



Friday 30th April 2021

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Summer 2021		Fri 28 th May Training Day School Closed	Mon 7 th June	Wed 21 st July – 2pm
Autumn Term 2021	Thurs 2 nd /Fri 3 rd Sept School Closed for Training Days. School re-opens for children Mon 6 th Sept	Mon 25 th - Fri 29 th Oct	Mon 1 st Nov	Fri 17 th Dec

COVID-19

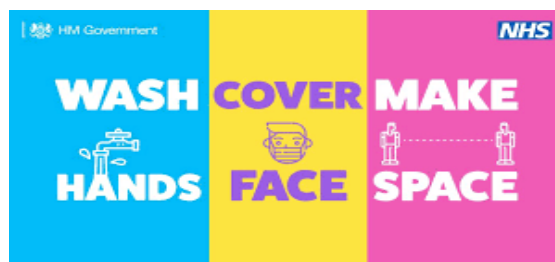
Changes from 29th March

Social contact

Evidence shows that it is safer for people to meet outdoors rather than indoors and this is why from 29 March, outdoor gatherings (including in private gardens) of either 6 people (the Rule of 6) or 2 households has been allowed, making it easier for friends and families to meet outside.

Business and activities

Outdoor sports facilities such as tennis and basketball courts, and open-air swimming pools, will also be allowed to reopen, and people will be able to take part in formally organised outdoor sports.



Travel

Although, the 'stay at home' rule ended on 29 March many restrictions still remain in place. People should continue to work from home where they can and minimise the number of journeys they make where possible, avoiding travel at the busiest times and routes. Travel abroad will continue to be prohibited, other than for a small number of permitted reasons. Holidays abroad will not be allowed, given it will remain important to manage the risk of imported variants and protect the vaccination programme. The Government has launched a new taskforce to review global travel which will report on 12th April.

Thank you to those parents who continue to adhere to our school policy of wearing masks when entering the school site and keeping a distance from others. Thank you also for keeping us fully informed regarding any family members who are showing symptoms of the Coronavirus and are taking their children for tests. Like everyone, we are delighted that the local rates continue to fall and we are all working very hard to beat this virus together.

Reception Place Sept 2021

We still have places available for Reception class for Sept 2021. There is a low birth rate in in city and applications for Reception places across Birmingham are down 7% from last year. If you are aware of any family who requires a place for their child for September, we would be grateful if you could direct them to the school office.



We also have places available in the following classes: Y3 – 1 place, Y4 – 2 places.

We have promoted the above places through our school Twitter. If you are using local social media platforms, we would be grateful if you share this information. Thank you for your support.

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Catholic Life

First Holy Communion Programme

Our First Holy Communion Programme is as follows:

Tues 25 th May	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Y3/Y4 Pupils)
Tues 8 th June	Final Preparations Parent's Meeting
Sat 19 th June	Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sat 26 th June	Sacrament of Holy Communion



Please pray for our children and families as they continue on their journey of faith.

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>

TenTen Parents Newsletter - May

Please click on the following link to access the TenTen Parent's newsletter for May:

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/REapS6cTFMjHG/>

Lenten Charity Fundraising

Thank you to all those families who contributed to our Lenten fundraising efforts. A total of £220.00 which was raised will be split between our chosen Lenten charities.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for April: Fundamental rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

The film to accompany this intention can be found here <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-04/pope-francis-prayer-intention-april-2021-human-rights.html>

Parent Questionnaire

Please find attached results of our most recent Parent Questionnaire. Results were analysed and overall very positive. On the odd occasion where there was particular dissatisfaction regarding a certain question, parents were contacted by myself or Mr Ullah to discuss these matters further. All feedback will be taken into account and will be used to support future school improvement.



Parent Governor Election

We were delighted with the positive response to our recent Parent Governor election. Ballot papers have now been sent out to all families and votes should be returned by Thursday 6th May. When the election has been completed, we will inform you of the outcome.

Birmingham SEND Local Offer

Please see attached the attached letter regarding the Birmingham SEND Local Offer. Every LA in England has a duty to provide children and young people, (0-25 years) with support if they have Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities - this is known as the Local Offer. The Birmingham Local Offer website can be accessed via this link: <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/localoffer>

It includes information about the wide range of services that are available to support all areas of a child's life (0-25 years) especially those with a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND).

This includes support with education, physical and mental health, social care, leisure activities and moving towards independence and adulthood.

Further information regarding this and the Special Educational Needs at SS John and Monica school can be accessed at

<https://www.stjonmon.bham.sch.uk/about-us/inclusion-and-send/send>

Special
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Project Work

Year 3 have been enjoying learning all about our new class topic, Ancient Rome. Over the Easter Holidays, they completed their own research about Roman emperors; created artistic mosaics; designed interesting structures of Roman buildings such as the Colosseum and even made their own Roman soldier shields. They are really excited to be learning about this fascinating part of British history! They even have a model of the Colosseum constructed from pasta on display because Ancient Rome was in Italy! Well done Year 3!



Rewards

Reading Eggs Well done to **Preet Y2 & Maisie Y4** who are regularly accessing Reading Eggs/Express and working hard through the programme!

Mathletics

Well done to **Arlo Y2, Tiago Y4 & Felicity Y4** for regularly accessing Mathletics and working hard through the programme!

MyOn

Well done to **Bobby Y1 & Alfie Y6** who have made fantastic efforts reading lots of books on MyOn.



Head Teacher Postcards

It has been lovely to send home postcards to children who have been showing a positive attitude to school life, including being kind towards others and working hard. Keep up the good work children!

House Points

Well done to St David's House for having the highest house point total for this week! Well done!

St George 326	St Andrew 439
St Patrick 421	St David 425



Attendance

Our attendance total remains below the end of year target of 97%. During the final summer term, we all need to work hard to ensure that we are in school, on time, every day, for this figure to increase. It would be fantastic if we can achieve a 97% attendance total by the end of the school year!



This week we held an 'Attendance Focus Week': Well done to the following children who were selected for having 100% attendance during this week. All children received a book and a certificate. Reception: Alyssia & Eli, Year 1: Ethan & Kumar, Year 2: Kiara & Elena, Year 3: Mae & Areeba, Year 4: Zofia & Imarni, Year 5: Bryan & Leena, Year 6: Shaniya & Alfred.

Attendance for: Week of: 20th - 23rd April – Well done to Year 1 – 99.2%
 Week of: 26th - 30th April – Well done to Year R – 98.8%

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	97.4%	98.8%	96.6%	93.10%	96.2%	98.6%	97.1%
Lates	10	4	11	14	16	22	5
Whole School Attendance so far this year			96.9%		School Target		97%

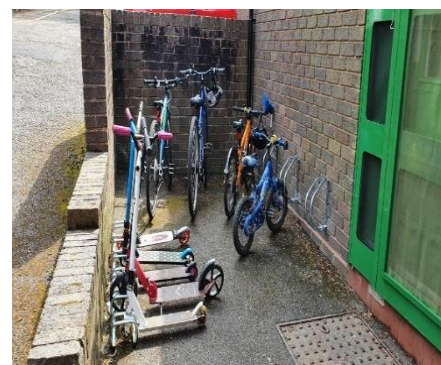
The following children have been chosen for exceptional work and behaviour. Well done to everyone!

Reception: Mrs. Sparrow & Mrs. Hodges	Yoel & Luca
Year 1: Miss Millar & Mrs. Reed	Isabella & Jaideep
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Miss McKeown	Kiara & Ameera
Year 3: Miss Treacy & Mrs. Ali	Pedro & Mahmood
Year 4: Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Catling & Mrs. Ali	Eliza & Hasan
Year 5: Miss McEvoy & Miss Hill	Nimra & Bavleen
Year 6: Mrs. Gray & Miss Hill	Ahmed, Curtis & Mariatou
Mr. Ullah: Deputy Head Teacher	Mo – Y3, Max & Lina - Y1
Mrs. Elliott: Head Teacher	Ali – Y4 & Alima – Y6



Bicycle and Scooter Rack Installation

We are delighted to see an increase in the number of children cycling and scooting to school over the past few years. To manage this increase in number, we thank Ms Goley, our Site Manager, who has installed a new bike and scooter rack. Thank you for keeping this area neat, tidy and accessible for everyone



Community

Please find the following information attached:

- Advice on EU Settlement Scheme
- Free Money Advice
- Water Payment Assistance
- Adult Training Opportunities
- Hall Green Family Newsletter



Mental Health and Well-Being

Please find attached the following to support with Emotional Health and Well-Being:

- Building Resilience Information
- Stress Awareness Month Toolkit (Anna Freud Foundation for Children and Families)
- Click on the following link for further information regarding Sport Birmingham School Games
- Kings Heath Marathon Run



Stay well and Keep Safe -
 Mrs. M. Elliott - Head Teacher



Mission Statement



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