



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Summer 2021				Wed 21st July – 2pm
Autumn Term 2021	Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> /Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept School Closed for Training Days. School re-opens for children Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec

Please note that school finishes on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 2.00pm.

### COVID-19

The continued surge of the Delta variant of coronavirus in Birmingham is hitting schools hard. This is leading to many schools having to send 'Bubbles' home. Indeed, our Reception class have been isolating all week, due to a positive case. Unfortunately, most of our end of term activities have had to be either cancelled or adjusted. We are very disappointed that, for a second year, our children will not be experiencing some of the fun end of year activities that they would have in previous years. We apologise for this, but as Birmingham is an Enhanced area, we have had no choice but to follow the strictest government and local authority guidelines.

### Please note the following:

Recent information has indicated that **Covid symptoms for many children include a runny nose, sore throat, cough and 'cold like' symptoms.** If your child has any of these symptoms at this time when the variant is spreading so rapidly, please take your child for a PCR test at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Lateral flow tests are not advised to be used on Primary aged children.

### Please inform us immediately if your child tests positive to Covid-19 for Track and Trace purposes.

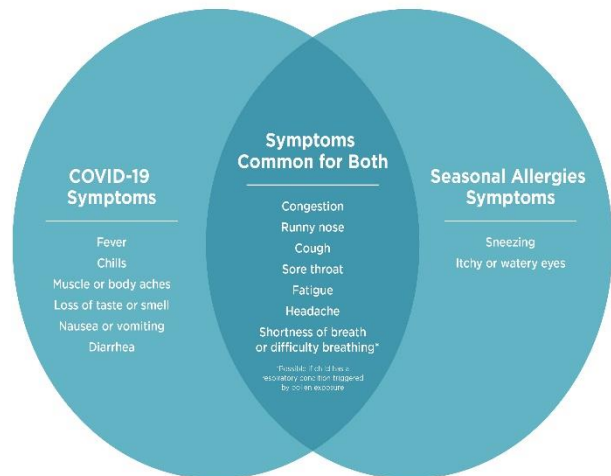
Thank you for your understanding in this matter and for helping to keep our school community safe.



## Is it allergies or COVID-19?

### FSM Vouchers

FSM vouchers will be issued over the summer holidays for 4 weeks. This voucher scheme will be funded through the government's COVID Local Support Grant. For Reception to Year 6 each voucher code is worth £60. You need to look out for an email with regards to redeeming your voucher, which will be emailed out the week of the 12th July. Please contact the school office if your email has changed.



## Annual Reports

Your child will bring home their annual report on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July. If you need speak to your child's class teacher about this report, please email them via the class email account and they will arrange a time to call you. Please complete the parent response box at the end of the report and return to school when you have read your child's report.

Thank you

## Catholic Life

### First Holy Communion Programme

Congratulations to the children in Y3 and Y4 who received the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. This was a very special occasion for them and their families and we are very proud with the way they conducted themselves in receiving this special sacrament and during the service itself.



### Wednesday Word

Please find the link for this week's *Wednesday Word*

<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>



### Art Week

Thank you to Mrs Catling who organised an Art focused week this week, where the children spent time learning about artist/sculptor/designers (see table below). There were lots of opportunities to link to other curriculum areas and a range of exciting activities were covered. Check out Seesaw and our school Twitter account @SSJohnMonicas to see some of the children's creative pieces.

Artist Focus for Art Week						
R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Piet Mondrian	LS Lowry	Andy Goldsworthy	Pablo Picasso	William Morris	Henry Moore	Zaha Hadid
Dutch Abstract painter	English artist	British Sculptor	Spanish cubist painter	Textile artist	British Sculptor	British Architect

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## Bell Heath

Our Y6 pupils had a fantastic educational visit to Bell Heath Outdoor Environmental Centre, where they took part in activities such as grass sledging, high ropes, zip wire and archery. Thank you to Mrs Gray, Mr Ullah and Mrs Shaheen for organising and accompanying the children. The sun shone and a great day was had by all!



## Mental Health and Well-Being

Mental Health and Well-being continues to be a priority, which will continue into next academic year. The children and staff have had two very challenging years and have had much to navigate and contend with. One of our school improvement priorities next year will be recovery and re-entry post Covid. This plan will cover the curriculum and mental health and well-being recovery, as we adjust to a new way working in the future. At this point in time we do not know in September whether we will have to continue with staggered times and class 'Bubbles'. We await further specific government guidance on this, and may not know specific details until September.

## Trauma Informed Attachment Awareness School

At the start of this year, SS John and Monica School set on the journey to becoming a Trauma Informed Attachment Awareness School. Through training, discussion and action planning, we are committed to improving the health and wellbeing and ability to learn of the most vulnerable children in our school, namely those who have suffered trauma, abuse, neglect and/or have mental health problems or attachment issues. This journey will continue next year as we embed the practices we have learned to improve the outcomes of our most vulnerable children. If you would like to know more about Trauma Informed Attachment go to <https://the-arc.org.uk/>

## Mental Health First Aiders

As a school, we recognise the importance of being able to support our children with their mental health and well-being. For this reason, myself and Miss McEvoy have completed a national qualification and are now trained Mental Health First Aiders. This intensive training course has enabled us to understand wide range of mental health conditions and the steps to take to support children who have mental health needs.



## Rewards

The following children have been chosen by their class teachers for regularly accessing the following educational programmes:

Year group	MyOn	Mathletics	Reading
Year 1	Hafsa	Kushagra	Fariyah
Year 2	Emilia	Arlo	Amelia
Year 3	Khadija	Rabia	Argun
Year 4	Miya	Maisie	Aleksander
Year 5	Bavleen	Khadeejah	Johanna
Year 6	Davinder	Jack	Eve



## House Points

Well done to St Andrew's House for having the highest house point total for this week! Well done and keep up the good work everyone!

St Andrew 606

St David 545

St George 438

St Patrick 436

## Community

### West Midlands Fire Service Poster Competition

If your child would like to enter into the West Midlands Fire Service poster competition to design a 'Fire Safety in the Home poster', please return entries to school by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

### Raising Awareness FGM

Hall Green Families will be hosting an event on Raising Awareness of FGM, Honour Based Abuse and Forced Marriages on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 11.00am – 12.30pm on zoom.

The following issues will be explored and discussed during the event:

- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
- Honour Based Abuse
- Forced Marriages
- How Early Help Teams can help

Please register on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/raising-summertime-awareness-fgm-honour-based-abuse-forced-marriages-tickets-157826821271>

### Moseley Festival Summer Fete

Moseley's original community festival will be back for 2021 on 23rd-25th July. A summer fete will take place in Moseley Park on Saturday July 24th from 12-3pm. Community groups and local businesses will showcase all the wonderful activities that are going on in and around Moseley and there will be all sorts of stalls. Entry to the summer fete will be free!



### Attendance

Attendance will be reported in your child's annual report. This figure will not include self-isolation for Covid. Any absence under 90% is classed as persistent absence and is a concern. Absence below 95% should be improved in the next academic year. Much lost learning has already taken place and teachers are working hard to close gaps in learning. Poor attendance has a huge effect on children's education.

**Please note authorisation for the celebration of Eid al-Adha will only be one day.**

Well done to Year One who had the highest overall class total for the month of June with 91%!

Attendance for: **Week 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June – Well done to Year 1 – 98.6%**  
**Week 28<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Well done to Year 1 – 97.2%**

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	97.1%	97.9%	93.5%	90.2%	94.7%	94.8%	95.7%
Lates	2	3	2	3	1	3	6
Whole School Attendance so far this year			95.6%		School Target		97%

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

Reception: Mrs. Sparrow & Mrs. Hodges	Younis, Luca & Eli
Year 1: Miss Millar & Mrs. Reed	Jibriel & Haris
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Miss McKeown	Kyrese & Rosa
Year 3: Miss Treacy & Mrs. Ali	Mayla & Jeremie
Year 4: Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Catling & Mrs. Ali	Yunis & Inaya
Year 5: Miss McEvoy & Miss Hill	Ali & Lucas
Year 6: Mrs. Gray & Miss Hill	Gabriel & Seraj
Mr. Ullah: Deputy Head Teacher	Rio & Ali – Year 6
Mrs. Elliott: Head Teacher	Year 3 FHC – Mo, Fleur, Maggie, Mayla, Pedro & Ivo
Mrs. Elliott: Head Teacher	Year 6 Whole class

### Free Tables and Chairs

School has purchased new tables and chairs for our children for the next academic year. For this reason, we will be no longer in need of some of our current classroom desks and some chairs. If you know of any local groups/charities/organisations who may benefit from having some of these, please get them to contact the school office. They would be responsible for collection. Any parents who wish to have any are welcome to do so. They will be available from the school playground towards the end of the term.

### Fundraising

Thank you to Mrs Santra and the Fundraising Committee for organising the following events at the end of term.

Euro 2020 Football Flag Hunt – 7<sup>th</sup> July (£3.00)

Family Bingo – 14<sup>th</sup> July 6.00pm (£3.00)

Non-Uniform Day – 21<sup>st</sup> July (£1.00)



This year, we have been unable to organise fundraising as we have done in the past. This means that additional school funds have been lost. We encourage you to support the above events by logging on to <https://eduspot.co.uk/> and making your donations.

Thank you for your continued support for our school.

Stay well and keep safe  
Mrs. M. Elliott - Head Teacher



Mission Statement



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