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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you and your families are all keeping well.

Re-Opening Reception, Y1, Y6 and Critical Worker Children

- We would like to say thank you to all the parents for reading the protocols for the return to school on Monday. This helped tremendously in ensuring that our school opening went very smoothly. It has been wonderful to see some of our children back and our school come to life again!
- As you may have already read Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, confirmed in the House of Commons that the UK government is not going ahead with its plan to see all English primary school pupils return to classes for four weeks before the current term ends in July. This maybe disappointing for some parents to hear, as I am sure expectations were raised. At the moment SS John and Monica's will not be admitting further year bands. With Rec, Y1, Y6, an increase in Critical Worker children and vulnerable children returning in the coming weeks, we are continually having to make many adjustments to ensure that school is safe for both pupils and staff. We will continue to review the situation and keep you updated
- See attached letter from Birmingham City Council regarding re-opening

Update Covid-19 Guidance

The government have updated it is guidance on symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) which are as 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/>

Questions

What will happen if another child or member of staff in my child's group exhibits COVID-19 symptoms in school?

The pupil or member of staff in question will be isolated as above. The parents of all the other pupils in the group will be contacted and the pupils will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in a setting?

Where a pupil or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise schools and other settings on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases, a larger number of other children, young people may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps the whole class, site or year group. Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.

Homework

- Weekly homework will again be sent out today for all pupils not currently in school. Any work completed at home can be emailed back to the class teacher via enquiry@stjonmon.bham.sch.uk if you wish. Teachers will not be responding to work submitted individually, but will assess the work sent into school and use it to monitor a child's progress and inform future planning.
- Paper homework packs have now all been collected. These should keep the children busy for the next few weeks, along with the home learning packs on the school website and the wide variety of previous links to on-line homework sent out

Masses

Cathedral Mass to take place for the Sick and their families, NHS Front-line workers and those working in social care on Thursday 18 June St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Bernard at 7:00. www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-chads-cathedral-birmingham This week's Thursday Mass is being celebrated by Bishop Pat McKinney (formerly of the Archdiocese) www.youtube.com/bishoppatrickmckinney

Wednesday Word

Please follow the link for the Wednesday Word.

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/stopgap/Temporary-Special-Edition.pdf>

One Life Music

Please see our Twitter feed (<https://twitter.com/SSJohnMonicas>) for Dan and Emily's weekly worship which focuses on Pentecost.

Votes for Schools resources for young people to have a say on the protests around the world

Votes for Schools has created resources which look at the current protests against racism. They can be used independently at home and school. See the attached documents to access the parents letter and Primary Activity Pack.

West Midlands Midsummer Arts Festival

West Midlands Culture Response Unit (WMCRU) is delighted to announce the Midsummer Festival, a free one-day festival celebrating arts and culture in the West Midland on Saturday 20th June.

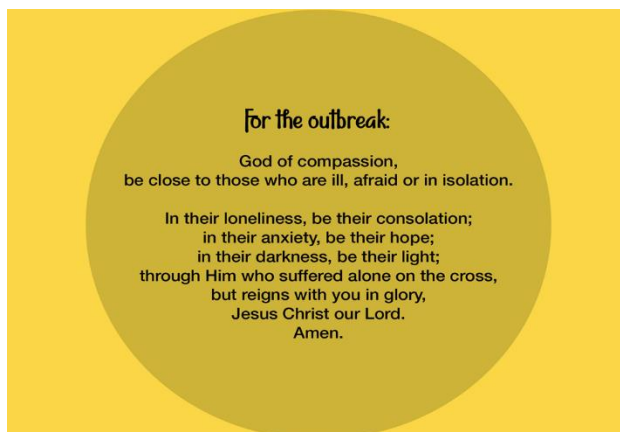
Featuring a collection of many West Midlands theatre, dance, music, artists and venues Midsummer Festival will mark the Summer Solstice with a wide range of live, archived and pre-recorded cultural activity available online including performances which have never been seen before from companies including the Royal Shakespeare Company, ACE Dance and Music and Birmingham Contemporary Music Group. It can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.makeitwm.com/>

We continue to pray for the safety and health of everyone in our school community.

God Bless,



Mrs. M. Elliott
Head Teacher



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'

