



Friday 14th February 2020

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Spring 2020		Mon 17 th Feb	Mon 24 th Feb	Fri 3 rd April – 2pm
Summer 2020	Mon 20 th April Training day – School Closed. School opens Tues 21 st April	Mon 25 th May	Mon 1 st June	Fri 17 th July – 2pm Mon 20 th July Training Day – School Closed.

Class Masses

The next school Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 5th March – Y3 (Second Sunday of Lent)**. **Thursday 12th March – Y6 (Third Sunday of Lent)** at 9.00am. Parents, friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend. **Please Note if no Priest is available there will be a Service of the Word.**

City Kitchen

Well done to Y4 for making delicious pizzas through our City Serve City Kitchen!

Volcanoes Workshop

Thank you to Y4 parents for supporting all our Y4 children with their Volcanoes project. The children worked incredibly hard!



Standard Assessment Tests (SAT's)

Please note the following:

- Year 6 SATs take place **Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May**
- Year 2 SATs take place during the month of **May**
- Year 4 Times Tables Check **8th - 16th June**
- Year 1 Phonics Screen Check takes place Week Beginning **Monday 8th June**

Please do not book holidays for any of the above dates. Further details will be given out nearer the time.



World Book Day

This is the 23rd year for World Book Day! On **Thursday 5th March 2020**, children of all ages will come together to appreciate reading. The main aim of World Book Day is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading and that's why Ss John and Monica's School will be getting involved again this year. If children wish, they may wear their favourite book character costume and bring in their favourite book. We ask for a £1.00 donation in return, which will go towards purchasing books to replenish our school library.

World Book Day Competition

We are holding a 'Design a Book Mark' competition on World Book Day. Children will have the opportunity to design a book mark and the winning design will be made into a 'Ss John and Monica's School Bookmarks' and given to all pupils.

Eco-Corner

Competition Time

- As part of the WOW Let's Walk to School initiative, we are encouraging all our children to get involved in one of the UK's biggest design competitions. Children are asked to draw any wonder of the world - natural or built by humankind. 11 Winning designs will feature on WOW badges in 2020-21, win £500 worth of resources for school and receive a trophy.

Community Recycling Project

- We are collecting empty packets from lunchboxes. These will be collected by a local Moseley Community Recycling project and sent to Terracycle for cash, which will be used for community projects.



Year 6 Bell Heath Residential Trip 3rd to 5th June

A second payment of £36.87 is now due (15th Feb) - payable on-line. If you are unable to make the payment, please book an appointment to see myself, Mrs Elliott, via the school office. Thank you.

Attendance and Punctuality

We are pleased to see our whole school attendance rate is starting to rise. We are still a little way off our end of year target of 97%, but we are getting closer. Well done to everyone who is in school, on time, every day!

Attendance for: Week 3rd to 7th February – Well done to Year 3 - 100%

Week 10th to 14th February – Well done to Reception Class – 97.9%

Average Attendance for the last 2 weeks:

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	97.4%	95%	95.3%	97.7%	95%	96.5%	96.6%
Lates	8	8	16	15	18	30	15
Whole School Attendance so far this year			96%		School Target		97%

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

Reception: Mrs. Riches & Mrs. Hodges	Baean & Hafsa
Year 1: Miss Millar & Miss McKeown	Musa, Kyrese & Emilia
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Miss McKeown	Keevanyah & Pedro
Year 3: Mrs. Flaherty & Mrs. Ali	Alek & Zofia
Year 4: Miss McEvoy & Mrs. Ali	Leena & Amanda
Year 5: Mrs. Litchfield, Mrs. Catling & Miss Hill	Curtis & Amat
Year 6: Mr. Ullah, Mrs. Gray & Miss Hill	Ellah & Laura
Mrs. Elliott: Head Teacher	Alfie - Year 3 & Emmie – Year 6

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Monday 24 th Feb	Return to School	8.55am
Wed 26 th Feb	Ash Wednesday Service	10.45am
Wed 26 th Feb	Fundraising Committee Meeting – Forest School	2.00pm
Thurs 27 th Feb	Forest School – Y1/Y5	am/pm
Thurs 27 th Feb	Y4 Enabling Enterprise Trip – Mercia Asset Management	All day
Mon 2 nd - Fri 6 th March	Attendance Focus Week - 100% attendance book prizes to be won	All week
Tues 3 rd March	Y3 Faith Visit to the Synagogue	am
Wed 4 th March	Y4 Faith Visit to Buddhist Centre	am
Thurs 5 th March	Forest School – Y1/Y5	Am/pm
Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day	All day
Thurs 5 th March	Y2 Faith Visit to the Gurdwara	am

Fundraising Committee Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 26th Feb at 2.00pm in the Forest School. All Parents/Carers welcome.



Extreme Weather Conditions

In the event of heavy snowfall, **we will send out a text message to confirm that the school is closed.** Please listen to local radio stations to hear if the school has had to close or not (Heart FM, Radio WM, Free Radio and 1296am Radio XL). **DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SCHOOL OFFICE.** Please ensure that the office has up to date mobile contact information.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy (Grade 2)

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor commencing Monday 2nd March 2020. If you are interested in this vacancy, please speak to the school office for an application pack. Alternatively, visit our school website at:

www.stjonmon.bham.sch.uk



The
Season
of
Lent



Lent

The churches **liturgical season of Lent** is the period of 40 days, which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, **Lent** is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. As a school, we will be preparing our hearts and minds for the most important Holy season in the Churches calendar, Easter.

Ash Wednesday Service

On **26th February**, we will be having our annual Ash Wednesday Service at **10.45am**, which will be led by Y5. Deacon Michael McKearney will be supporting us in leading the service, in the absence of the Parish Priest. Ashes will be distributed to our Catholic children.

Father Hudson's Care - Good Shepherd Appeal

For many years we have helped support Father Hudson's, by collecting coins during Lent. This teaches children to think of people who are less fortunate. This year we have a visiting speaker from Father Hudson's Care who will be launching the appeal in our school with a special assembly. Collection boxes will go out shortly to Rec/KS1 children and need to be returned by **Friday 27th March**. A prize will be awarded for the child who collects the most coins.

B12 Urban Village Hall

Our Parish church of St John and St Martin's has recently opened the doors to its newly refurbished hall. The B12 Urban Village Hall as it is now called, is a lovely space in the heart of Balsall Heath and is fully accessible for everyone. The hall has been updated with a brand new kitchen as well as new toilets, professional stage lighting and music.

One of the first events to take place will be a pancake sale on Shrove Tuesday 25th February. Pancakes and refreshments will be available from the kitchen from 3:30pm-5:00pm. Prices for pancakes will start at £1 and all monies raised will go towards providing food for the elderly residents of Balsall Heath. Please do come to this event and have a look around our Parish's new facility. The hall is also available for private hire.

Contact details:

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Whole School Community Lenten Focus 2020 – Spreading Kindness

When we show kindness and co-operate with each other we become healthier, happier and more successful. This year, as a school, we have decided to focus on 'Spreading Kindness' during the season of Lent. In school we will be:

- Talking to the children about specific examples of how we can model and spread kindness
- The benefits of school life if we spread kindness (the ripple effect)
- How we can notice kindness in others
- How we can encourage kindness
- How we can be kind to ourselves

Join with us to keep kindness at the heart of our school community!



'At SS John and Monica's, we learn through the example of Jesus to love, respect, understand and value each other'

Mrs M. Elliott – Head Teacher