



Friday 18th October 2019

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Autumn 2019		Fri 25 th Oct Training Day School Closed	Mon 4 th Nov	Fri 20 th Dec – 2pm
Spring 2020	Mon 6 th Jan Training Day – School Closed. School Opens Tues 7 th Jan	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.

Class Masses

The next school Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 24th October, Year 6 - World Mission Day (20th Oct) - and Thursday 14th November, Year 5 – Year of Grace—at 9.00am.** Parents, friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend.



Healthy Lunch Boxes

At SS John and Monica School we have always operated a 'Healthy Lunchbox Policy'. Recently, we have noted that some children's lunchboxes are becoming increasingly unhealthy. This includes, fried foods and an imbalance of savoury (crisps) and sweet foods being sent into school. It is important that we provide a nutritious packed lunch that is balanced in content. Protein, Carbohydrates, dairy, fruit and vegetables all constitute a balanced diet which the children learn about through the Science Curriculum. We ask you to reinforce the importance of eating healthily by providing a healthy, nutritious packed lunch and will be sending home an NHS leaflet to give you ideas in providing such. Thank you.

International Walk to School Month

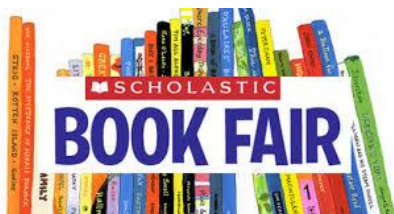
Thank you to all those children and families who continue to join in with the national 'Walk to School' Month of October. Many children are well on their way to earning their 'Walk to School' Badge. If you would like to find out more about this go to:

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/international-walk-to-school-month>



Parents Consultations

Parents Consultations will take place on Tues 22nd and Wed 23rd Oct 3.30-6.30pm. You will be given a termly report update with where your child is in terms of age related standards and targets to work on. Appointments will be 10 minutes long and we ask you to respect this and keep to your 10 minute allotted time and ensure that your child/ren are supervised by another adult when you are speaking to the class teacher. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Scholastic Book Fair

Scholastic Book Fair will be in school next Monday 21st - 24th Oct from 3.15pm (School Hall). Please support this event, as a small percentage of total sales, will go towards school being able to purchase some additional books at a discount.

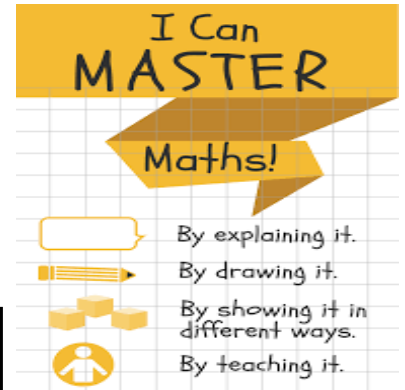


Communication

We now regularly communicate to parents through email in an effort to be paperless. Occasionally, we use text message, but this is expensive and cost the school over £800 last year. For this reason, we ask you to read all emailed letters, newsletters and emailed messages first before phoning the school office with queries. Our website is regularly updated, indeed, recently, we have been putting updates regarding our curriculum on the site for your information. Thank you.

Mastery Maths

One of the areas of our School Improvement Plan this year is Mathematics. A focus is to support children to master a deeper understanding of the subject and develop numeracy skills which they can apply to other areas of the curriculum. We have put on our school website the White Rose Maths Scheme (Autumn Term Units) for each year band. This is a fantastic resource so that parents may have a greater understanding of how they can support their child/ren in Maths.



Secondary School Applications

If your child is due to transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2020 you should apply for your child's secondary school place online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions between 2nd Sept and 31st Oct 2019.



Sacrament of Confirmation Y5/Y6

Our Catholic pupils in Y5 and Y6 will be receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 19th November at 7.00pm**. The preparation Masses for this Sacrament are as follows:

- Sunday 20th Oct
- Sunday 10th Nov

All pupils receiving the sacrament must attend all preparation Masses and arrive at the church at 9.45am. If you cannot make one of the preparation Masses, you must speak to Deacon Michael at the St John and Martin's Church. Our wider school community is invited to all Masses.

Tolkien Service Award

Following on from a successful launch last year, we will be running the 'Tolkien Service Award' again this year, for our current Y5 and Y6 pupils. This awards encourages pupils to complete 'Acts of Service' at school and in the community. Y5 pupils will be working towards the Bronze Award and Y6 the Silver Award (having completed their Bronze Award last year).



Themed Lunch – All Day Breakfast – Thursday 24th October

If you have not done so already, why not sign up for our next 'Themed Lunch' – 'All Day Breakfast', If you are on Packed Lunches & would like a meal please advise the School Office.

Attendance for Week 7th-11th Oct – Well done to Year 1 – 99.3%
14th-18th Oct – Well done to Year 3 & 5 – 100%

Average Attendance for the last 2 weeks

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	98%	98.6%	98.6%	98.7%	97.9%	96.7%	95%
Lates	3	0	3	0	3	2	3
Whole School Attendance so far this year	97.8%			School Target	97%		

'At SS John and Monica's, we learn through the example of Jesus to love, respect, understand and value each other'

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

Reception: Mrs. Riches	Haris & Sami
Year 1: Miss Millar & Mrs Hodges	Zachary & Imaan
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Miss McKeown	Fleur, Mo & Whole Class
Year 3: Mrs. Flaherty, Mrs Jena & Mrs Ali	Caleb & Mariyah
Year 4: Miss McEvoy & Miss Ali	Ekrama & Lucas
Year 5: Mrs. Goddard, Mrs Catling & Miss Hill	Umamah & Rio
Year 6: Mr. Ullah, Mrs Gray & Miss Hill	Emmie & Sami
Mrs. Elliott: Head Teacher	Whole Class Year 6 , Serena & Fleur – Year 2

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Mon 21 st – 24 th Oct	Scholastic Book Fair	3.15pm
Tues 22 nd - Wed 23 rd Oct	Parent Consultations	3.30-6.30pm
Thurs 24 th Oct	Themed Day Lunch – All Day Breakfast	Lunchtime
Mon 28 th Oct – Fri 1 st Nov	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM BREAK	All Week
Thurs 7 th Nov	Y2/Y5 Forest School to Commence (Aut 2)	am/pm

Roofing Repairs

We are having some essential roofing repairs carried out which will start in half term and continue for several weeks. We anticipate that there will be scaffolding and we may need to adjust our entry and exit points, but we will keep you updated. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Stay and Play / Coffee Morning

There will be a Stay and Play / Coffee Morning on Wednesday 23rd October 9.00-10.00am. If you would like to come along with your toddler or just to meet other parents, you are most welcome!



Christmas Raffle

This year our school Fundraising Committee (led by Mrs Santra, LA Governor and parent of Serena Y2) have gone to a lot of trouble organising a Christmas raffle. This raffle has been registered especially with Birmingham City Council to allow advance ticket sales. A letter will be coming home, along with 20 tickets and information regarding this raffle. All proceeds will go towards school fund. We do hope you join us in making this a successful fundraiser.

Reading Eggs/Express Awards

Well done to the following children who have regularly accessed Reading Eggs/Express at home and have achieved the following awards:

- Emilia (Y1) 1st place certificate
- Inaya (Y1) 2nd and 3rd place certificate
- Sulaiman (Y1) 1st place certificate
- Elena (Y1) 1st place certificate
- Arthur (Y1) 1st place certificate
- Kyrese (Y1) Bronze Certificate
- Samuel (Y1) Silver and Gold certificate
- Argun (Y2) 1st place certificate
- Mark (Y4) Bronze
- Vladislava (Y4) Bronze



Save Our Schools

It's banner time again! Why? Because our schools are still suffering a funding crisis, which latest figures suggest is only going to get worse. Our school banner will be unfurled on 24th October. Let's come together as a school community to stand up for children's right to a well-funded education. Please post photos on your social media accounts and tag us using the following addresses:

Facebook: @SaveOurSchoolsWestMidlands

Twitter: @SOSBirmingham **Instagram:** @SaveOurSchoolsUK And please use the following hashtags: #DontBelieveTheHype and #SaveOurSchools

SAVE OUR SCHOOLS!



Staffing

We welcome Mrs Reed who replaces Mrs Morgan as a Learning Support Assistant in our school. She will be working in Year 1 and Year 2. We also welcome Mrs Zahid, who will be working every morning across our school supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. We hope you will make them feel welcome in our school community.



Open Morning

We are holding our school 'Open Morning' on Thursday 7th Nov, to give prospective parents an opportunity to visit our school. We will be open from 9.30-11.30am, with the Head Teachers' address beginning at 9.45am. Please spread the message. Thank you.

N.B: Please Note School is closed to pupils on Friday 25th October due to Staff Training. School re-opens on Monday 4th November.

Mrs M. Elliott – Head Teacher