



Friday 1st April 2022

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Spring Term 2022				Friday 8 th April 2.00pm
Summer Term 2022	(Mon 25 th April Training Day School Closed.) School re-opens Tues 26 th April	Mon 30 th May	Mon 6 th June	Thursday 21 st July 2.00pm

Head Teacher's Message

It is wonderful to feel that Spring is in the air and stop and think how blessed we are to have a school in such a beautiful environment!

Although we are still on our journey through Lent, we are now beginning to look forward to the churches most important Season – Easter. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, which is on Sunday 10th April this year. This is the time when we remember the last week of Jesus's life and reflect upon the strength of our own commitment to our faith.

As this is the last newsletter of the term, the staff and Governors of SS John and Monica Catholic Primary School would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy and Holy Easter!



Catholic Life

Class Mass

The next Class Mass is Thursday 7th April – Year 6 (5th Sunday of Lent- Annunciation of Our Lord) and Thursday 5th May – Year 5 (3rd Sunday of Easter) Please contact the school office, if you would like to book a place (limit of 10 places)

Whole School Lenten Retreat Day

We are delighted to be welcoming back Dan and Emily to lead us on our Whole School Lenten Retreat Day. The theme of the day will be 'No Greater Love' and reflection will cover the lead up to Easter and how Jesus gave his life for us. The day will include activities, worship and songs. Keep an eye on our school Twitter, to find out more on the day!

Wednesday Word

Please find the link for this week's **Wednesday Word** which shares Sundays Gospel with parents and families.

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

Ten Parent Newsletter

The following link takes you to the Parents newsletter for March

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/parents/>



Parish of SS John and Martin

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

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

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place face to face on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th April (Y5 Tues 5th/Wed 6th).

Your child's progress, attainment and personal/social skills will be discussed at the meeting, in addition to attendance.

As many schools are being cautious and still opting for phone calls, we ask you to adhere to the following:

- Children should NOT attend the Consultation (one adult per child)
- Parents may look at books before or after the consultation
- Although face masks will not be required to be worn, parents should adhere to social distancing measure when talking to the class teacher
- Parents should keep to their 10 minute appointment to be courteous to others
- There will be the annual parent questionnaire to complete online in class

Our catering providers, City Serve, will be offering taster samples of their lunch menu on the day.



Thank you for your co-operation with the above.

Living with COVID-19 Phase

As we are aware, the Prime Minister set out the next phase of the government's COVID-19 response 'Living with Covid-19' as we learn to live with COVID-19 in the long term.

The vaccination offer is ongoing, so whether you need your 1st, 2nd or booster vaccine it is not too late to get yours. You can book your vaccination or find your nearest walk-in centre in Birmingham click [Here](#)

For more information on COVID-19 you can visit the NHS website or

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine/> speak to a trusted health professional.

Easter Holiday Activities – Pupils Eligible for Pupil Premium

The popular holiday activities and food programme, **Bring it on Brum!** is back for the Easter holidays and is completely free of charge for children eligible for free schools meals! Those who are entitled, have already been sent their code. Visit www.bringitonbrum.co.uk now to book your free place for your child(ren) so they can take part in a local club and enjoy our brilliant mix of fun action-packed days and tasty food.



PESS - Physical education, school sport and physical activity

Y1/Y2 Multi- skills

Y1 & Y2 had a wonderful time this week taking part in a Multi-skills festival at Billesley Tennis Centre. Staff reported that the children proudly represented our school and participated well, learning lots of new physical activity skills.

Inter-Class Competitions

As part of our physical activities programme and School Games Award, inter-class competitions have taken place this week between:

Year 1 & 2: Send and return games

Year 3 & 4: Badminton

Year 5 & 6: Cricket or Handball

This has been a great opportunity for children to take part in competition in a respectful and sporting way.

Rewards

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

Name	MyOn	Reading Eggspress
Year 1	Paul M	Yoel
Year 2	Ayyana	Maxwell
Year 3	OJ	Ayden
Year 4	Amin	Nafisah
Year 5	Aayan	Hibba
Year 6	Ikra	Jessica



Well done to St Andrew's House for having the highest house point total!

1st St Andrew 2722 2nd St George 2525
3rd St David 2215 4th St Patrick 1935

HOUSE POINTS

Head Teacher Postcards

Well done to the following children who received Head Teacher Post cards in the post for working hard and being kind towards others!

Rec – Ajeet & Arsema, Y1 – Zunaira & Eli, Y2 – Abbas & Seema, Y3 – Jayden & Imaan, Y4 – Areeba & Maurice, Y5 – Ilsam & Jacob, Y6 – Vlada, Bavleen, Ikra & Aymen.

Science Selfie Winners

Well done to the following children who were winners in the Science Selfie Competition!

Rec - Rafe

Y2 - Jonah

Y4 - Nafisah

Their challenge was to take a selfie photo showing a science activity/experiment that they had done at home or enjoying science outside. Mrs Riches, our Science Lead, was delighted with their efforts!

Maths Gifted and talented Programme – Bishop Challoner School

We were delighted to hear that three of our Y6 children, Hessa, Mark and Aahil, participated so well to the Gifted and Talented, After-school, Spring Programme at Bishop Challoner School. Indeed, their contributions were so good, that they ended up winning the overall competition, coming first, out of 8 other local schools. Well done!



Drones Workshop

Some of our Y5 children were lucky enough to have the chance to take part in a drone workshop on Monday this week. They were able to fly some mini drones using iPads in the school hall. Lots of new skills were learned! They even got chance to witness a larger drone being flown in the school playground, they were able to take aerial photos of the school site which looked amazing. SS John & Monica are very lucky to have a mini drone that the children in Computer Afterschool Club get to learn how to fly and work as team to complete tasks. Thank you to Miss Hill, our Technical Lead, who organised this.



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Attendance for: Week 21st to 25th March – Well done to Year Reception – 98.9%
Week 28th Feb to 1st Apr – Well done to Year 6 – 99%

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	95.6%	94.8%	94%	98%	96.3%	96.2%	95.9%
Lates	4	9	5	8	11	4	7
Whole School Attendance so far this year				95%		School Target	
						97%	

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

Rec: Mrs. Riches, Mrs. Deacon & Miss Smith	Sonia & Taran
Year 1: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs. Shaheen	Elime & Liyana
Year 2: Miss Millar & Mrs. Tutt	Ayyana & Haris
Year 3: Miss Treacy & Mrs. Ali	Sehar & Amelia
Year 4: Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Catling & Mrs. Ali	Vincent & Elnabi
Year 5: Miss McEvoy & Miss Hill	Maisie & Yunis
Year 6: Mrs. Gray & Miss Hill	Leena & Hessa
Mr. Ullah: Deputy Head Teacher	Jessica & Dayyan – Year 6
Mrs. Elliott: Head teacher	Jonah – Year 2 & Whole Class Year 1

Sex and Relationship Education and Health Education (SRE)

This consultation has now closed. Feedback will be discussed at the next Governing Body Meeting and reported to parents after Easter.

Forest School

Next term the following classes will be starting their Forest School Programme:
Mondays – Year 3
Thursdays - Rec



Summer Uniform

After Easter children may return to school in their summer uniform if they wish. Our summer uniform is as follows:

- Green and white summer dress
- Crew neck jumper or cardigan
- Grey skirt, trousers or grey shorts
- Yellow polo shirt with logo

Please ensure shoes are suitable for school and note trainers or boots are not permitted. Thank you.

Easter Events – Parents Fundraising Committee

A big thank you to our Parent's Fundraising Committee and in particular, to Mr and Mrs Santra (Parents of Serena and Sonia) and Mr Short (Parent of Ivo) for organising the Easter Egg Hunt and online Bingo. If you have yet to contribute to this school fund collection, please go to: <https://eduspot.co.uk/>

All monies raised will go towards much needed school resources. Thank you for your support.

Community Signposting

Please find attached flyers promoting the following:

- Hall Green Families Connect
- Cheaper Home Broadband

Fundraising

Lenten Fundraising Fr Hudson's Care – Rec/ Y1/Y2

Please make sure all envelopes are returned to school by Friday 8th April. Any small donation is very gratefully received.

Class Lenten Charity Events

This year, the following Class Lenten Charity Events will be taking place. We recommend a **£3.00 donation** for each child to participate in all events. This can be paid online via School Money <https://eduspot.co.uk/>

Class	Lenten Charity Event	Date
Rec	Colouring Competition	Thurs 7 th April
Year 1	Pyjama Day	Tues 5 th April
Year 2	Movie Afternoon	Fri 8 th April
Year 3	Easter Card Competition	Thurs 7 th April
Year 4	Non-Uniform	Fri 8 th April
Year 5	Name the Easter Bunny	Thurs 7 th April
Year 6	Easter Egg Hunt	Thurs 7 th April

Our whole school Easter bonnet/Easter Garden parade will take place on **Tuesday 5th April**. This annual event is a tradition, which hasn't been able to take place for the last two years. If older children do not want to take part in the parade, they can make an Easter garden, as in previous years.



School Dates

As you may be aware, this year there is an extra Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee. This is during the May/June half term. Birmingham schools we will be taking this bank holiday on Friday 22nd July as an extra day of holiday, and therefore the last day of term will be Thursday 21st July.

Please note that school finishes on Friday 8th April at 2.00pm.

Mrs. M. Elliott - Head Teacher

Mission Statement



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