

# SS John & Monica's Catholic Primary School – Bulletin 8

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Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Spring 2019		Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> April – 3.15pm Finish Training Day Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
Summer 2019	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul – 2pm Finish

*The Staff and Governors of SS John and Monica School would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! We hope that the year ahead will bring you love, joy and peace.*

### Class Masses

The next school Masses will be celebrated on **Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Jan – Year 1 (St Anthony 17<sup>th</sup> Jan) and 24<sup>th</sup> Jan - Year 4 (Conversion of St Paul the Apostle 25<sup>th</sup> Jan) at 9.00am.**

Parents, friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend.



### Christmas Fundraising

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations towards our Advent fundraising. As a school, we have raised a brilliant **£406.75**, which will go towards CAFOD and the following local and national charities: **African Children Empowerment, Crisis Birmingham Homeless Charity, Age UK, Mind – Mental Health Charity, Acorns Children's Hospice & Dementia UK.**

Our other fundraising totals were as follows:

**Parent's Raffle: £ 275.40** (There are still 5 prizes not been claimed: Pink Ticket 452, 586 and Green Ticket 175, 410, 459)

**Sale of Nativity/Carol Concert Programmes and refreshments: £124.41**

**Christmas Jumper Day: £158.40**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in raising money for some important additional school resources.

### Homework

It has been wonderful to witness some of the excellent homework projects that children have completed over the Christmas break. I have seen an exciting range of work this week, including design and technology models, art work and fact files made for the geography topic on 'India' in Year 3.

Homework is a very important activity, which consolidates and extends the learning happening in school. We appreciate the work that families do to support children with their homework and ask that you ensure that your child is completing their homework and returning it to school on time. Older pupils need to take more responsibility for this, in preparation for secondary transition. It is paramount that all pupils read every night as part of their homework.

Your child will have their Mathletics and Reading Eggs passwords in their reading diaries. Please access these wonderful sites at home to do additional homework and challenges linked to maths and reading. The school has invested a lot of money and they are available for you to use at home.

### Life Bus

We welcome back the Educational Life Bus, which be visiting school on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**. The programme offered is designed to encourage children to take a positive attitude towards health, and make informed decisions when making healthy choices. There is an introductory meeting for parents on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan from 8:55 – 9:15am. All parents/carers are most welcome.



### Year 6 Bell Heath Residential Trip 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> June

Mr. Ullah held a meeting about the exciting Year 6 Bell Heath Outdoor Activity Residential, which will take place on 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June. The Deposit for the trip is £25, payable on-line by 30<sup>th</sup> January. Unfortunately, if there is not enough up-take the trip is in danger of being cancelled. If you require further information, please speak to Mr. Ullah.

**Active Curriculum Days: Sit Less & Move More!**

Please help us to achieve our goal in getting all of our children to 'Sit Less and Move More'! Being physically active every day is vital for the healthy growth and development of all children, and our goal is to encourage our children to be active for a minimum of 60 minutes every day! To promote and support this, we have organised 'Active Curriculum Days' throughout the academic year: a day when all lessons will have an 'active' theme. Outside sports coaches, from Moseley Rugby Club, will be teaching sessions across the school on these days to signpost our children to sporting clubs in our local community.



**School Dinners/Change in Circumstances**

- If you feel your financial circumstances have changed and your child may now be eligible for Free School Meals (even if you wish to send a packed lunch) please speak to the school office. There is £1,320 extra funding allocated to the school per pupil eligible for Free School Meals.

**Sponsored Read**

As part of our whole school initiative to get children reading more, our fundraiser for this half term will be a sponsored read. During this half term, we are asking children to be sponsored by relatives and friends out of school for the number of books they read, whether it be school books, library books or books from home. Sponsorship forms will be sent out shortly.



*Coffee Morning*



**Coffee Morning/Stay and Play**

We will be holding a coffee morning and stay and play for toddlers in the school hall on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 9.15 – 10.15am. We would be grateful of any cake donations on that day and invite as many parents/carers along as possible. All proceeds will go towards school fund.

**Attendance and Punctuality – Important**

- We would like to remind parents that **holiday in term time is not allowed under Government regulations for school attendance**. Pupils have 175 days off school each year and there is an expectation that holiday will be booked in these periods. The impact of taking time off is significant for pupils of all ages. Any term time holiday it will be recorded as unauthorised absence and will make it difficult for your child to stay above the 90% that is needed before external agencies/legal processes start to become involved. Please do not book any unauthorised holidays without speaking to the Head Teacher.
- Attendance parents meetings will be held this term with all parents whose children have punctuality concerns or whose absence is below 90% and therefore classed as being persistent.

Attendance for the last 2 weeks: Week: 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Dec - Well done to Year 2 – 100%  
 Week: 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Jan - Well done to Year 5 – 100%

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	92.9%	90.7%	99.6%	99.2%	99%	99.2%	97.8%
Lates	1	3	2	6	16	10	11
Whole School Attendance so far this year			97.4%		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	Kyrese
Year 1: Miss Millar & Miss McKeown	Aisha
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs Hodges	Isabelle
Year 3: Miss Hodgkinson & Mrs Ali	Children who completed India Project Homework
Year 4: Mr Hawker & Mrs Ali	Eve
Year 5: Mrs Gray & Mrs Mackay	Imran
Year 6: Mr Ullah & Miss Hill	Maysa
Mrs Jena: Deputy Head Teacher	Rocco – Year 6
Mrs Elliott: Head Teacher	Mohiudeen – Year 3

## Other Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y1 Mass. All Parents/Carers welcome	9.00am
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School Lunch Theme Day - Indian	Lunchtime
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> - Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Life Bus – Parents Meeting Mon 21st	8.55am
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Enabling Enterprise Trip – Y5	All Day
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Y5 Assembly - All Parents/ Carers welcome	9.15am
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Active Curriculum Day – <b>Full PE Kit Needed</b>	All Day

### Polite Reminders

- Our new system of entering into school in the morning via the back door seems to be working well. Can we remind you however, that is your responsibility to ensure that children enter through the school gates safely. We have recently been concerned with the number of younger children being left to enter the school grounds unattended.
- A reminder that trainers are not part of our school uniform policy. Class teachers will be speaking to parents who send their children into school (without a valid reason) in trainers and reminding them about the school's footwear policy (black school shoes).  
Thank you for your co-operation with both of these matters.

### Reception Class Admissions

The deadline for admissions to Reception is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. An application should be made via the following website:  
[www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

### Virtues

This terms virtues are Eloquent and Truthful; the children will be learning about their meaning and how these can be carried out in our own lives and the lives of others. Please encourage your children to reflect on these virtues in their lives at home.



Mrs M. Elliott – Head Teacher