



Friday 14th December 2018

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Autumn 2018				Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec - 2pm Finish
Spring 2019	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan Staff Training- School Opens Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	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

### Class Masses

The next school Mass will be celebrated on **Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 6 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent) and 17<sup>th</sup> Jan – Year 1 ( St Anthony)– at 9.00am.** Parents, friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend.

### Christmas Performances

We would like to invite all parents to attend this year's Christmas performances on the following dates:

- **KS1 Nativity: Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 9:30am (Doors open at 9.00am)**
- **KS2 Carol Concert: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2:00pm (Doors open at 1:30pm)**

Raffle tickets, tea/coffee/mince pies/cake will be available on the day (£1.00). Programmes will also be available on the day (donation of 50p). All proceeds to go to school fund.



### Christmas Theatre Trip

REC and KS1 children had a wonderful visit to the Midlands Arts Centre last Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November to see the Christmas production Rudolf. The children represented our school beautifully and we were very proud of them.

### SS John and Martin's Parish Church and Christmas Fair

Thank you to all those families who made cakes for Ss John and Martin's Parish Fair. We were overwhelmed by your baking skills and generosity. All children who donated a cake were given a treat.

### Christmas Fundraising - Monday 17<sup>th</sup>- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

During this week, all of the classes will be holding events to allow them to raise money for CAFOD (Catholic International Development Charity) and other local and national charities. Each class will be aiming to raise as much money as possible. Children should bring money into school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December and can enter all events: Please ensure money is placed in a sealed envelope labelled with your child's name and class and pass to the Class Teacher. Thank you

YEAR GROUP	EVENT	COST	CHOSEN CHARITY
REC	Can enter all events	See Below	Spilt between below charities
Y1	Collecting children's clothes, donations from families to be sent to Africa	Clothes Donation	African Children Empowerment
Y2	Movie Afternoon (Years 1 & 2)	£1 per child	Crisis Birmingham Homeless Charity
Y3	Colouring Competition – winner announced Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	50p	Age UK
Y4	Christmas Card Competition	50p	Mind – Mental Health Charity
Y5	Cake Sale	50p	Acorns Children's Hospice
Y6	Fun Fair	£1	Dementia UK

### Christmas Parties

Each class will be holding a Christmas Party on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December**. Children and staff are also invited to wear Christmas Jumpers on this day for £1.00 (proceeds to go to school fund). Children may also wear their own clothes. Children will be advised by their class teachers as to what food/drink they are required to bring in for the afternoon party.

### Raffle

Many thanks to our parents, Mrs Sakar (Serena's mum) and Mrs Chakravorty (Chitrani's mum) who have kindly organised this year's parent's raffle. Tickets will be available all day on 18<sup>th</sup> Dec (before school, during KS1 Nativity and at the end of the school day for all KS2 parents). There are some fantastic prizes on offer to win. **If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle, please pass it on through the school office. Winners will be notified via phone call/text or email once the Raffle is drawn later that day.** Thank you for your continued support to our school.

### School Dinners/Change in Circumstances

- You have already received a letter informing you that dinner arrangements will change from Jan 2019. This change will mean that your child can either have a school dinner or packed lunch (every day) or Pizza Friday (i.e. you will not be able to swap for certain days of the week). If you wish to change your dinner arrangement you may do so on a termly basis.
- 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 of per pupil eligible for Free School Meals

### Children's Presents for those Most in Need

We are collecting presents for the parish, who will be distributing them to charities for children who are most in need this Christmas. If you wish to donate, please wrap a small toy/gift and put a label on the front indicating whether the gift is suitable for a girl/boy/both and the age. This is a lovely act of generosity that teaches our children the real meaning of giving at Christmas.

*Happy 2nd week of Advent!*



### Advent Retreat Day

The children and staff took part in an Advent Retreat Day Led by Dan Callow today. This inspirational and spiritually uplifting day focused how we prepare our hearts and minds during the Holy season of Advent. Please visit our school twitter feed to see a variety of photos taken during the day.

### Christmas Dinner

A big thank to Mrs Wallace and her team for preparing a delicious Christmas dinner for all the staff and children.

### Important Notice

When we return after the Christmas break, we are changing the arrangements for children coming into school. Reception children will continue to enter through the main gates and through the side entrance to their class as usual. To avoid the congestion we are experiencing in the morning in the school office, Years 1 to 6 will be asked to come through the main gates and make their way through the KS2 playground and enter into school through the back door. We are happy for the parents of our younger Year 2 & 3 children (or any other year band if necessary) to accompany their children to the back door. There will be staff at the back door to pass on any messages, just as you were able to do when children came through the front door. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School

# Christmas Raffle

## Tuesday

## 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018



Bring winning tickets to School Office from 19<sup>th</sup> December to claim your prize!

Please place any donations of small raffle prizes in box by School Office before 14<sup>th</sup> December



**Buy your tickets at school drop-off and pick-up and at KS1 Nativity.**

## Attendance

Well done to the following pupils who were chosen for our 100% attendance raffle: Azaan & Jayden - Rec, Maggie & Nafisah - Y1, Hawwa & Aleks - Y2, Bavleen & Zosia - Y3, Raff & Maria - Y4, Luke & Nagarathna - Y5, Maysa & Laibah - Y6.

Well done to everyone who continues to work hard to maintain excellent attendance and strive to reach our end of year attendance target! It is wonderful to see that we are above our target of 97%. Let's see if we can maintain this until the end of the term!

Attendance for the last 2 weeks: Week: 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Dec - Well done to Year 3 – 98%  
Week: 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Dec - Well done to Year 6 – 99.6%

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	92%	95.4%	97.7%	97.6%	95%	95.6%	98.6%
Lates	5	7	6	10	15	12	20
Whole School Attendance so far this year			97.5%		School Target		97%

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

Reception: Miss Pratty & Miss Morgan	Musa & Kiara
Year 1: Miss Millar & Miss McKeown	Amin & Argun
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs Hodges	Whole Class & Amaad
Year 3: Miss Hodgkinson & Mrs Ali	Yusuf, Zosia, Hessa & Vladislava
Year 4: Mr Hawker & Mrs Ali	Ben & Curtis
Year 5: Mrs Gray & Mrs Mackay	Mekail, Mishal & Whole Class
Year 6: Mr Ullah & Miss Hill	George & Yusuf
Mrs Jena: Deputy Head Teacher	Rocco & Alzubir – Year 6
Mrs Elliott: Head Teacher	School Choir & Whole School

## Other Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y6 Bell Heath Residential Meeting – All Y6 Parents to attend	3.30pm
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y2 Other faith visit to the Gurdwara	am
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y1 Mass. All Parents/Carers welcome	9.00am
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School Lunch Theme - Indian	Lunchtime

## Vacancy

The Governors of SS John and Monica School are seeking to appoint a Lunchtime Supervisor. This position is open to all suitable applicants and is for one hour per day. If you would like more information please visit the school office.

**NB: Please note school closes for the Christmas break on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 at 2.00pm.**

**School re-opens on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019. (Staff Training on 7<sup>th</sup> January).**



Mrs M. Elliott – Head Teacher



<b>SS John and Monica Catholic Primary School</b>	77%	77%	77%	83%	30%	17%	27%	33%
<b>Birmingham Local Authority Average</b>	70%	75%	72%	77%	24%	15%	23%	37%
<b>National Average</b>	75%	78%	76%	78%	28%	20%	24%	34%

**Progress**

<b>Reading -2.59 (Below Ave)</b>
<b>Writing -2.90 (Well Below Ave)</b>
<b>Maths -0.93 (Ave)</b>

Scores above show progress measures from KS1 to KS2 compared to National. All data is featured on our school website.