



Friday 23rd October 2020

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Autumn 2020		Fri 23 rd Oct Training Day School Closed	Mon 2 nd Nov	Fri 18 th Dec – 2pm
Spring 2020	Mon 4 th Jan Training Day – School Closed. School Opens Tues 5 th Jan	Fri 12 th Feb	Mon 22 nd Feb	Thurs 1 st April – 2pm
Summer 2020	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

Please note the school is closed tomorrow for a Staff Training Day. School, will reopen on Monday 2nd November.

Covid-19 Update

Thank you to parents for keeping us fully informed about children/household members who are experiencing symptoms or who have tested positive. We have been working effectively in partnership with parents to keep our school community safe. We are thankful that we have had no positive cases in school for four weeks. We pray that this continues. Thank you again for your support and co-operation.

Self-Isolation

A reminder that children should NOT come to school under the following circumstances:

- If a parent/sibling/household member has coronavirus symptoms
- If a parent/sibling/household member does or does not have symptoms (asymptotic), but is waiting for a test result

If a parent/sibling/household member has coronavirus symptoms (and has had a test or not), all members of the household should self-isolate for 14 days from the day the symptoms first became apparent or from the date of the test results (if asymptomatic). If you can have dates at hand when symptoms were first identified that will be most helpful.

Important: We are concerned that a couple of children have disclosed that they have mixed with other households/families at a celebration/party the weekend. As Birmingham is currently under Tier 2 Lockdown restrictions, with no households mixing indoors, if this is the case, children will be required to self-isolate for 14 days as a preventative measure.

Birmingham City Council's Covid-19 Community Champion Network

Birmingham City Council is launching an initiative to help contain and prevent the spread of Coronavirus. If you live or work in Birmingham, you can become a COVID-19 Community Champion. Champions will empower thousands of Birmingham residents to be up to date on the latest advice about Coronavirus. The council will keep Champions informed of the latest advice and guidance so that they can help their family, friends and other community members to make sense of the latest facts about the virus.

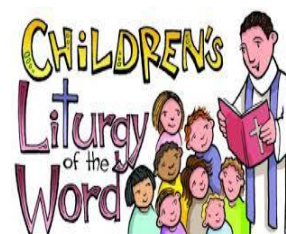
To find out more and to sign up to become a Birmingham Covid-19 Community Champion, visit: https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50231/coronavirus_covid-19/2256/covid-19_health_champions

Birthday Treats

Unfortunately, due to health and safety reasons and Covid restrictions, we are not able to share birthday treats during this time.

Class Masses

We are delighted to announce that our Mass schedule will resume after half term. We are all very excited to welcome back Fr Mario, our new official parish priest, to SS John and Monica's. Each class will prepare the weekly Mass and lead this in the hall with Fr Mario. The service will then be streamed live to all the other classes so that everyone can participate. We have missed coming together for our weekly Mass and this will now be a chance to continue our spiritual journey as a school.





Virtual School Tour

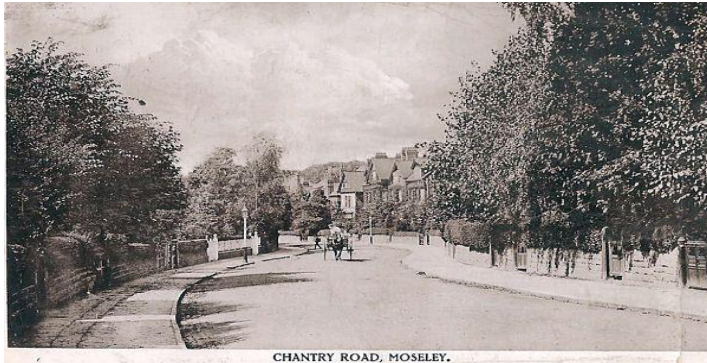
Virtual Open Day

Our school 'Open Day' will be held virtually this year. We have created a section on the 'Home Page' of our website, entitled 'New Reception Online Open Day'. Within this section, you will find all the relevant documentation, regarding applying for a school place at SS John and Monica's. There is a virtual tour of our Reception classroom and outdoor space, in order to give you a flavour of what our school has to offer. Please spread the word to any friends and families you may know, who will be applying for a Reception place for September 2021.

SS John and Monica Catholic Primary School 50th Year

Our school is 50 years old this year! In fact, our school was built in 1969 and opened for its first pupils in September 1970. It was originally built as a Junior school and was called St Monica's. The Infants or KS1 children were taught in a school next to our parish church St John and Martin's. The Infant school was called St John's and was opened in 1911 with 214 pupils. In 1980 the two schools amalgamated to become SS John and Monica's. We are proud that our school has a long standing history in our community.

Chantry Road 1923



CHANTRY ROAD, MOSELEY.



SS John and Martin's Church 1896



Healthy Lunchboxes

At SS John and Monica School, we have always operated a 'Healthy Lunchbox Policy'. 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. No sweets, chocolates or fizzy drinks are permitted. Thank you for your co-operation.



HEALTHY PACKED LUNCH IDEAS



School Games Award

Well done to all those who received certificates for active participation in PE lessons through our school games awards. The following important values are promoted through the awards programme: Honesty, Respect, Self-Belief, Teamwork and Determination. See the attachment to read about these values in more detail.



Black History Month

Thank you to Mrs Litchfield, our History Co-ordinator for organising Black History Week.

Visit our school twitter feed @SSJohnMonicas to see what classes have been learning about during our Black History month. Click on the link https://stjohnmon-my.sharepoint.com/:p/g/personal/k_litchfield_stjohnmon_bham_sch_uk/ETFAo7G_leJ_OowqKXKLwvd0BgWDjrBYvtybgVmOOfccE2A?e=W55773 to access the Black History Month School Assembly PowerPoint.

Reading Eggs/Express Awards

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

Reading Eggs

Yanet Y4, Khadeejah Y5, Mayla Y3

Mathletics

Bobby Y1, Laiq Y2, Milaan Y3, Ekrama Y5

The school invests over £2,000 per annum on accessing these programmes. Please encourage your child to log on and use them.



Tolkien Service Award

Following on from a successful launch two years ago, 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). This year, the children will need to think very carefully and creatively about what they can do due to current Covid restrictions. The children will be talking about this in class with their teachers.

Catholic Life

- Attached is the most recent newsletter from SS John and Martin's Parish Church. Click on the following link for of SS John and Martin's website: <http://www.ssjohnandmartin.org.uk/>
- Wednesday Word**
Please see the link for this week's *Wednesday Word* below: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/change?pid=MTA101634&v=4.4>
- Please see the attached TENTEN parent's newsletter for the month of October

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

Reception: Mrs. Riches & Mrs Hodges	Keyaan
Year 1: Miss Millar & Mrs Reed	Kushagra & Ayyana
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Miss McKeown	Muawiyah & Sakina
Year 3: Miss Treacy & Mrs Ali	Amaya
Year 4: Mrs Litchfield, Mrs Catling & Mrs Ali	Hibba & Pavandeep
Year 5: Miss McEvoy & Miss Hill	Aymen & Ekrama
Year 6: Mrs Gray & Miss Hill	Amat & Ali
Mr Ullah: Deputy Head Teacher	Keevanyah – Year 3 & Johanna – Year 5
Mrs. Elliott: Head Teacher	Whole Class – Year 2

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

Secondary School Applications

If your child is due to transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2021 you should apply for your child's secondary school place online at (direct link to the application page) <https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php> Before 31st October 2020.

Emergency Contact Details

Please ensure that the school office has your most up-to-date details. This includes correct address, phone number and emergency contact details. If you believe that these may need updating, please email the school office at:

enquiry@stjonmon.bham.sch.uk

Staffing

The following internal appointments were made for specific curriculum areas:

Miss Millar – RE Lead

Mrs Gray – English Lead

We wish them well with their permanent subject lead positions

Thank you – Mrs Jena Retirement Collection

Thank for your generosity towards Mrs Jena's retirement collection fund. Parents and staff contributions totalled £200. With this money, a cut glass Waterford crystal vase and some flowers were bought and presented to Mrs Jena. Thank you again.



Community

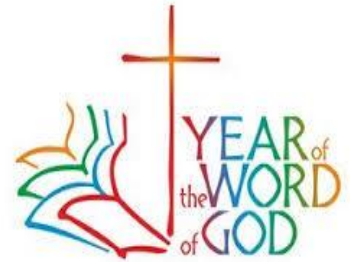
Please see attached leaflets regarding the following:

- Family Learning Freedom Programme with Birmingham Adult Education Service
- Family Learning Pathways
- Hall Green Early Help Flyer

God Who Speaks

The Year of the Word – The God who speaks has been extended 2020-21. As a school, we continue to explore scripture and the Bible through RE lessons, class liturgy, Gospel assemblies and Mass.

"In the beginning the Word already existed; the Word was with God, and the Word was God" John 1:1



Mrs M. Elliott – Head Teacher

Mission Statement



**At SS John & Monica's, we learn through the example of
Respect, Understand and Value each other**