell Heath Outdoor Activity Residential, which will take place on 3rd - 5th June. **The Deposit for the trip is £36.87, payable on-line by 31st January.** Unfortunately, if there is not enough up-take, the trip is in danger of being cancelled. If you require further information, please speak to Mr. Ullah or Mrs Gray.

Eco-Corner

Single Use Plastic Ban

- Our Eco Reps in Year 6 worked really hard on a PowerPoint, which they shared in Assembly this week. They did this in their own time as they are very interested in "green" issues, which they are trying to raise the profile of in our school. On **Thursday 13th February**, the whole school will be invited to wear **non-uniform as long as it's green!** They will be asked to pay **£1** and this money will be put towards giving every child in school their own water bottle. These will be the water bottles they bring to school every day. Hopefully, this will take us closer to our objective to be a single use plastic free school

Community Recycling Project

- We are collecting empty packets from lunchboxes. These will be collected by a local Moseley Community Recycling project and sent to Terracycle for cash, which will be used for community projects.



Fundraising CAFOD

Monies raised before Christmas, during our Advent fundraising week, went to purchase 4 starter school packs, which give the gift of education to children in developing countries. Thank you for your generosity.

Coffee Morning

We are holding a coffee morning on **Friday 14th February 9.00-10.00am** in aid of the Birmingham Women's Hospital Charity.

'My name is Sarah Gallagher, my son Joseph attends St Martin de Porres and I know our schools are linked in the Parish. He was born at Birmingham Women's Hospital at 28 weeks premature weighing only 2lbs 10 oz.! I am doing a 5 day trek on the Great Wall of China with my friend in April to raise money for the Neonatal ward at Birmingham Women's hospital as they saved Joseph's life and provide such a vital service to sick and premature babies and their families.'

Please send cake donations into school on the morning of Friday 14th February. Thank you for your support.



Dodgeball Competition

Ten children from Years 3 and 4 took part in a Dodgeball festival on Monday 13th Jan. The competition was judged in relation to the six schools games values - Honesty, Respect, Self-Belief, Passion, Teamwork and Determination. Ss John and Monica's team were awarded the highest score for Determination and received a special badge to mark this achievement.

Well done to the following children who took part and whom we are very proud of!

Y3 – Ono, Ahmed

Y4 – Zosia, Khio, Ollie, Johanna, Mohiudeen, Aahil, Hessa, Dayyan



Punctuality

The school bell is now rung at **8.55am** each day, as a sign that the school day has started. After the bell, the doors are locked and parents are required to come through the front entrance with their children to sign the late book. Early signs show that this initiative is having a positive impact, with less children arriving late to school.

Attendance

Our overall whole school attendance figure for this year has dipped recently due to the high number of pupils who were affected by the pre-Christmas viruses. As a school community, we all need to pull together to work towards meeting our end of year attendance target.

Attendance for: Week 7th to 10th January 2020 – Well done to Year 6 - 100%

Week 13th to 17th January 2020 – Well done to Year 2 - 99.3%

Average Attendance for the last 2 weeks:

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	98.9%	97.8%	97.5%	96.3%	92.9%	97.5%	99.6%
Lates	9	6	15	15	18	22	18
Whole School Attendance so far this year	95.7%			School Target	97%		

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

Reception: Mrs. Riches & Mrs. Hodges	Maxwell & Abbas
Year 1: Miss Millar & Miss McKeown	Laiq & Jayden
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Miss McKeown	Vincent & Klareece
Year 3: Mrs. Flaherty & Mrs. Ali	Taio & Tegh
Year 4: Miss McEvoy & Mrs. Ali	Yusuf & Mariam
Year 5: Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Catling & Miss Hill	Jack & Alfie
Year 6: Mr. Ullah, Mrs. Gray & Miss Hill	Emmie, Nagarathna, Spencer & Whole Class
Mrs. Elliott: Head Teacher	Amelia – Year 1 & Umamah – Year 5

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Mon 20 th /Tues 21 st Jan	LIFE BUS – parents Meeting Mon 20 th	8.55am
Tues 21 st Jan	Y6 SAT's Workshop – All Y6 pupils must have a parent/carer attend	9.15am
Wed 22 nd Jan	Reception Class Height and Weight	
Wed 22 nd Jan	Y6 SAT's After School Club	3.15-4.15pm
Thurs 23 rd Jan	Reception Forest School	
Fri 24 th Jan	Active Curriculum Day – Full PE kit needed	All Day
Week Beg 27 th -31 st Jan	ATTENDANCE FOCUS WEEK	
Wed 29 th Jan	First Holy Communion parents meeting – St Martin de Porres School	2.30pm
Fri 31 st Jan	Y5 Class Assembly – Y5 parents welcome	9.15am
Sun 2 nd Feb	First Holy Communion Inscription Mass – SS John and Martin's Church	10.00am

Fundraising Committee Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 27th Feb at 2.00pm in the Forest School. All Parents/Carers welcome.



Extreme Weather Conditions

In the event of heavy snowfall, **we will send out a text message to confirm that the school is closed.** Please listen to local radio stations to hear if the school has had to close or not (Heart FM, Radio WM, Free Radio and 1296am Radio XL). **DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SCHOOL OFFICE.** Please ensure that the office has up to date mobile contact information.

Mrs M. Elliott – Head Teacher