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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you and your families are keeping well and staying safe.

As you are aware, there is still some uncertainty around full opening and what that will look like. We are awaiting final guidance from the Department for Education before we can finalise plans. The government have reiterated its target for all children to return to school in September, and schools are starting to plan for this. Plans are likely to involve a staggered start to the school day and staggered break, lunchtime and collection time, in order to keep the children safe in their class 'Bubbles'. We can only be honest at this point and assure you that, as the picture becomes clearer and as soon as possible, you will be informed of plans for September.

Summer Catch up Programme

A comprehensive and sustained "catch up" programme has been announced by the government and DfE. This is a one-off grant to support pupils in state schools, regardless of their income or background. At this point, we have not been informed about how much this will be, but it will be up to schools to decide how the money will be spent to support children's basic literacy and numeracy skills in the Autumn term. School will not be open over the summer holidays. The following government document for parents/carers has been updated:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Please see below for end of summer term and start of Autumn term notices.

End of Year Reports

These will go out to parents via email from Thursday 9th July. There is an important covering letter which will go out explaining to parents that:

- Attendance figure is calculated from 3rd September 2019 - 20th March 2020
- No Early Years Foundation Stage Profile, Y1 Phonics Screening, KS1 SATS or KS2 SATS (Standard Assessment Tests) took place this year and therefore are not reported on

Staffing for Academic Year 2020-21

We welcome to our school community Miss Treacy who will be teaching in Year 3. We know that you will make her feel very welcome to our family of SS John and Monica's. We say goodbye to Mrs. Flaherty who left us at the end of the Spring term to spend more time with her young family.

Staffing for next year is as follows:

Year	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Learning Support Assistant</u>
Reception	Mrs. Riches	Mrs. Hodges
Year 1	Miss Millar	Mrs. Reed
Year 2	Miss Geoghegan	Miss McKeown/Miss Shaheen
Year 3	Miss Treacy	Mrs. Ali
Year 4	Mrs. Catling/Mrs. Litchfield	Mrs. Ali
Year 5	Miss McEvoy	Miss Hill
Year 6	Mrs. Gray/Mr. Ullah	Miss Hill

Uniform requirements

During the partial closure, we have been flexible with uniform expectations to support families and being appreciative of shops being closed and children growing out of uniform. With effect from September, our usual high standards of uniform will be expected for all pupils.

Reading Diaries

You should have received an email regarding reading books and diaries which were sent home before school closure. Please, keep these safe over the summer holidays and return them to school in September. If not, our school will be very short of reading scheme books to give out in September.

Year 6 Personal Possessions

Year 6 parents/carers should have received an email regarding the collection of personal possessions. There will be an opportunity for parents to collect these and some exercise books between the hours of 10.00am-2.00pm on Monday 13th July. (Please note that this will be the only day that these will be available.). Possessions will be in named bags and available from the front of the school. Please remember to return all reading books so that these can be passed on to next year's pupils.

Catholic News

- Please follow the link for the Wednesday Word: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/home/index.htm>
- **Resilience Calendar for July:** Action for Happiness have created a calendar which may be of use to staff and pupils alike. This is attached to the end of this newsletter and can be download here <https://www.actionforhappiness.org/jump-back-july>
- **Catenians Mass for Schools**

There is another opportunity to participate in Mass with other schools across the Archdiocese. The Mass is being celebrated by Monsignor Timothy Menezes, the Dean of St. Chad's Cathedral on Monday 6 July at 12:15. More information can be found here <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/catenian-mass-for-schools>

Covid-19 Guidance

The government's guidance on symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) which are follows:

a new continuous cough

a high temperature

a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If anyone has any of the symptoms above, they should [self-isolate at home](#). The government has also announced that anyone with symptoms of coronavirus is now eligible to book a test, ahead of the rollout of the test and trace service. A coronavirus test can be booked here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Important Dates

School will close this term on Friday 17th July at the following times:

Reception – 1.40pm

Y1 – 1.50pm

Y6 and Critical Worker Children – 2.00pm

There will be a staff training day on Tuesday 1st September. **School will re-open to pupils on Wednesday 2nd September.**

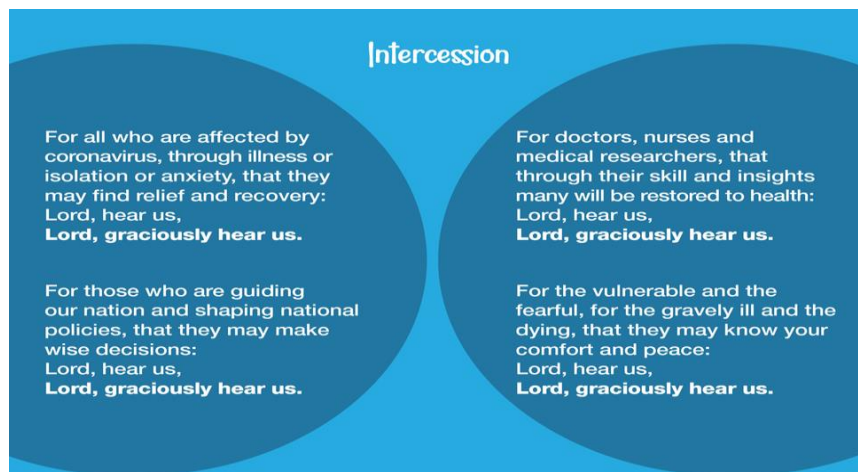
The staff and Governors of SS John and Monica School continue to keep all our children and their families in our prayers.

God Bless,



Mrs. M. Elliott

Head Teacher



Intercession

For all who are affected by coronavirus, through illness or isolation or anxiety, that they may find relief and recovery:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who are guiding our nation and shaping national policies, that they may make wise decisions:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers, that through their skill and insights many will be restored to health:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the vulnerable and the fearful, for the gravely ill and the dying, that they may know your comfort and peace:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

If a child is in immediate danger of significant harm a call should be made to CASS on 0121 303 1888. If you encounter a dangerous or unsafe situation, please contact the police.

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



RESILIENCE CALENDAR: JUMP BACK JULY 2020



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



We can't control what happens to us, but we can choose how we respond

5 Avoid saying "must" or "should" to yourself today

6 Put a problem in perspective and see the bigger picture

7 Shift your mood by doing something you really enjoy

8 Get the basics right: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time

9 Help someone in need and notice how that gives you a boost too

10 Don't be so hard on yourself. It's ok not to be ok

11 Reach out to someone you trust and share your feelings with them

12 When things go wrong, be compassionate to yourself

13 Challenge negative thoughts. Find an alternative interpretation

14 Set yourself an achievable goal and make it happen

15 Go for a walk to clear your head when you feel overwhelmed

16 When things get tough, say to yourself "this too shall pass"

17 Write your worries down and save them for a specific 'worry time'

18 Let go of the small stuff and focus on the things that matter

19 Notice something positive to come out of a difficult situation

20 Ask yourself: What's the best thing that can happen?

21 If you can't change it, change the way you think about it

22 Make a list of 3 things that you can feel hopeful about

23 Remember that all feelings and situations pass in time

24 Choose to see something good about what has gone wrong

25 Notice when you are feeling judgemental and be kind instead

26 Get back in touch with a supportive friend and have a chat

27 Write down 3 things you're grateful for (even if today was hard)

28 Catch yourself over-reacting and take a deep breath

29 Think about what you can learn from a recent challenge

30 Ask for help from a loved one or colleague. Be specific

31 Remember that you are not alone. We all struggle at times



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



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Daily actions to look after ourselves and each other as we face this global crisis together

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