



Thursday 11th April 2019

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Spring 2019				Thurs 11 th April – 3.15pm Finish Training Day Friday 12 th April
Summer 2019	Mon 29 th Apr	Mon 27 th May	Mon 3 rd June	Fri 19 th Jul – 2pm Finish

NB: There is a Staff Training Day on Friday 12th April. School will be closed for pupils. School will reopen on Monday 29th April.

Class Masses

The next school Masses will be celebrated on **Thursday 9th May – Year 5 (The Ascension of Our Lord – 10th May) and 23rd May - Year 4 (St Michael Garicoits) at 9.00am.** Parents, friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend.

Pupil Questionnaire Results (Y2-Y6)

At School	Always	Most of the time	Sometimes	Never
1. I am happy to come to school	53%	29%	17%	1%
2. I feel safe at school	73%	15%	11%	1%
3. My school helps me to be healthy	71%	23%	6%	0%
5. I learn a lot in lessons	60%	33%	7%	0%
6. I know I am doing well at school	54%	32%	12%	2%
7. Adults in school explain to me how to improve my work	71%	17%	12%	0%
8. Adults care about me	86%	7%	6%	1%
9. Teaching is good at school	86%	13%	1%	0%
10. Behaviour is good in my school	51%	37%	12%	0%
11. Behaviour is good in lessons	56%	32%	11%	1%
12. The School deals with all types of bullying very well	79%	15%	5%	1%
13. Teachers are interested in my views	68%	17%	13%	2%

Parent Questionnaire Results – 184 responses

Questions	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
1. My child is happy at school	58.7%	39.1%	1.1%	0%	1.1%
2. My child feels safe at school	63%	35.3%	1.6%	0%	0%
3. My child makes good progress at this school	52.7%	42.9%	1.6%	0%	2.7%
4. My child is well looked after at this school	59.8%	39.7%	0%	0%	0.5%
5. My child is taught well at this school	51.6%	45.1%	2.2%	0%	1.1%
6. My child receives appropriate homework for their age	40.2%	48.4%	7.6%	0%	2.7%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	53.3%	45.1%	1.1%	0%	0.5%
The school deals effectively with bullying	39.7%	46.7%	4.3%	0%	9.2%
The school is well led and managed	40.2%	52.2%	3.3%	0.5%	3.8%
The school responds to any concerns I raise	40.8%	47.8%	4.3%	0.5%	6.5%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	42.9%	47.8%	8.2%	0%	1.1%
Would you recommend this school to another parent	Yes – 95.7%			No - 4.3%	

Results of questionnaires

- Responses from the pupil questionnaire are largely positive. Staff have feedback from individual pupils and therefore able to follow up any concerns they may have about a child's response. We encourage parents to talk to their children about their day at school with questions such as: Tell me about the best part of the day? What did you learn today? What was the hardest thing you had to do today? What did you play today?
- Responses from the parent's questionnaire again are positive. Homework is an area that we looked at following the 2018 Parents Questionnaire and it is an area we continually monitoring. For this reason, we are going to send another homework questionnaire to parents next term, but this time to include more specific questions regarding homework set.

First Holy Communion Mass

Our Y3 children who are making their First Holy Communion prepared and celebrated a wonderful Mass on Sunday at SS John and Martin's Church on the Theme of The Gift of God's Word. The children were an absolute credit to their parents and teachers and we were very proud of them. The following preparation Masses are on:

- Sunday 12th May
- 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 the sacramental journey.



School Fundraising Total so far this year!

Voluntary School Fund Contribution at the start of the year - £704.30

Christmas Jumper Day £158.40

Christmas Nativity Programmes and tea/coffee £278.81

Cake Sale £42.50

Uniform and Cake Sale (Aut) £144.30

Uniform and Cake Sale (Spr) £116.88

Sponsored Read £118.57

Easter Table Top Event £231.89

This gives us a fundraising total this year of £1,918.68. This is a fantastic achievement! Thank you to our whole school community for their continuing support to our school. We are very grateful.

Proposal for Changes to the school Day

You have all now received a letter regarding the schools proposed changes to the time of the school day. The Governors of SS John and Monica School **actively welcome responses from individual parents and families who wish to share their feedback regarding the proposals.** All parents will have their own and differing opinions on the proposals. For this reason, letters which were given out on mass on Monday at the school gate and merely signed by others will not be considered. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter and consideration for our whole school community.

Dismissal of Children – Polite Notice

We ask all parents to wait until all children have been dismissed before they approach the class teacher to talk about their child. This is to ensure that each child is dismissed safely to parents/carers. Thank you.

Parents Uniform and Cake Sale

Thank you to Felicity and Arlo's Mum and Aleksander and Emilia's Mum who organised and the uniform and cake sale during parent's consultations. An impressive total of £116.88 was raised which will go towards our school fundraising efforts.

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Healthy Packed Lunch

Please note we operate a 'Healthy Packed Lunch' policy at SS John and Monica School. We ask parents to provide a broad and balanced packed lunch for their children. According to [NHS choices](#) a balanced lunchbox should contain:

- Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta
- Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans
- A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt
- Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit

May we remind you that the following are not allowed: sweets, chocolate bars, fizzy drinks. Thank you for your co-operation.

Easter Competition Results

Well done to everyone who entered our Easter competitions. Results for the various Easter events are as follows:

Design your own Easter Egg: **Rec - Inaya and Safaa, Y1 - Sarah and Ibrahim, Y2 - Yanet and Mariyah, Y3 - Leena and Maria, Y4 - Aisha and Haniyah, Y5 - Mishthi and Bareeah**

Colouring Egg Competition: **KS1 - Inaya - Rec, KS2 - Elinor - Year 6**

Easter Bonnet/Garden competition: **Rec – Melissa & Inaya, Y1 – Nafisah & Sarah, Y2 – Caleb & Mariyah, Y3 – Mark & Khio, Y4 – Jack & Maria, Y5 – Javeria & Emmie, Y6 – Elijah & Alf.**



Attendance for the last 2 weeks:

Week: 1st-5th April – Well done to Year 6 99%
 Week: 8th-11th April – Well done to Year 6 99%

Average Attendance - The Last 2 Weeks

Parents Fundraising Table Top Event

A huge thank you to the following parents from the Fundraising Team who organised a very successful Easter Fundraising Table Top Event: Serena's Mum, Chitrani's Mum, Maurice's Mum, Aleksander and Emelia's Mum, Mayla's Mum, Maggie's Mum, Laiq's Mum and Ayden's Mum. We are very grateful to their generous contributions and efforts in making the event so enjoyable and worthwhile. We thank all children who bought their cups with treats in to be sold and all parents who supported the event. The total raised was a fantastic **£231.89**. Well done everyone!

Guess the Number of eggs in the jar: Sofia Rec, Tiago Y2

Colouring Competition: Poppy Rec, Serena Y1, Eliza Y2, Javeria Y5 Haniyah Y4 and Spencer and Rayyan Y5

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	97.6%	95.9%	93.9%	98%	95.7%	98%	99.2%
Lates	2	5	2	3	5	5	5
Whole School Attendance so far this year	97.3%			School Target		97%	

Attendance for the Spring Term

Well done to the following classes who achieved the highest attendance this spring term:

Jan – Y5 (98.7%), Feb – Reception (97.7%), March - Y3 (99.2%)

We are pleased with overall attendance figures this term. Thank you to everyone who has worked hard to ensure that they are in school every day. Let's keep it up for the summer term and see if we can achieve our target of 97% or even beat it!

Congratulations to the following children who were selected for 100% Attendance Focus Week draw:
Rec: Samuel & Sehar, Y1: Mae & Vincent, Y2: Pavandeep & Ono, Y3: Bryan & Talisha, Y4: Ellyssia & Foz, Y5: Ismail & Rayyan, Y6: Elinor & Ada





Summer Uniform

After Easter children may return to school in their summer uniform if they wish. Our summer uniform is as follows:

- Green and white summer dress
- Crew neck jumper or cardigan
- Grey skirt, trousers or grey shorts
- Yellow polo shirt with logo

Please ensure shoes are suitable for school and note trainers are not permitted. Thank you.

Charging Policy for Late Collection of Pupils

After Easter the Governors have decided that there will be a charge for the late collection of pupils after 3.30pm of £3.00. This will increase by £3.00 every 15 minutes that children are not collected (payments made via School Money). These measures are to cover the cost of supervision of pupils by staff. The following policies have been emailed to all parents. Copies are also available on our school website:

- Charging and Remission Policy
- Late Collection Policy
- After School Club Policy

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

Reception: Mrs Riches & Miss Morgan	Zachary & Ava
Year 1: Miss Millar & Miss McKeown	Alayna & Pedro
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs Hodges	Zofia & Imarni
Year 3: Miss Hodgkinson & Mrs Ali	Talisha & Whole Class
Year 4: Mr. Hawker & Mrs Ali	Ammar, Ali & Alima
Year 5: Mrs. Gray & Mrs Mackay	Caleese & Hamaad
Year 6: Mr. Ullah & Miss Hill	Elijah & Maysa
Mrs. Jena: Deputy Head Teacher	Areebah & Amara – Year 6
Mrs. Elliott: Head Teacher	Khio – Year 3 & Maria – Year 4

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Mon 29 th April	School Opens for all Pupils	8.55am
Tues 7 th May	Photographer in (Rec and Y6 children only). Families 8.30am	All Day
Wed 8 th May	Sacrament of Reconciliation – First Holy Communion Children	10.30am
Thurs 9 th May	First Holy Communion Parents Meeting – St Martin De Porres	2.30pm
Thurs 9 th May	Y5 Mass - All Parents/Carers welcome	9.00am
Sunday 12 th May	First Holy Communion Preparation Mass – St John and Martin's Church	10.00am

Staff Religious Retreat

The staff of SS John and Monica's School will be setting off tomorrow Friday 12th April for a Staff Religious Retreat Day at the Catholic Archdiocese Retreat Centre - Alton Castle. This is an opportunity for staff to pray, reflect and deepen their own spirituality. The day will conclude with Mass, which Fr Dominic will concelebrate with Fr Michael Dolman from the centre. Staff will continue to all pray for our pupils, families and whole school 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.

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St John and Martin's Church – Easter Events

Mar			
Tues		7 pm	Journey in Faith
Wed	27	7pm	Joy of Hope in Margot Hutchinson Centre
Sun	24 & 31	4 pm	Stations of the Cross
Apr			
Sat	6	1pm	Empty the church hall – volunteers needed
Sun	7	10 am	First Holy Communion Mass – Gift of God's Word/ Gift of Friendship
		4 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sun	14	10 am	Palm Sunday Mass and Procession
Wed	17	7 pm	Penitential Service
Thu	18	8 pm	Maundy Thursday Evening Mass
Fri	19	3 pm	Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Sat	20	8 pm	Easter Vigil



The Staff and Governors of SS John and Monica School wish our whole school community a very happy and Holy Easter. May the blessings of the Lord guide, protect you and be with you this Holy season.

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