



Friday 15th March 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

Class Masses

The next school Masses will be celebrated on **Thursday 21st Mar – Year 3 (3rd Sunday of Lent)** and **28th March - Year 4 (4th Sunday of Lent) at 9.00am**. Parents, friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend.

Lent

We are now in the season of Lent, one of the most important times of year for Catholics. While Advent is a celebration and a time of great anticipation, Lent is more frequently seen as a time of solemn observance and preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. From its start on Ash Wednesday until its conclusion on Easter Sunday, Lent has been a traditional time for fasting or giving something up or abstinence. Just as we carefully prepare for events in our personal lives; Lent invites us to make our minds and hearts ready for remembering Jesus' life, death and body resurrection. We also remember those around the world who are suffering through tragedy and war.



Parents Consultations

Parent's consultations will take place on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd April 3.30-6.00pm. You will receive a text message which will invite you to book a suitable appointment online. This is a meeting for teachers and parents only and for this reason, we ask that your children are supervised by another responsible adult during the consultation. You will also be invited to book an appointment with Mrs Jena if your child has special educational needs. Thank you.

Governors of SS John and Monica School

Hi everyone,

My name is Alicia but you'll probably know me as Felicity's or Arlo's Mum. I currently work part time so you'll normally see me on a Monday and Friday. I've been a parent governor for nearly 2 years, I sit on the finance committee and I'm the governor for Year 5 amongst other things.

I'd like to give you a long list of things I like to do but, most of my time is spent being a Mum - negotiating screen time, vegetable intake and the completion of chores! I like cooking and trying new recipes, although I'm not sure my family share this enthusiasm. I like to try and find time to read and the kids have chosen me some interesting historical reads but I often end up falling asleep.

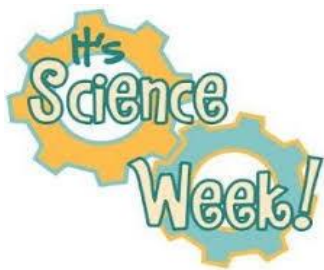
I've always got a hello to give so feel free to say hi if you'd like to. Finally, thanks to the year 5 parents for being so friendly, it was nice to meet so many of you at assembly.

Visiting Swedish Head Teacher

Next week, as part of continued involvement in the International Erasmus programme, we are delighted to welcome visiting Head Teachers from Västerås, Sweden. The programme involves the Head Teachers spending time shadowing Mrs. Elliott, meeting staff and pupils and observing lessons. They will also be teaching a lesson about Sweden to Y6 pupils, who are currently studying the country as part of their Geography topic.



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



British Science Week

British Science week marked a variety of events and activities. Each year band had an opportunity to rotate around different classrooms to take part in a variety of scientific experiments. The children also had opportunities to show off their investigation skills! If you would like to see what the children done during Science Week, visit **Twitter: @SSJohnMonicas** and the gallery on our school website: www.stjonmon.bham.sch.uk

World Book Day

We were very impressed with the children and staff's efforts with regards to coming to school in their favourite book character costume. Thank you for your contribution to the day which totaled £123.03. We have purchased some multi-faith books to supplement our school library.

King Edward School Swimming Gala

Well done to the following children who represented our school in the King Edward School Swimming Gala :Elinor, Bertie, Ria, Emmie, Luke, Nagarathna, Raul, Suhaan. The children did us very proud by coming 5th place out of 8 schools. An excellent effort! Congratulations to all involved!

School Office Hours

Please note that the school office is open between the hours of 8.00am and 4.30pm. If you wish to call school, please do so within these hours. Thank you.



Attendance

- Well done to everyone who is working really hard to come into school every day. We are really pleased that our attendance figure is still slightly over our attendance target of 97%. Keep it up!
- Congratulations to the following children who were selected for 100% Attendance Focus Week draw: **Rec: Imaan & Ava, Y1: Idrees & Areeba, Y2: Hafsah & Aayan, Y3: Ali & Mark, Y4: Jemima & Seraj, Y5: Efrah & Khadeeja, Y6: Alzubir & Amera.**

Average Attendance Over The Last Two Weeks

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	98%	97.7%	99.3%	99.5%	98.2%	97.5%	97.5%
Lates	2	1	2	1	8	3	5
Whole School Attendance so far this year			97.3%		School Target		97%

Attendance for the last 2 weeks: **Week: 4th-8th March – Well done to Year 4 – 99.3%**
Week: 11th-15th March – Well done to Year 2 & 3 – 100%

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

Reception: Mrs Riches & Miss Morgan	Rosa & Arlo
Year 1: Miss Millar & Miss McKeown	Keevanyah & Areeba
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs Hodges	Tiago & Medina
Year 3: Miss Hodgkinson & Mrs Ali	Vladislava & Khio
Year 4: Mr. Hawker & Mrs Ali	Jack & Maria
Year 5: Mrs Gray & Mrs Mackay	Khadeeja & Haider
Year 6: Mr. Ullah & Miss Hill	Esaa & George
Mrs Jena: Deputy Head Teacher	George & Dynati – Year 6
Mrs Elliott: Head Teacher	Khio – Year 3 & Year 1 Whole Class

Other Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Thurs 28th March	Fire Service to visit Y4	pm
Thurs 28th March	Italian Themed Day Lunch	12.00pm
Mon 1 st April & Tues April 2 nd	Parents Consultations	3.30- 6.00pm
Mon 1 st -5 th April	Whole School Book Fair	3.15pm
Monday April 1 st	Fizz Pop Science Assembly – Whole School	am
Monday April 1 st	Whole School Lenten Fundraising Week	All Week

Parking

Again, we have had complaints about parents parking across local residents driveways. We ask you to please be considerate when parking in the school locality. We encourage parents to park away from the school and walk the last part of the journey. Police are currently patrolling outside the school gates and are booking anyone who parks illegally. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Uniform Donation

Once again we are collecting school uniform, which will be sold on the afternoons of Parental Consultations. There is a box in the Reception foyer for any used, but good quality school uniform. Thank you.

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. Boxes for Reception and KS1 Pupils have gone out and need to be returned by 4th April. A prize will be awarded for the child who collects the most coins.

King Edward's School Open Morning

An open morning takes place at the above school on Saturday 30th March between 10.00am and 12.30pm. Please visit the following website for more details phone 0121 472-1672 or visit www.kes.org.uk



COMES TO KINGS HEATH
Friday 19th April (2pm - 4.30pm)
Kings Heath Cricket Club, Alcester Rd South, B14 6DT

- FREE to the general public
- Come and have a photo with the trophy
- Try out cricket & other activities
- Bar & refreshments

CONTACT: kingsheathcc@googlemail.com

Mrs M Elliott – Head Teacher

Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.

Cost of Dinner Money

The cost of a school lunch will increase from 1st April to £2.35.

We are holding an Italian Themed Day lunch on Thursday 28th March. Further information and details about how to book this will be sent out shortly.