



Friday 20th December 2019

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
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 16th January – Year 6 (St Anthony 17th) and Thursday 23rd January – Year 5 (Conversion of St Paul 25th) 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.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in organising and supporting our first ever School Christmas Fair! So much effort went in to planning, organising and setting up the wide variety of stalls, so thank you to all those who were involved! Thank you to everyone who supported the fair by coming along, indeed, it was a real success! A special thank you for Mrs Santra for organising the school Christmas raffle. It was lovely to see that so many tickets were sold to family and friends in the community. What a wonderful way to end the term, by coming together. Thank you. The amount raised was as follows:

Raffle Tickets - £1164.00

Christmas Fair - £677.60

Tea/coffee/Brochures - £90.20



Christmas Performances

We would like to congratulate both KS1 and KS2 for their wonderful Christmas performances. They were both superb and a big thank you to all children and staff for their hard work. We hope you enjoyed sharing in these special celebrations.

Christmas Dinner

A big thank to Mrs Wallace and her team for preparing Christmas dinner for all the staff and children- it was delicious!

After-school Clubs – Spring 1 Term

(PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS FIRST WEEK BACK , THEY START MONDAY 13TH JANUARY).

Day	Club	Time
Mon	DRAMA (KS1 & KS2)	3.30 – 4.30pm
	LEGO (YEARS 2 TO 6)	3.30 – 4.30pm
Tues	READING CLUB (KS1 & KS2)	3.30 – 4.15pm
Wed	MULTISKILLS (KS1 & KS2)	3.30 – 4.30pm
Thurs	CODING CLUB (YEARS 2 TO 6)	3.30 – 4.30pm
	LIBRARY	3.15 – 4.00pm

Advent Charitable Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Advent fundraising efforts. A total of **£291.10** was raised which will go towards the following charities: CAFOD, Children's Hospital, African Children Empowerment, Age Uk, Acorns Children's Hospice, Birmingham Dogs Home, World Wildlife Fund and Green Peace.



Y6 Bell Heath Residential Parents' Meeting

A meeting for all Y6 parents will take place on Thursday 9th January at 3.15pm. A representative for all Y6 children must attend. Thank you.

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

A Y6 Parent's Standard Assessment Tests (SAT's) Inspire Workshop will take place on **Tuesday 21st Jan at 9.15 am**. There must be a representative for all Y6 children at the workshop. Thank you.

Reception Admissions

The deadline for admissions to Reception is 15th January 2020. All information and application should be made through the website:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1786/apply_for_reception_primary_school/4

House Team Points

Well done to St Andrews House who scored 493 House Points this Autumn term, the highest scoring house!



Attendance and Punctuality

- Well done to **Year 6** for having the highest attendance this term. They received our attendance trophy in assembly, which they get to keep in the classrooms for the next term!
- Well done to the following children who all achieved 100% attendance for the Autumn Term: Sept to Dec 18th : **Rec: Ayaan, Aria, Machair, Ethan & Eyob. Y1: Danish, Safaa, Amelia, Callum, Sulaiman, Kyrese, Ojaswithaa, Ava, Melissa & Sandeep. Y2: Keevanyah, Maggie, Vincent, Milaan, Pedro & Michaela. Y3: Maisie, Felicity, Hawwa, Pavandeep, Isabelle, Miya, Tiago, Togh & Eliza. Y4: Jessica, Leena, Jeremiah, Lucas & Mohammed. Y5: Eve, Amatalmalik, Aisha & Ryan. Y6: Sami, Efra, Sophie, Mishthi, Luke, Ismail, Subhan, Rayyan, Guneet & Raul.**



From **Tuesday 7th January 2020** there will be a school bell rung at **8.55am** each day as a sign that the school day has started. After the bell, doors will be locked and parents will be required to come through the front entrance with their children to sign the late book. Thank you

Attendance for Week 9th to 13th Dec – Well done to Year 6 – 92.7%

Week 16th to 20th Dec – Well done to Year 1 – 96.6%

Average Attendance for the last 2 weeks:

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	87%	90.5%	82.5%	82.5%	88%	88.9%	92.5%
Lates	12	12	31	15	22	29	28
Whole School Attendance so far this year	95.6%			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	Abbas & Nicole
Year 1: Miss Millar & Miss McKeown	Muawiyah & Inaya
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Miss McKeown	Maggie & Khadija
Year 3: Mrs. Flaherty & Mrs. Ali	Jacob & Hawwa
Year 4: Miss McEvoy & Mrs. Ali	Angela & Shakeel
Year 5: Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Catling & Miss Hill	Ahmed & Mariatou
Year 6: Mr. Ullah, Mrs. Gray & Miss Hill	Sophie & Whole Class
Mrs. Elliott: Head Teacher	Amat –Year 5 & Efra – Year 6

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Monday 6 th Jan	Training Day – School Closed to Pupils	
Thurs 9 th Jan	Forest School - Reception	
Thurs 9 th Jan	Y6 Bell Heath Residential Parents Meeting	3.15pm
Wednesday 15 th Jan	Y5 Safeside Educational Visit	All Day
Friday 17 th Jan	History Theme Day (Details to follow)	All Day

Staffing

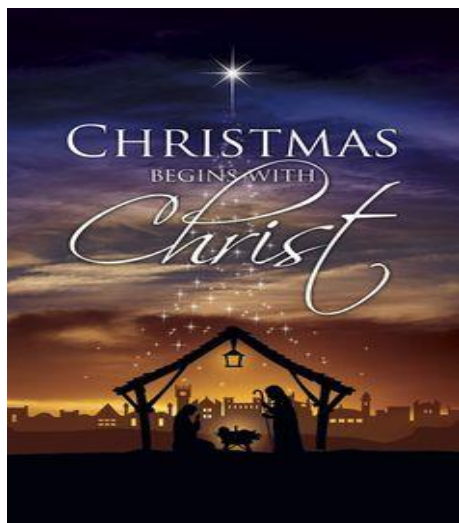
As I have already written to you, Mrs Jena will be retiring from Ss John and Monica's as of the end of this term. Mrs Jena has been a member of staff at Ss John and Monica's for over thirty years and during that time has touched the hearts and minds of many children and their families and will be sorely missed. We plan to celebrate her life's work at SS John and Monica's next when she is well and able to come into school (details to follow). In mean time, we ask you to keep her in your prayers, as we wish her a long and very happy retirement. In the interim, I (Mrs Elliott) will be overseeing the work of the SENco.

Christmas Services – SS John and Martin's Church

Tues 24 th Dec	Carol Service	7.30pm
Tues 24 th Dec	First Mass of Christmas	8.00pm
Wed 25 th Dec	Christmas Day Mass	10.00am
Thurs 26 th Dec	St Stephen	10.00am
Fri 27 th Dec	St John the Evangelist Mass	10.00am
Sun 29 th Dec	Holy Family	10.00am



PLEASE NOTE: SCHOOL WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY (Training Day 6th Jan)



Thank you all for your generous Christmas gifts to staff. The Staff and Governors of SS John and Monica Catholic Primary School would like to wish you all a wonderfully peaceful and happy holiday. May the Lord grant you and your loved ones love, joy and goodwill this Christmas and all the New Year.

Mrs M. Elliott – Head Teacher