



Friday 28th January 2022

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Spring Term 2022		Mon 21 st Feb	Mon 28 th Feb	Fri 8 th Apr 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	Thurs 21 st July 2.00pm

COVID Update

For most recent Government guidelines with regards to schools click: [Here](#)

Also attached are the updated Covid Contingency plan and Isolation period flow chart if you missed them in an email sent last week.

At the minute, we are still having children testing positive to Covid-19 and therefore, have organised our Mass and Assembly timetables in such a way to reduce whole-school gatherings. Hopefully these may be relaxed after February half –term. We will keep you updated.



History Theme Day

On Friday 14th January, we celebrated all things history! Everyone, staff and pupils alike, was invited to come into school dressed as a historical character – and what an amazing range of people we had: Martin Luther King, Einstein, Mary Anning, Anne Frank, Olivia Newton John, Charlie Chaplin, Stephen Gerard and Picasso, to name a few! We had time to think about what history actually means, to handle historical artefacts and to learn about each character and why we had chosen them. It was a lot of fun! Thanks to everyone for making a great effort with your costumes and for such an interesting day! – Mrs Litchfield (History Lead)



Uniform Policy

Thank you to all parents who support their children in following our School Uniform Policy. We are very proud of our school uniform, as it identifies us as being part of our SS John and Monica family. Please note that children should be wearing their winter uniform, which is a white shirt and tie (not polo-shirt). Shoes should be black and boots are not part of our school uniform policy. Please visit <https://www.stjonmon.bham.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform> if you are unsure about the governors and school uniform policy. Thank you.





Physical Education at SS John and Monica's

We are continually striving to provide a high quality P.E and sports curriculum for our children. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit in school every day. (Children may bring in tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE - black). Please make sure that children have appropriate footwear for PE. For Indoor PE back plimsolls should be worn, for outdoors PE trainers may be worn. Thank you.

House Points

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	Rafael
Year 2	Robert	Aria
Year 3	Ojaswithaa	Preet
Year 4	Ibrahim	Elijah
Year 5	Hibba	Aleksander
Year 6	Mark	Johanna



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

1st St Patrick 1102 2nd St Andrew 1102
 3rd St David 911 4th St George 812



Attendance for Week 17th to 21st Jan – Well done to Year 5 - 97.2 %
 Week 24th to 28th Jan – Well done to Year 2 - 100%

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	84.5%	93.8%	95.7%	96.8%	89.5%	95.9%	92.3%
Lates	1	2	3	1	5	1	9
Whole School Attendance so far this year				93.6%	School Target		97%

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality still remains a concern, with our whole school attendance target much lower than usual and punctuality an issue for some. Please DO NOT book holidays/visits to family/days out in term time.

Thank you to those who are on time every day. If you need Early Help support with either attendance or punctuality, please do speak to Myself or Mr Ullah and we will support you with this.

Attendance Focus Week

The following children were drawn for achieving 100% attendance for this week. Well done!

Rec – Rhaqeel & Arsema, Y1 – Aisha & Yoel, Y2 – Seema & Ethan, Y3 – Arisha & Ayden, Y4 – Sarah & Elijah, Y5 – Zelayna & Caleb, Y6 – Mariam & Jeremiah.

Breakfast Club/After School Clubs

We still have spaces available at our school Breakfast Club and the following After School Clubs:

- Reading Express (Monday)
- Board and Other Games (Wednesday)



Please contact the school office for further details: 0121 464 5868

Catholic Life

Class Mass

The next Class Mass is Thurs 3rd Feb - Year 3 (Feast of the Presentation of the Lord) & Thurs 10th Feb Year 6 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes). Due to Covid restrictions, unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate parents at this time, but will keep you updated.

Sacramental Programmes of Communion and Reconciliation

Our Y3 Catholic Children will shortly be starting their journey towards receiving the sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation. We ask you all to pray for them and their families as they embark on this next step important of their faith journey. Thank you.

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 Ten Parent Newsletter

The following link takes you to the Parents newsletter for January.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

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>

Post Climate Change Conference (COP26) Workshop Y6

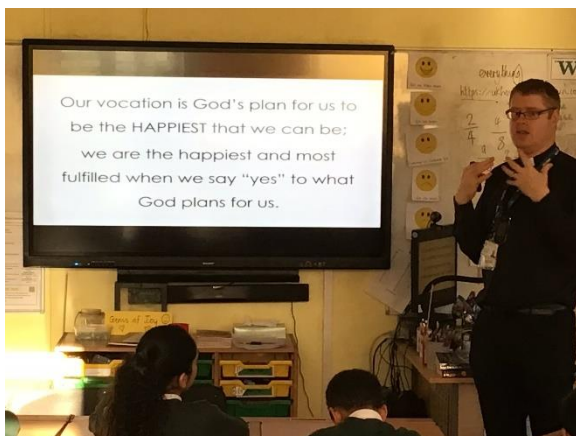
Our Y6 pupils had the opportunity to take part in a post Climate Change Conference (COP26) Workshop. Here is a review of the workshop written by Hessa:

"Last Tuesday, we met two visitors from the Columban Missionaries. They talked about people around the world sharing stories and prayers about their life and what goes on in their countries. These two visitors told us the meaning of COP26 and how they were involved. In Year 6, we all learned about how we can change things for the better." – (Hessa Y6)

Vocations Week

This week we have had a whole school focus on vocations. We have had a variety of visitors from paramedics, doctors and research nurses to musicians and artists. Deacon Owen did a workshop with Y6 and Mrs Elliott visited many classes to talk about her role as a Headteacher. We have loved welcoming visitors into our school and having the opportunity to develop or speaking and listening skills by asking them questions. We have also talked about our God-given talents and how we can use them to have a positive impact on the lives of others.

Miss Millar (RE Lead)



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

Reception: Mrs. Riches, Mrs. Deacon & Miss Smith	Sonia & Madalena
Year 1: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs. Shaheen	Damian & Anna
Year 2: Miss Millar & Mrs. Tutt	Baean & Maxwell
Year 3: Miss Treacy & Mrs. Ali	Amelia & Imaan
Year 4: Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Catling & Mrs. Ali	Ivo & Mahmood
Year 5: Miss McEvoy & Miss Hill	Felicity & Pavandeep
Year 6: Mrs. Gray & Miss Hill	Talisha & Leena
Mr. Ullah: Deputy Head Teacher	Ono & Alek – Year 5
Mrs. Elliott: Headteacher	Liyana – Year 1

Wear Your Scarf to School

On Friday 11th February 2022 we will be taking part in the first ever 'Wear your Scarf to School Day', in support of Children's Mental Health Week, which takes place from 7-13th February. Therefore, we ask for each child to wear their scarf to school and we please ask if you could donate £1 via school money for the cause. The money raised will go to 'Pause'; a children's mental health service, located in Birmingham.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing everyone's scarves!

Miss Geoghegan (PSHE lead).



Online Safety Week 7th - 11th Feb

We be marking Safer Internet week by holding special key stage assemblies to speak to our children about the importance of staying safe on-line. We will also be sending our Internet Safety information to parents/carers regarding how to keep your children safe and promote the responsible use of technology for our young people. For further details, go to:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022>



School Fundraiser

We are holding a half-termly fundraiser on the last Friday afternoon of this term. The children will be invited to take part in an afternoon of board and other games on Friday 18th February. We have a range of games in school that the children can play with, but they can also bring in their own from home if they wish (Please do not send in expensive games, games with lots of small pieces, or electronic games). We invite you to make a small voluntary donation of £1.00 or whatever you can afford, which will go towards school fund. We are in the process of doing a large small games play equipment order with school fund monies raised so far this year. Thank you for continued support for our school.

Community

Birmingham Commonwealth Games

As we start to plan for a school our events to mark the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games, visit <https://www.birmingham2022.com/> for up-to-date information about the games.

Billesley Tennis

Please find attached leaflet regarding Billesley Tennis and gymnastics Open Day on Sunday 13th Feb

Beezee Academy

Please find attached leaflet regarding Beezee Bodies which aims to provide free support in helping families to improve their health and well-being.

Mrs. M. Elliott - Head Teacher

Mission Statement



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