



Friday 14th June 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 – Important

As you may be aware Fr Dominic is recovering from a recent illness. All the children have made him some get well cards and we ask that you continue to pray for his return to good health. As Fr Dominic is not well enough, school Masses between now and the end of this term have been cancelled. Instead, we will be holding a 'Service of the Word' which will be prepared by each class. This means that we can still come together as a school community and celebrate the word of God. The service will be shorter than a Mass, but parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Virtues- Summer 2

This half term's virtues are **intentional** and **prophetic**. Our children at SS John and Monica's are growing to be **intentional** in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and **prophetic** in the example they set to others.

Y6 Bell Heath

Our Y6 pupils had a wonderful residential at Bell Heath Outdoor Centre last week. We were able to keep updated via our twitter page, where a range of exciting photographs had been uploaded of the challenging activities the children took part in. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience and staff were extremely proud of the way they conducted themselves.



Parents Homework Survey

We invite all parents/carers to take a moment to complete our 'Parental Homework Survey' by clicking on the following link: <https://forms.gle/261LrVYSWQGdvyDk6>
This survey is different from last year and follows on from the Parent Questionnaire completed during Parental Consultations. Your input is very important to us and responses will be analysed and used for continual school improvement. The survey will close on Monday 17th June. Thank you.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

The children's final Preparation Mass is on Sunday 16th June at SS John and Martin's Church on the Theme of The Gift Joy/The Greatest Gift. The children will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist on Sunday 30th June.

We ask you to pray for our children and welcome our whole school community to both Masses to support the children and their families in their sacramental journey.



Family Parking Pledge

Thank you to all those parents who have signed up to our family parking pledge. If you have not there is still time to do so! This pledge shows that considerate to our school neighbours and are committed to making the area around the school safe for our children.

Coats – Important!

The weather has been very changeable recently and we have had a lot of rain. We are finding that some children are coming to school and are failing to remember their coats. We regularly have classes walking up to Balsall Heath swimming baths and library and for this reason, we ask that **children bring in a light coat/rain mac every day.** Thank you for your co-operation.

Sports Day

On Wednesday 19th June, Sports Day will take place in Moseley Private Park. We would like to invite all parents and family members to come and cheer the children along as they race for their House Team. Please ensure your child has their PE Kit, School cap and water bottle on this day and throughout the warm weather. The times are as follows:

Reception & KS1: 9:30am -10:30am KS2: 11:00am -12:00pm



School Meals

We have recently had a change of menu and this has been emailed to all parents and is on our school website. The change of menu offers healthy, nutritious meals, which are freshly made on our premises on a daily basis. We would encourage all families to take up our school meals to help children to try a range of foods and achieve a balanced diet. With rising costs of individual packed lunch items, school meals now also offer value for money! If you require further details, please speak to the school office staff.

Bling Your Bike to School

As part of our school travel plan to encourage sustainability, we are holding a 'Bling (not bring) your bike to school' competition on Friday 28th June. On this day we ask that children decorate their bikes with a 'Summer Theme' and cycle them to school. We will hold a parade in the school playground and there will be prizes for the most decorative and creative bikes!



Clean Air Day

Clean Air day is on 20th June 2019. In school we will be talking to the children about this day and what they can do to support this national initiative. Again, we ask for as many families as possible to walk/cycle/scoot to school on this day and visit the National Clean Air day website on <https://www.cleanairday.org.uk/news/date-announced-for-clean-air-day-2019> for further information about how we can contribute to a cleaner air environment.



Art Exhibition

We are holding a whole school Art Day on Wednesday 26th June. On this day classes will rotate around different classrooms to experience a range of art and crafts and develop their skills in this area. After school we will be holding a small exhibition of the children's work produced on that day. This will take place from 3.15-4.00pm in the school hall. All are welcome!

Parish Fair

The SS John and Martin Parish Fair will be held this year on Saturday 22nd June at 12.00-2.00pm in St Martin De Porres School Hall. This is due to the refurbishments which are taking place in the parish centre. As always, we ask our school community to support the event by baking cakes to be sold on the day. We ask for cakes to be sent into school on Friday 21st June. Cakes bought into school will be judged and prizes awarded.

Summer Visits

This year's Summer trips are as follows:

Class	Venue	Date
Reception	Hatton Country Park	12 th July
Y1	All Things Wild	15 th July
Y2	Ironbridge Museum	5 th July
Y3	Cadbury World	3 rd July
Y4	Nature Centre	21 st June
Y5	Think Tank	5 th July

Please go to 'School Money' at:

<https://login.eduspot.co.uk/public/portal/school/?app=teachers2parents> for payment details and consent.



Collection from School (Permissions)

It is very important that school has an up-to-date list of all additional adults collecting the children. **We ask that you do not collect other children from the same class, unless you have had specific permission from the parent to do so and school is aware of this permission.** This avoids confusion and ensures the safety of all our children. Thank you.

Attendance for the last 2 weeks: Week: 3rd-7th June – Well done to Year 6 – 90.7%

Week: 10th-14th June – Well done to Year 2 – 99.3%

Average Attendance – (Last 2 Weeks)

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	92.8%	90.7%	93.7%	91.2%	86.8%	90%	93.8%
Lates	4	8	1	3	8	3	8
Whole School Attendance so far this year	96.8%			School Target	97%		

Congratulations to the following children who were selected for 100% Attendance Focus Week draw: **Rec: Muawiyah & Melissa, Y1: Ivo & Mahmood, Y2: Maisie & Eliza, Y3: Angela & Amanda, Y4: Eve & Ryan, Y5: Efraim & Raul, Y6: Areebah & Bertie.**

Please DO NOT book holidays in school time as they will be unauthorised and you may be liable for a fixed penalty fine.

Thank you

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

Reception: Mrs. Riches & Miss Morgan	Callum & Imaan
Year 1: Miss Millar & Miss McKeown	Serena & Maggie
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs. Hodges	Ali K & Whole Class
Year 3: Mrs. Litchfield & Mrs. Catling	Mark & Johanna
Year 4: Mr. Hawker & Mrs. Ali	Jemima & Saarah
Year 5: Mrs. Gray & Mrs. Goddard	Luke & Aleezah
Year 6: Mr. Ullah & Miss Hill	Whole Class & Laaibah
Mrs Jena: Deputy Head Teacher	Jessica & Whole Class – Year 3
Mrs. Elliott: Head Teacher	Taio & Alfie – Year 2

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Sunday 16 th June	First Holy Communion Preparation Mass- St John and Martins Church	10.00am
Monday 17 th June	Catholic Sports – Alexander Stadium parents of competitors welcome to attend	pm
Wednesday 19 th June	Rec/KS1/KS2 Sports Day – Moseley Pool and Park	9.30-10.30am
Wednesday 19 th June	KS2 – Moseley Pool and Park	11-12pm
Thursday 20 th June	Tennis – Y1/Y2/Y5/Y6 – Full PE Kit needed	pm
Mon 24 th - Fri 28 th	Bishop Challoner Science Fair	
Monday 24 th June	Y4 Balsall Heath Library	pm
Friday 28 th June	Reception Assembly – Parents/Carers welcome	9.15am

Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to the Fundraising Team who raised £51.10 for the Coffee Afternoon. We are very grateful to those who organized & supported the event.



Mrs. M. Elliott
Head Teacher

Fundraising Summer Event

The fundraising team are organising a 'Fundraising Summer Event' on Thursday 11th July 3.15pm. We would be grateful for any tombola donations (please drop them in to the school office) and if you feel that you can support this event in any way please contact Mrs. Santra (Serena's mom Y1). Information about the event has been emailed to all parents and is on flyers around the school. The event promises to be as exciting as the Easter fundraiser and we are thoroughly looking forward to it!