



Friday 29th April 2022

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Summer Term 2022		Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2.00pm
Autumn Term 2022	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept – Training Day- School Closed Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept – Children Return	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2.00pm

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 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.

### Welcome Back!

We welcome our children and families back to this the final summer term of the academic year. We are very much looking forward to promise of an exciting term ahead, with events such as 'Common Wealth Games Week', a variety of sporting activities, transition days, 'Skills Builder' project week and summer educational visits to name but a few.

We thank you for your continued support for our school. The partnership that has been built between staff and parents/carers over the years is strong, and one which we are very proud of! By working together, and having our children at the heart of everything we do, we have created a school community which is harmonious and supportive of one another. Thank you.

### Catholic Life

#### Class Mass

The next Class Mass is Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Year 4 (5th Sunday of Easter) Please contact the school office, if you would like to book a place (limit of 10 places)

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion

We continue to pray for our children in Y3, who are on their sacramental journey towards Reconciliation and Holy Communion. There is Parent's Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May at SS John and Monica's at 2.30pm. The children will then receive the sacraments on the following dates:

- Sacrament of Reconciliation – Tues 24<sup>th</sup> May – 10.00am
- Sacrament of Holy Communion – Sat 11<sup>th</sup> June – 4.00pm



#### 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

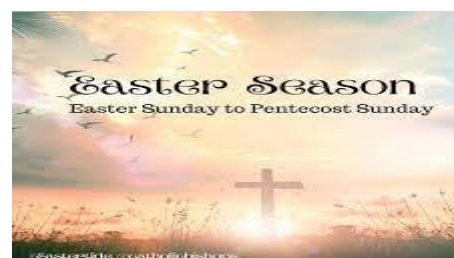
The following link takes you to the Parents newsletter for March

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

#### Parish of SS John and Martin

Please click on the following to access the current SS John and Martin parish newsletter.

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



## Fundraising Totals

Thank you for your generosity in contributing to our various school fundraising and charity Lenten appeals. The totals raised were as follows:

- School Fundraising Committee Easter Events - £474.10
- Class charity Lenten Activities - £189.30



## Swedish Head Teacher Visit

We welcomed a group of Swedish head teachers to SS John and Monica's at the end of last term. This was part of the Catholic Primary Partnership exchange programme. The Head Teachers were learning about the education system in the UK and comparing it to their own education settings. The children has a special assembly, led by the Director of the Catholic Primary Partnership, to mark the occasion.



## Parent's Survey

Thank you to those parents who completed the annual parental survey. The responses were very positive, as you can see from the attachment. Responses to questions and any comments made are analysed and used to feed into future school improvement and planning.

## Y6 SATS (Statutory Assessment Tests)

**Year 6** will be completing their KS2 SATs during the week beginning Monday 9th May. All Year 6 pupils are invited to come to breakfast club free of charge each morning during the week of the tests. **Full attendance this week is essential for all Year 6 pupils.**

**Year 2** will be completing their SAT's during the month of May. Please ensure that children are supported at this time by going to bed at a reasonable time. Thank you.

## Sex and Relationship Education and Health Education (SRE)

Responses from this consultation, which took place last term, were taken to the last full governing body meeting. As a result of this consultation and responses, the Governors of SS John and Monica School have decided to adopt the scheme in its entirety. Please find attached adoption of programme letter and Parent Information Booklet.

## Safeguarding

Safeguarding children and young people means keeping them safe from neglect and abuse. Anyone who comes into contact with children and families has a responsibility to safeguard and promote their welfare. Professionals have a duty to do so and it is of our highest priority here at Ss. John & Monica's. Safeguarding and promoting welfare means:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's health or development
- Ensuring children and young people are growing in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best life chances.

**If you have any concerns about the safety and/or welfare of a child or young person, please speak with a Designated Safeguarding Lead at school (Mrs Elliott, Mr Ullah, Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Riches, Miss Millar – all trained DSL's) or telephone the Children's Advice & Support Service (CASS) on 0121 303 1888**

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## Summer Term Skills Focus

This term the following skills will be a school focus:

### School Games Mark: Determination



### Skills Builder: Staying Positive



Both of these skills complement each other and will be developed in a cross-curricular approach.

## Walk, Cycle, Scoot to School Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May

We will be taking part in the Wow Walk, Cycle and Scoot to school week, which takes Place between 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> May. If you would like more information about the week, go to <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/products-and-services/projects/walk-to-school-week>

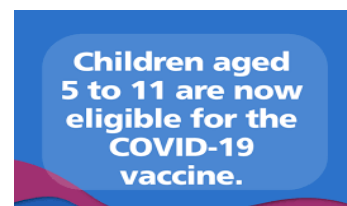


## Summer Visits

All classes are currently planning a summer trip. This year, to cut down the cost of visits (coach transportation more than doubles the cost of any visit) and to make the most of the wonderful facilities on offer on our doorstep, we are taking the children on local visits. All details of trips to follow.

## Living with COVID-19 Phase

Children can get a first dose of the vaccine from the day they turn five.  
Most children can get a second dose from 12 weeks after they had their first dose.  
For further information go to:  
[Here](#)



## Punctuality and Attendance

As we start this new term, a reminder about the importance of good punctuality and attendance.

If you are having difficulties with regards to punctuality or attendance, please contact Mrs Elliott/Mr Ullah who are happy to offer Early Help Support.

Attendance for: Week 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> April – Well done to Year 6 – 100%  
Week 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April – Well done to Rec & Year 2 – 100%

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	96.7%	97.6%	97%	92.6%	91.2%	94.6%	97.8%
Lates	4	6	1	6	9	1	5
Whole School Attendance so far this year			95.1%		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	Taiba
Year 1: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs. Griffiths	Nawelle
Year 2: Miss Millar & Mrs. Tutt	Maxwell
Year 3: Miss Treacy & Mrs. Ali	Arisha
Year 4: Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Catling & Mrs. Ali	Nafisah
Year 5: Miss McEvoy & Miss Hill	Ranell
Year 6: Mrs. Gray & Miss Hill	Hessa
Mr. Ullah: Deputy Head Teacher	Ekrama – Y6
Mrs. Elliott: Head teacher	Amblessed – Rec & David – Y1

Feast of St Catherine of Sienna – 29<sup>th</sup> April

*‘Be who God created you to be and you will set the world on Fire.’*



Mrs. M. Elliott - Head Teacher

#### Mission Statement



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