



Friday 31st January 2020

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Spring 2020		Mon 17 th Feb	Mon 24 th Feb	Fri 3 rd April – 2pm
Summer 2020	Mon 20 th April Training day – School Closed. School opens Tues 21 st April	Mon 25 th May	Mon 1 st June	Fri 17 th July – 2pm Mon 20 th July Training Day – School Closed.

Class Masses

The next school Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 6th February – Y1 (St Agatha 5th Feb) (Please note this is Service of the Word as no Priest available for Mass. Thursday 13th February - Y4 (Our Lady of Lourdes 11th Feb) at 9.00am.** Parents, friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend. Please Note if no Priest is available there will be a Service of the Word.

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. Recently, we have noticed that items of clothing that are not part of our school uniform policy are starting to creep in. e.g., black skirts, trousers.

May we politely remind you that all pupils should be now be wearing full winter uniform. This is a white shirt (not polo shirt) and tie, bottle green jumper/cardigan and grey skirt/trousers. Tights and socks should either be white, grey or black. Sensible shoes not boots or trainers should be worn. Ties can be purchased online for £2.50 by selecting the **School Shop** option. **Thank you to all parents who follow our School Uniform Policy.**



First Holy Programme and Communion Inscription Mass

Our Y3 Catholic children will be making their First Holy Communion this year. This is a very full programme, which will comprise of work, parent's meetings and Masses in preparation for this most important sacrament. The first 'Mass of Inscription' will take place this Sunday 2nd Feb. We ask all those in our school community, to pray for these children and their families, as they start their journey of preparation.

Online Safety Week

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 leaflets 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://www.saferinternet.org.uk/SID2020>



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



School Library

Reading ability continues to be the most important indicator to academic success. In essence, reading really is the MOST important skill a child learns to master in school. We are advocating for children to read a wide variety of literature and one way to do this is to visit our school library and loan a book. The library is open on **Thursdays 3.15-4.00pm** for you to spend some time reading with your child and choosing a book. We have a variety of fiction and non-fiction books, which I encourage you to choose from. Let's get reading!

Year 6 Bell Heath Residential Trip 3rd to 5th June

Mr. Ullah held a meeting about the exciting Year 6 Bell Heath Outdoor Activity Residential, which will take place on 3rd - 5th June. **The Deposit for the trip is £36.87, payable on-line by 31st January.** Unfortunately, if there is not enough up-take, the trip is in danger of being cancelled. If you require further information, please speak to Mr. Ullah or Mrs Gray.



Physical Education at SS John and Monica's

We are continually striving to provide our children with a high quality P.E curriculum. Every week we have a specialist PE teacher from Bishop Challoner come in to school to deliver lessons alongside the class teacher. We also have regular visits from other secondary school specialists to model lessons, thus raising the quality of P.E provision in our school. Our Active Curriculum days each half term further promote the schools aim to sit less, move more. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit in school every day. Checks will be done over the next couple of weeks (Children may bring in tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE - preferably black). If you have a problem providing any items of PE kit please speak to your child's class teacher.

Eco-Corner

Community Recycling Project

- We are collecting empty packets from lunchboxes. These will be collected by a local Moseley Community Recycling project and sent to Terracycle for cash, which will be used for community projects

Cycling/Scooting to School

- It is wonderful to see that there has been an increase in the number of our children cycling or scooting to school. We will be holding various Biking Initiatives in the summer term including 'Bikeability' and another 'Bling your Bike to School'. Keep it up everyone!



Coffee Morning

We are holding a coffee morning on **Friday 14th February 9.00-10.00am** in aid of the Birmingham Women's Hospital Charity.

Please send cake donations into school on the morning of Friday 14th February. Thank you for your support.

NSPCC – Speak Out, Stay Safe Programme

Through a child-friendly, age appropriate lesson, class teachers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language.

If you would like any more information about the NSPCC Speak out. Stay safe. programme, including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website **nspcc.org.uk/schools**.



Attendance and Punctuality

Penalty Notices Issued

The Educational Legal Intervention Team have informed us that fixed penalty notices have recently been given to parents of children in our school who have taken unauthorised leave in term time of at least 10 days (20 sessions am/pm). To avoid such Penalty Notices, please **DO NOT** book holidays in term time.

Punctuality

The school bell is now rung at **8.55am** each day, as a sign that the school day has started. After the bell, the doors are locked and parents are required to come through the front entrance with their children to sign the late book. Early signs show that this initiative is having a positive impact, with less children arriving late to school.

Attendance

Congratulations to the following children who were drawn out for achieving 100% attendance in our Attendance Focus Week. Each child received a certificate and a book as a prize: **Rec: Isabella, Year 1: Kyrese, Year 2: Mahmood, Year 3: Alek, Year 4: Amanda, Year 5: Ryan, Year 6: Efrah.**

Attendance for: **Week 20th to 24th January – Well done to Year 2 – 99.7%**
Week 27th to 31st January – Well done to Reception Class – 100%

Average Attendance for the last 2 weeks:

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	96.5%	98.5%	99.3%	97%	96.3%	96.9%	97.2%
Lates	13	11	17	15	15	20	13
Whole School Attendance so far this year	96%			School Target	97%		

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

Reception: Mrs. Riches & Mrs. Hodges	Mia & Sukhmani
Year 1: Miss Millar & Miss McKeown	Preet & Rosa
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Miss McKeown	Amin & Mayla
Year 3: Mrs. Flaherty & Mrs. Ali	Medina & Yunis
Year 4: Miss McEvoy & Mrs. Ali	Shakeel & Ollie
Year 5: Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Catling & Miss Hill	Seraj & Whole Class
Year 6: Mr. Ullah, Mrs. Gray & Miss Hill	Subhan & Imran
Mrs. Elliott: Head Teacher	Eyob & Hafsa – Reception Class

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Sun 2 nd Feb	First Holy Communion Inscription Mass – SS John and Martin's Church	10.00am

Fundraising Committee Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 27th Feb at 2.00pm in the Forest School. All Parents/Carers welcome.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy (Grade 2)

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor commencing Monday 2nd March 2020. If you are interested in this vacancy, please speak to the school office for an application pack. Alternatively, visit our school website at:
www.stjonmon.bham.sch.uk

Extreme Weather Conditions

In the event of heavy snowfall, **we will send out a text message to confirm that the school is closed.** Please listen to local radio stations to hear if the school has had to close or not (Heart FM, Radio WM, Free Radio and 1296am Radio XL). **DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SCHOOL OFFICE.** Please ensure that the office has up to date mobile contact information.

Fr Dominic

It was lovely to welcome Fr Dominic Innamorati back to SS John and Monica's on a special visit today. Fr Dominic was able to witness a wonderful Y5 class assembly, visit all classes and see our children and stay for lunch. We look forward to seeing him again in the future!

Mrs M. Elliott – Head Teacher

OFFICIAL PRAYER FOR THE YEAR

