



Friday 10th May 2019

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Summer 2019		Mon 27 th May	Mon 3 rd June	Fri 19 th Jul- 2pm Finish
Autumn 2019	Monday 2 nd Sept – <u>Training Day</u> School Opens Tues 3 rd <u>Sept</u>	Mon 28 th October <u>Friday 25th Oct-</u> <u>Training Day- School</u> <u>Closed</u>	Mon 4 th Nov	Fri 20 th Dec- 2pm Finish

Class Masses

The next school Masses will be celebrated on **Thursday 23rd May – Year 5 (St Michael Garicoits)** and **13rd June - Year 3 (Pentecost)** at 9.00am. Parents, friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend.

Virtues - Summer Term 1

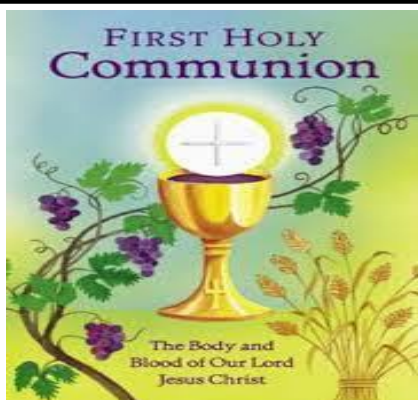
This half-term virtue is '**Curious and Active**'. Pupils are growing to be 'Curious' and 'Active' in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better. Our school, helps children to grow by leading them to be '**curious**' about the universe and all human activity, and to take increasing responsibility for their own learning, and by providing opportunities for them to be '**active**' in the life of the school, the Church and the wider community.



SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests)

Year 6 will be completing their KS2 SATs during the week beginning Monday 13th May. All Year 6 pupils are invited to come to breakfast club free of charge each morning during the week of the tests. Full attendance this week is essential for all Year 6 pupils.

Year 2 will be completing their SAT's during the month of May. Please ensure that children are supported at this time by going to bed at a reasonable time. Thank you.



First Holy Communion Mass

Our Y3 children, who are making their First Holy Communion will celebrate Mass on Sunday at SS John and Martin's Church on the Theme of The Gift Forgiveness and Peace. The remaining preparation Mass is on:

- Sunday 16th June

The children will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist on Sunday 30th June.

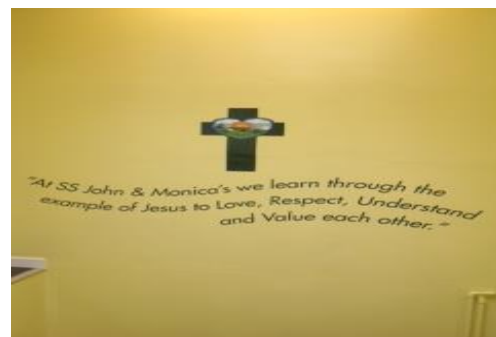
We welcome our whole school community to support the children and their families in their sacramental journey.

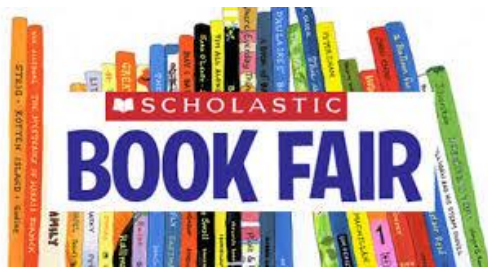
The children will now make the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 22nd May at 10.30am. Parents of children welcome.

Improving our School Environment

We are continually looking at ways to improve our school environment for our children. We have made several improvements recently, including purchasing new circular dining room tables, updating all our cloakrooms and purchasing some new display boards.

You may have also noticed that we have also commissioned some lettering in our hall and backstairs to Y3 classroom, which highlights our school mission.





Scholastic Book Fair Total

Thank you to everyone who supported our Scholastic Book Fair this year, which raised a total of £538.72. This is a fantastic amount and means that the 50% commission given, will be used to purchase Scholastic books for the school. A big thank you to Miss Hill for organising the fair!

Charitable Outreach

As a Catholic school, the church's teachings on social justice invite us to raise money for the needy in society locally, nationally and internationally. During Lent our school community generously donated the following to both local and international charities:

- £210.39 to Father Hudson Good Shepherd Appeal
<https://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk/children-and-families/good-shepherd-appeal/6.htm>
- £324.18 to CAFOD
<https://cafod.org.uk/>

Well done to Felicity (Y2) who raised the most money for the Good Shepherd Appeal and received an Easter Egg for her efforts.

We thank all of you for continually 'digging deep' in challenging economic circumstances and raising funds for those most in need.

Family Parking Pledge

Thank you to those who have returned their signed parking pledges. This initiative is in conjunction with the city council and is a way of showing that our families are committed to making the area around our school safer and that we are being considerate parkers to our school community.



National Walk to School Week- 20th-24th May

We are getting involved in National 'Walk to School' Week, which takes place during the last week of this half term. During this week we encourage our families to walk to school. If it is not possible to walk every day, then perhaps you could do so for 1 or 2 days. Alternatively, we encourage parents to park further afield and walk the last stretch. A range of 'Walk to School' badges will be given to children who as an incentive during the week.

<https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/walk-to-school-week-2019/>

Cycling Research

BMG Research are inviting people to take part in a social survey measuring the cycling frequency of families with children between the ages of 5 to 11. There are also incentives in completing the survey.

<https://survey.bmgresearch.co.uk/s3/1645R>

Climate Emergency

In June there is a meeting of the whole Council, when they will be asked to declare a climate emergency. The driver for this nationally, is the health of our young people. If you would like to know more about this, please click on the link below

<https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/birmingham-city-council-declare-a-climate-emergency-and-take-action-1>

Homework

Thank you to all parents who regularly support their children with their homework. Another parental homework questionnaire will go out next half term. If parents are struggling with supporting their children in Math's in particular, please visit our school website and find our school's 'Calculation Policy' under the 'Parents' section. This will help you to understand the progressive calculation methods that children are taught.

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Half-Term Fundraiser- Board Games Afternoon

Our half-termly fundraiser will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 23rd May and will be a 'Board Game Afternoon'. The children are encouraged to bring in any games e.g board games, card games. Younger children may want to bring in more simple games and for those are not able to bring in a game, games will be provided by school. The children usually thoroughly enjoy this afternoon! In return we ask for a £1.00 donation to school fund.

Fundraising Committee Meeting

After the last highly successful Easter Table Top Event organised by the Fundraising Committee, the next meeting will take place on Wednesday 22nd May at 2.00pm in the Forest School. Everyone is welcome.



Safeguarding

Everyone in society has the responsibility to safeguard children and young people from neglect and abuse. We as a school have responsibility to safeguard children and promote their welfare.

If you have any concerns about the safety and/or welfare of a child or young person, please speak with a Designated Safeguarding Lead at school (Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. Jena or Mr. Ullah) or telephone the Children's Advice & Support Service direct (CASS) on 0121 303 1888.

King Edward Grammar Schools

Entrance tests for Sept 2020 entry will be held on Saturday 7th Sept 2019 and parents of Year 5 children considering a Grammar School education for their child can register their child for the test by visiting www.birminghamgrammarschools.org

Attendance for the last 2 weeks:

Week: 29th April to 3rd May – Well done to Year 5 - 99 %

Week: 7th to 10th May – Well done to Year 6 – 99%

Average Attendance – (Last 2 Weeks)

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	91.7%	95%	98.3%	96.1%	88.7%	98.7%	97.9%
Lates	0	4	2	2	1	1	2
Whole School Attendance so far this year	97.1%			School Target	97%		

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

Reception: Mrs. Riches & Miss Morgan	Inaya & Sehar
Year 1: Miss Millar & Miss McKeown	Alayna & Fleur
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs. Hodges	Tegh & Pavandeep
Year 3: Mrs. Litchfield & Mrs. Catling	Bavleen & Lucas
Year 4: Mr. Hawker & Mrs. Ali	Amatalmalik & Ryan
Year 5: Mrs. Gray & Mrs. Goddard	Mishthi & Ismail
Year 6: Mr. Ullah & Miss Hill	Esaa & Noah
Mrs. Jena: Deputy Head Teacher	Alzubir & Adam – Year 6
Mrs. Elliott: Head Teacher	Jemima – Year 4 & First Holy Communion Children – Year 3

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Sunday 12 th May	First Holy Communion Preparation Mass – St John and Martin's Church	10.00am
Mon 13 th -Thurs 16 th May	Y6 SATS WEEK	
Thurs 16 th May	Themed Lunch – All Day Breakfast	
Fri 17 th May	Active Curriculum Day – PE Kit needed	
Mon 20 th May	Y6 Library Visit	pm
Wed 22 nd May	Sacrament of Reconciliation – St John and Martin's Church	10.30am
Thurs 23 rd May	Board Game Fundraising Afternoon (Please bring games and £1.00 donation)	pm
Fri 24 th May	School Closes for Half -Term	3.15pm

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**Mrs. M. Elliott
Head Teacher**