



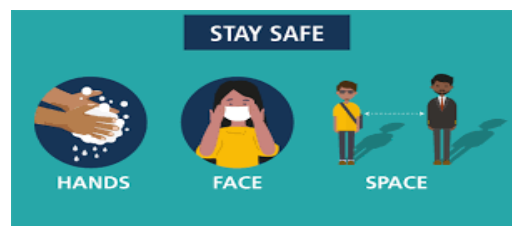
Friday 1st April 2021

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Spring 2021				Thurs 1 st April – 2pm
Summer 2021	Mon 19 th April Training day – School Closed. School opens Tues 20 th April	Fri 28 th May Training Day School Closed	Mon 7 th June	Wed 21 st July – 2pm

Covid-19

Track and Trace – Positive Cases until Tuesday 6th April.

School will manage Track and Trace until 6th April. For this reason, if your child tests positive for COVID-19 you **MUST** inform school of the results up until Wednesday 7th April. Please email results to enquiry@stjonmon.bham.sch.uk to allow us to start the process of informing contacts. All parents must make sure they check text alerts and emails from school, which may alert you that your child has been a contact with a positive case and must self-isolate.



Lateral flow device – home testing kits

The Government announced that, if you are a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of a primary aged child, you can get a twice weekly test kit to test yourself at home. As with teachers, this will identify asymptomatic cases and reduce transmission rates. The twice-weekly test kits can be obtained:

- Through your employer if they offer testing to employees - contact your employer to find out.
- By collecting a home test kit from a test site. You can collect two packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains seven tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect. You can check online if the location is busy before you go. Find your nearest home test kit collection point here: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>
- If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online.
- Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most. Order rapid lateral flow home test kits here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

	Who?	Action	Further action
Symptoms	Anyone	Order a test for people with symptoms online or call 119.	Stay at home while you are waiting for a home test kit, a test site appointment or a test result. Do not use the rapid lateral flow testing service as this is only for people without symptoms.
No symptoms (regular testing)	Staff of primary or secondary schools and colleges (including temporary, part time, voluntary). Secondary school pupils and college students. Or Anyone who has ordered lateral flow tests.	Every 3-4 days a rapid test needs to be completed. Follow the instructions set out in the home test kit. For information on how to do your test Report your test result online or by calling 119.	<p>Negative Result</p> <p>Complete another rapid test in 3-4 days' time and keep following all coronavirus advice such as hand washing.</p> <p>Positive Result</p> <p>Tell your workplace if you test positive.</p> <p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • self-isolate immediately, including anyone you live with or are in a bubble with. • order a test for people with symptoms or call 119 in order to confirm your result • follow the stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection

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Catholic Life

First Holy Communion Programme

Our Catholic Y3 and Y4 pupils are working through the 'God's Greatest Gift' programme in preparation for receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. This is an important part of their faith journey and we ask you to remember them and their families in your prayers over the coming months.

SS John and Martin Parish Easter Services

Please find attached the parish newsletter with upcoming Easter Services.

St. Chad's Cathedral Easter Scavenger Hunt

During Holy Week children can join in an interactive scavenger hunt through the Cathedral Virtual Tour. The prize at the end of the hunt is an Easter colouring page. The hunt will be available from Monday 29 March. Here is the link

<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/virtual-tour-explore-st-chads-cathedral/>



Traditional Prayer Focus

As a school, we have been focusing on Traditional Prayers. Lent is a time to become closer to God and we can do this through prayer and reflection. To see the specific traditional prayers for each year band please go to:

<https://www.stjonmon.bham.sch.uk/catholic-life/collective-worship>

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>

Big Brummie Camp Out – Sifa Fireside

SIFA Fireside's BIG Brummie Campout will be taking place on **Saturday 1st May 2021**, connecting families and friends across Birmingham by setting up camp together to support homeless and vulnerable people.

For now, save the date, and register your interest by emailing fundraising@sifafireside.co.uk.

Lenten Charity Fundraising

Thank you to all those families who contributed to our Lenten fundraising efforts. Monies raised will be split between the following charities and CAFOD. It is still not too late to donate via <https://eduspot.co.uk/>

Class	Chosen Charity
Reception	Birmingham Children's Hospital
Year 1	Anawim (Birmingham Centre for Woman)
Year 2	Water Aid
Year 3	Mind
Year 4	Sparkhill Food Bank
Year 5	Guide Dogs for the Blind
Year 6	Birmingham Children's Hospital

Sparkhill Foodbank

A huge thank you to all our families for your generous donations to Sparkhill Foodbank! Your donations will go a long way in supporting those in local community who need to access this important service. Thank you again.



Reception Place Allocations

The National Offer Day for Reception places is April 16th 2021. On this date you will be sent an email from Birmingham City Council informing you which school has been offered. The email will name the school your child has been offered which you should receive by 4pm. Please check your SPAM or Junk folder.

You will only need to inform Birmingham City Council by 30th April 2021 if you are refusing this offer. Details of how to do this will be included on your offer email and letter. If you do not refuse the offer, the school will update their records to show the offer has been accepted.

By refusing the offer, you will lose the place your child was allocated as this will be given to another child on the waiting list for that school. Please **do not** contact Birmingham City Council before you receive the formal notification of your child's school place. You must be in receipt of your formal notification email before contacting the council.

National Autism Awareness Week 29th March – 4th April

One in every 100 UK school children is autistic and, without the right support, school can be a confusing and difficult place.

World Autism Awareness Week helps improve understanding of autism in children and adults. To learn more about this, go to: <https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/raise-money/world-autism-awareness-week/waaw-schools>



Parent/Pupil Questionnaire

Thank you to all those parents/carers who completed our annual whole school parent questionnaire. Results of the questionnaire will be shared in the next newsletter. It is important to know that this questionnaire is analysed thoroughly in order to look at strengths of the school and areas for development. Any comments of dissatisfaction are followed up by phone call from the Senior Leadership team to parents, to discuss and resolve these.

Our annual whole school pupil questionnaire will be conducted next term. Results will be analysed, acted upon and shared with parents/carers.

Rewards

Reading Eggs Well done to **Y1 Maxwell, Y2 Safaa & Azaan, Y3 Keevanyah, Y4 Tegh & Chitrani, Y5 Mariam & Aaishah & Y6 Raff** who are regularly accessing Reading Eggs/Express and working hard through the programme!

Mathletics

Well done to **Y1 Bobby, Y2 Laiq & Elena, Y3 Milaan, Y4 Aayan, Y5 Khadeejah & Vlada & Y6 Haniyah** for regularly accessing Mathletics and working hard through the programme!

MyOn

Well done to the following children who have made fantastic efforts reading lots of books on MyOn: **Y1 Abbas, Y2 Zac, Y3 Pedro, Y4 Eliza, Y5 Jeremiah & Y6 Alfie.**



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House Points

Well done to St Patricks House for having the highest house point total for this week! Well done!

St George 210

St Andrew 194

St Patrick 227

St David 199

Punctuality

Please note a change in the following drop off/collection times for after Easter. For the health and safety of all pupils, please make sure you children are prompt to school at the correct time. Thank you.

Year Group	Arrival Time	Departure Time
Reception	9.00am	2.45pm
Year 1	8.55am	3.05pm
Year 2	8.45am	2.55pm
Year 3	9.05am	3.15pm
Year 4	8.45am	2.55pm
Year 5	8.55am	3.05pm
Year 6	9.05am	3.15pm

Attendance

Our attendance total remains below the end of year target of 97%. During the final summer term, we all need to work hard to ensure that we are in school, on time, every day, for this figure to increase. It would be fantastic if we can achieve a 97% attendance total by the end of the school year!



Well done to the 82 children who have 100% attendance from the start of the academic year. All have been presented with a 100% attendance certificate!

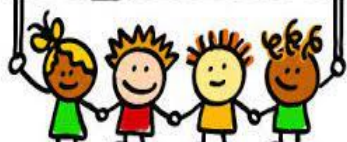
Attendance for: 22nd to 26th March – Well done to Year 1 – 98.7%
29th March to 1st April – Well done to Year 1 - 100%

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	98.5%	99.3%	93.3%	95.4%	93.1%	91.5%	91.4%
Lates	9	2	5	9	2	12	13
Whole School Attendance so far this year			96.2%		School Target		97%

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

Reception: Mrs. Sparrow & Mrs. Hodges	Ubaid & Alyssia
Year 1: Miss Millar & Mrs. Reed	Jaideep & Deyana
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Miss McKeown	Poppy & Ojaswithaa
Year 3: Miss Treacy & Mrs. Ali	Khadija & Ivo
Year 4: Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Catling & Mrs. Ali	Hafsah & Mariyah
Year 5: Miss McEvoy & Miss Hill	Dayyan & Nimra
Year 6: Mrs. Gray & Miss Hill	Maria & Jemima
Mr. Ullah: Deputy Head Teacher	Keevanyah – Year 3 & Alfie Jones – Year 6
Mrs. Elliott: Head Teacher	Alayna & Milaan – Year 3

Parent Governor Vacancy



Parent Governor Election

As our two current Parent Governors four-year term of Office will be coming to an end, we will be holding our Parent Governor Election after Easter. Forms will be sent out on Tuesday 20th April. If you would like to nominate yourself as a potential parent governor, please complete the form and return it to school by Tuesday 27th April.

Bicycles and Scooters

It is wonderful to see so many children travelling to school via bicycle or scooter. We are looking to have come more bicycle racks installed and purchasing a scooter rack. In mean time, can we ask that bicycles and scooters are left neatly in the designated area to ease accessibility. Thank you.

HM Government



Community

Birmingham Families Holiday Activity Programme

Birmingham City Council's Easter activities programme will be delivered virtually to enable children and young people to take part in activities safely online or at home with their families. The programme will include live streams of activity and play sessions, sports coaching sessions, downloadable resources and activity cards, arts and craft activities, food and nutrition advice, cook at home ideas and recipes, along with Key Stage appropriate educational programmes focusing on wellbeing, physical activity and nutrition. Please see the attached information.

Hall Green Families

Please find attached the Hall Green Families newsletter. This covers areas such as youth opportunities, community and hardship funding support, news and other events.

Pollution

You are already aware of an important and concerning issue which we have raised several times over the last couple of years – the problem of cars idling. The following is an extremely powerful video which we ask you to watch, to understand the impact of cars idling in the local environment, particularly around schools. Staff have also discussed this issue with the children for their opinion. Our children are the future and it is important that they are aware of how our environment and planet is being damaged and what we can do to protect it.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqTJ0_kvclY

A reminder that school will be closed for staff training on Monday 19th April. It will re-open for pupils on Tuesday 20th April.

Happy and Holy Easter

May you and your family be blessed with joy as you celebrate the true meaning of Easter, from the reflection of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday and the promise of eternal life.

The staff and governors of SS John and Monica School wish you all a very happy and Holy Easter.



Stay well and Keep Safe -

Mrs. M. Elliott - Head Teacher

Mission Statement



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