



Friday 7th Oct 2022

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Autumn Term 2022		Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th Oct	Mon 31 st Oct	Fri 16 th Dec (2pm)
Spring Term 2023	Tues 3 rd Jan – Staff Training Day School Closed Wed 4 th Jan – Children Return	Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th Feb	Mon 27 th Feb	Fri 31 st Mar
Summer Term 2023	Mon 17 th Apr	Mon 29 th May – Fri 2 nd Jun	Mon 5 th Jun	Fri 21 st July (2pm) (Staff Training Mon 24 th & Tues 25 th July)

Staff Training Days 2022 - 2023 – Fri 21st Oct, Tues 3rd Jan, Mon 24th & Tues 25th July

Catholic Life

Class Mass

The next Class Mass is Thursday 13th Oct – Year 2 (Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary- 7th Oct) and Thursday 20th Oct – Year 6 (St Luke the Evangelist- 18th Oct). Parents of class most welcome.

Wednesday Word

Please find the link for this week's Wednesday Word, which shares Sundays Gospel with parents and families:

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/home/index.htm>

Parish of SS John and Martin

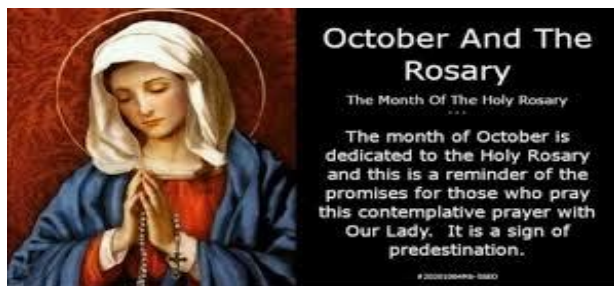
Please click on the following to access Mass times and the current SS John and Martin parish newsletter:

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

TenTen Parent Newsletter

Please click on the following link for October Parent's Newsletter: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

October is the month Our Mary, Our Lady and the Holy Rosary



Website

Please visit our school website at: <https://www.stjonmon.bham.sch.uk/> for the latest up-to-date information on everything related to our school, including, parent's information, curriculum and policy and procedures.

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Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th Oct from 3.30pm onwards. This is an opportunity for your child's class teacher to discuss how they have settled into their new class. **Progress, homework, attendance and punctuality will also be discussed.**

There will be a school Book Fair in the school hall during Parent's Consultation evening and upto the 17th October. The school receives a small amount of the commission made, which it can use to purchase books from the fair for school.

We also ask parents to spend a few minutes completing the Parent View Questionnaire after the consultation. Thank you.



Please note children are not permitted during the parent's consultation. Consultations are for class teachers to be able to freely discuss your child's emotional and academic needs and progress. Please do not be disappointed if staff are not able to accommodate you outside of the designated consultation evenings. Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

Reception Open Day – Thursday 10th November

We are holding our Reception 'Open Day' on Thursday 10th Nov. Prospective parents have an opportunity to visit our school and talk to staff. There are three time slots available:

9.30 am

2.00 pm

4.30 pm



Each session will start with an address by the Head Teacher, followed by a tour of the school. If you would like to book a timeslot, please phone the school office on 0121 464 5868 or email enquiry@stjonmon.bham.sch.uk.

Reception Admissions – September 2023

Online admissions opened on 1st October 2022 for Reception admissions for September 2023. Applications can be made online through the [Birmingham City Council website](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk) until the final deadline of 15 January 2023. Please note as 16 April 2023 is a Sunday, offers will be sent on Monday 17 April.

Please note if your application is late, it is less likely you will be offered one of your preferred schools. All the information parents need to support with making their preferences is available on the website:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions> More advice and support is also available from Children's Services on 0121 303 1888.

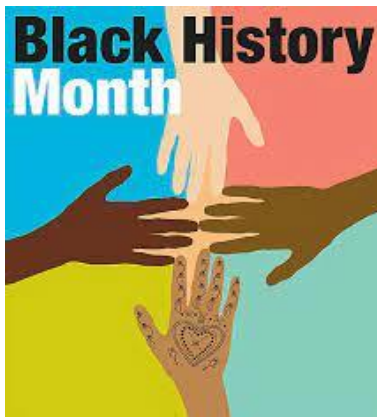
#FilltheSkieswithHope

The 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2022 was celebrated on 25 September. This year, The Holy Father, Pope Francis, chose the theme 'Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees'.

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It's always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.



As a school who are working towards School of Sanctuary status. Fill the Skies with Hope campaign is all about calling on the Prime Minister to change course on the government's policy to banish refugees Rwanda and will run until 9 November 2022. For more information: <https://cityofsanctuary.org/2022/08/31/fill-the-skies-with-hope/>



Black History Month

October is Black History Month and, especially this month; we will be exploring black history, heritage, culture and achievements in our work at school. We launched the month with a whole school assembly learning about a variety of notable people from John Blanke, Mary Seacole and Jesse Owens to Katherine Johnson and Marcus Rashford. Do ask your child to see what they can tell you! This week, children have continued their learning focusing on a specific person per class. Their work was showcased at a final feedback assembly today. Keep an eye on our school Twitter feed: @SSJohnMonicas to see some of the learning we have covered.

Mrs Litchfield – History Lead

Attendance for 26th to 30th Sept – Well done to Year 3 - 100%
3rd to 7th Oct – Well done to Year 3 – 97.3%

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	85.5%	95.1%	94.6%	98.7%	96.6%	91.9%	95.3%
Lates	8	16	16	5	13	18	15
Whole School Attendance so far this year				95.1%	School Target		97%

Reading Rewards and House Points

The following children have been chosen by their class teachers for reading lots of books on MyOn. Well done!

Name	MyOn
Year 2	Paul
Year 3	Abbas
Year 4	Amelia
Year 5	Keevanyah
Year 6	Aleksander



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

1st St. Andrew 700 2nd St George 656
 3rd St David 647 4th St Patrick 591



Anawim – Harvest Collection

We are collecting for a very important local charity, Anawim. This charity has been traditionally close to the of heart of our school, as it is located next to our parish church SS John and Martin's in Balsall Heath.

There is a collection bin in the foyer of the school. Biscuits, canned meat and fish, pasta, rice, sauce and canned and fruit vegetables are all gratefully appreciated. Please see the attached flyer for further details. For more information about Anawim the charity, go to <https://anawim.co.uk/>



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

Reception: Mrs. Riches, Mrs. Deacon & Miss Smith	Adriana & Haadiya
Year 1: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs. Griffiths	Rafe & Ajeet
Year 2: Miss Millar & Mrs. Tutt	Aisha & Xavier
Year 3: Miss Treacy & Mrs. Ali	Mia & Eyob
Year 4: Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Catling & Mrs. Ali	Estella, Sakina & Poppy
Year 5: Mr Walsh & Mrs Reed	Keevanyah & Alayna
Year 6: Mrs. Gray & Miss Hill	Haris – Y3 & Aleks
Mr. Ullah: Deputy Head Teacher	The School Choir & Minnie - Rec
Mrs. Elliott: Headteacher	Fariyah – Y3 & Alfie – Y6

Secondary School Applications

If your child is due to transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2023, you should apply for your child's secondary school place online at:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/secondary_school_year_7_admissions/1 before 31st Oct 2022.

Staff Book Review – Mrs Elliott

One of my favourite books from primary school is 'The Little Prince'. It was a tale written many years ago, in 1943 and one which made the author Antoine de Saint-Exupery famous throughout the world. The story is about a boy – the Little Prince, who decided to leave his home to see how other people live.



The Little Prince lived on the asteroid B-612 but began to feel very lonely and unhappy, so he decided to go on a trip to other planets. Traveling through neighbouring asteroids, the Little Prince meets rather strange people who live alone: a King, Business Man, a Lamplighter and a Geographer to name a few. The Little Prince did not like all these people, they were selfish and greedy, and their life seemed to him boring and empty.

Then the Little Prince flies to planet Earth. The Earth surprised him with its size and variety. He hoped to learn a lot, but it turned out later, that people on Earth are not much different from those whom he met earlier. He met a Pilot, a Fox and a Snake, who taught him much about life. When the Snake explained that it is important to help each other in life, the Little Prince realises that he wants to go back home.

The main idea of this story is how important it is, as an adult, not to lose the ability to look at life like a child and enjoy the simple things!



No Sweets Policy

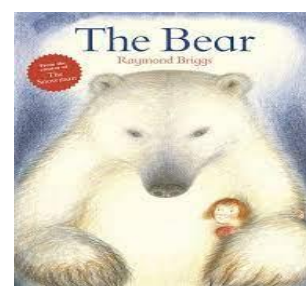
We politely ask you to not send sweets into school for birthdays. There are children who have various allergies and children who are only permitted to eat halal gelatin. This makes monitoring the sweets given out for birthdays increasingly difficult. As we already operate a No Sweets policy for lunchboxes, this is the safest and best option. Thank you for your understanding.

To find out more about Healthy Packed Lunch ideas visit

<https://www.stjonmon.bham.sch.uk/parents/school-meals> on our school website.

Rec/KS1 Christmas Theatre Trip – Friday 2nd December

We have planned an exciting trip to the Midlands Arts Centre for Reception and KS1 to see their Christmas Production 'The Bear' by Raymond Briggs. This is the first time in several years that we have been able to make such a visit. The cost of the trip is £11.00 and can be paid via <https://eduspot.co.uk/> along with consent for the trip. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon for the children!



Wear Yellow – Mental Health Day

Monday 10th October marks World Mental Health Day. We are marking this important occasion by dressing in yellow. We ask for a small voluntary contribution payable via <https://eduspot.co.uk/>. Thanks you for supporting this worthy cause.



Mrs. M. Elliott - Head Teacher

Mission Statement



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