



Friday 23rd September 2022

| Term | Start | Half Term | Reopens | Term Ends |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Autumn Term 2022 | | Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th Oct | Mon 31 st Oct | Fri 16 th Dec (2pm) |
| Spring Term 2023 | Tues 3 rd Jan – Staff Training Day School Closed Wed 4 th Jan – Children Return | Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th Feb | Mon 27 th Feb | Fri 31 st Mar |
| Summer Term 2023 | Mon 17 th Apr | Mon 29 th May – Fri 2 nd Jun | Mon 5 th Jun | Fri 21 st July (2pm) (Staff Training Mon 24 th & Tues 25 th July) |

Staff Training Days 2022 - 2023 – Fri 21st Oct, Tues 3rd Jan, Mon 24th & Tues 25th July

Covid-19

We have noticed in the last week that the number of Covid-19 cases in the school is starting to rise. We ask you to be vigilant during the coming months and help us to manage this within our school community.

Symptoms of COVID-19, flu and common respiratory infections include:

- Continuous cough
- High temperature, fever or chills
- Loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell
shortness of breath
- Unexplained tiredness, lack of energy
- Muscle aches or pains that are not due to exercise
- Not wanting to eat or not feeling hungry
- Headache that is unusual or longer lasting than usual
- Sore throat, stuffy or runny nose
- Diarrhoea, feeling sick or being sick



If your child displays these symptoms, they should remain at home and avoid contact with others, until they no longer have a temperature and feel unwell.

Vaccinating children can reduce the risk of COVID-19 infection to your child and those around them.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-for-children/>

The following link provide more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Reception Open Day – Thursday 10th November

We are holding our Reception 'Open Day' on Thursday 10th Nov. Prospective parents have an opportunity to visit our school and talk to staff. There are three time slots available:

9.30 am

2.00 pm

4.30 pm



Each session will start with an address by the Head Teacher, followed by a tour of the school. If you would like to book a timeslot, please phone the school office on 0121 464 5868 or email enquiry@stjonmon.bham.sch.uk.

Catholic Life Class Mass

The next Class Mass is Thursday 29th September – Year 4 (St Therese of Lisieux) and Thursday 6th Oct – Year 3 (St Francis of Assisi). Parents of class most welcome.

Wednesday Word

Please find the link for this week's Wednesday Word, which shares Sunday's Gospel with parents and families.
<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/change?pid=MTA101634&v=4.4>

Parish of SS John and Martin

Please click on the following to access Mass times and the current SS John and Martin parish newsletter.
<http://www.ssjohnandmartin.org.uk/newsletter.htm>

TenTen Parent Newsletter

Please click on the following link for September Parent's Newsletter. <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Season of Creation

In 2015, we know that the Vatican released an encyclical entitled 'Laudato Si' - Care for our Common Home. Part of our Christian duty is to care for God's Creation and consider the treats to it, such as climate change, loss of biodiversity, extinction of species and the culture of waste.

As a school we are focusing on 'Creation', with lessons, as part of our RE scheme, assemblies and prayers. We will be doing more work this year on caring for our common home, as we work towards our 'Living Simply' award

For the love of

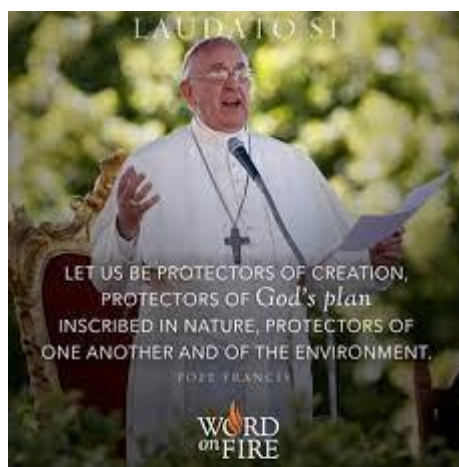
Creator God,

*You show us what love is
through the beauty of the earth
and the gift of your Son.*

*For the love of...
animal and plant
mountain and forest
sea and city*

*Move us to live more simply,
to protect the earth
and to speak up for those in need.*

Amen.



School Fund and School Building Maintenance Fund

This year our school funding has been cut substantially again. For this reason, we rely on any extra school fund monies, in order to enhance the learning environment for the children. We ask our families for a voluntary £5.00 (per family) per year contribution towards school fund. This year this money was used to purchase a range of additional school resources. In addition to school fund, we ask our families to contribute a small voluntary donation (£5.00 per family) towards our school maintenance-building fund. Last year's funds went towards a variety of school improvements. This year money's will go towards Reward Systems, Wet Play equipment, Additional fiction and non-fiction books.

Thank you in advance for your support for our school. Payments can be made online via School Money <https://eduspot.co.uk/>



Modeshift Silver Award Achievement

CONGRATULATIONS! On the 5th September we received some great news that we have been awarded our Modeshift STARS Silver award- we are Modeshift champions!

Throughout 2021-22, we worked so hard as a school to work towards this fantastic award. We blinged our bikes, took part in bikeability, completed our WOW challenges, took part in the national Sustrans big walk&wheel and walk to school month, we promoted anti-idling and clean air and much more.

Well done to all of the pupils, parents and staff at SS John and Monica's for continuing to promote and take part in eco-friendly travel! This year, we will continue to uphold sustainable travel as a school community, as we make our way towards Modeshift Gold award.

Many thanks,

Miss Geoghegan.



WOW Walk to School Challenge 2022-23:

This year we will continue with our all year round walk to school challenge.

This year's theme is **Walk Through Time** – please see this term's badges below.



September



October



November



December

Every morning each child completes the Travel Tracker, where they input their mode of travel to school. Children can be awarded a badge at the end of each month if they walk/scoot/cycle or even park and stride to school, at least once a week. We really love promoting the importance of eco-friendly travel here at SS John and Monica's, so please join in with this year's WOW challenge.

Many thanks, Miss Geoghegan.

Attendance

A big well done to Year 5 for having the highest-class attendance last week with 99.2%. It is a shame that some classes attendance have been pulled down by families taking holiday leave in term time. Please endeavor to ensure your child attends school each day to avoid lost learning.

Punctuality

There are still children arriving late to school after 8.55am and having to come into school via the front door. This is not a good start to the term and needs to improve.

If you are having difficulties getting your child to school for any reason, please speak to myself or Mr Ullah.

Attendance for: Week 12th to 16th Sept – Well done to Year 5 - 100%

Week 19th to 23rd Sept – Well done to Year 5 - 99.2 %

| Class | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|
| % Attendance | 94.4% | 89.8% | 97.9% | 96.7% | 98.7% | 99.6% | 93.7% |
| Lates | 14 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 11 | 7 |
| Whole School Attendance so far this year | | | | 96.1% | | School Target | |
| | | | | | | 97% | |

Pupil Roles 2022-23

Well done to the following children who have been elected for important roles this year!

School Council

Year 1- Sam and Madalena
Year 2- Keyaan and Alyssia
Year 3- Isabella and Umar
Year 4- Inaya and Sam
Year 5- Mae and Jeremie
Year 6- Mariyah and Jacob



Play Leaders

Year 5: Elijah, Zoya, Aydin, Nafisah, Aisha and Alayna
Year 6: Felicity, Ranell, Hawwa, Hafsah and Tegh.

Eco Team

Y1 Amblessed and Yahya
Y2 Eden and Paul
Y3 Iris and Abbas
Y4 Rosa and Laiq
Y5 Vincent and Serena
Y6 Taio and Ranell



Chaplaincy Team

Y2 - Anna and Rafael
Y3 - Machair and Ayyana
Y4 - Kyrese and Estella
Y5 - Milaan and Khadija
Y6 - Ono and Zofia

House Points

Well done to St Andrew's House for having the highest house point total over the last two weeks! This is a great start to the year!

1st - St Andrew – 268

2nd - St George - 241

3rd - St David – 232

4th - St Patrick 195

HOUSE POINTS

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

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Reception: Mrs. Riches, Mrs. Deacon & Miss Smith | Sienna & Musa |
| Year 1: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs. Griffiths | Rhaqeel & Samuel |
| Year 2: Miss Millar & Mrs. Tutt | Eden & Alyssia |
| Year 3: Miss Treacy & Mrs. Ali | Jonah & Lina |
| Year 4: Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Catling & Mrs. Ali | Arlo & Jameelah |
| Year 5: Mr Walsh & Mrs Reed | Fleur & Whole Class |
| Year 6: Mrs. Gray & Miss Hill | Hasan & Ono |
| Mr. Ullah: Deputy Head Teacher | Whole Class Y6 & Harry – Y1 |
| Mrs. Elliott: Headteacher | Alfie – Y6 |

Secondary School Applications

If your child is due to transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2023, you should apply for your child's secondary school place online at:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/secondary_school_year_7_admissions/1 before 31st Oct 2022.

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

Staff Book Review

As a school, we are always encouraging children to review the books they have read. This term, staff are going to share a review of a book that they have read...perhaps you could share these with your children.

First up our English Lead Mrs Gray.

'Although I've lived in Birmingham for over 30 years now, part of my heart is still in Cornwall, where I was born and raised. For this reason, when asked to write about a book I loved, The Salt Path by Raynor Winn immediately came to mind. In this memoir, Raynor Winn, a British long-distance walker and writer tells the true story about when she and her husband Moth, who was diagnosed with corticobasal degeneration, became homeless after a bad investment and decided to walk the 630-mile South West Coast Path. Renowned for its breathtaking beauty, this coastal path runs all along the Devon and Cornwall coast. She and her husband walk every day and camp at night. They only have each other and the bags on their backs. Gradually they build their stamina and learn to enjoy life again, appreciating the simple things and the beauty of the natural world. This book is uplifting, life-affirming and a wonderful representation of my home county - Cornwall. Read it! It's wonderful!'

After School Clubs/ Breakfast Club

We currently have spaces available for **Football - Mondays & Computing – Thursdays**. Please contact the school office for more details.

Our Breakfast Club offers a range of nutritional breakfast options and activities from 8.00am each morning. You can also select certain days of the week to suit your convenience. Please contact the school office for further details.

Mrs. M. Elliott - Head Teacher

Mission Statement



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