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**Ss. John & Monica’s Catholic Primary School – Bulletin 17**

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**Friday 18th May 2018**

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| **Term** | **Start** | **Half Term** | **Reopens** | **Term Ends** |
| **Summer 2018** |  | **Monday 28th May** | **Monday 4th June** | **Friday 20th July**  **2pm Finish** |
| **Autumn 2018** | **Monday 3rd Sept –Training Day School Opens Tues 4th Sept** | **Monday 29th Oct** | **Monday 5th Nov –Training Day School Opens Tues 6th Nov** | **Friday 21st Dec**  **2pm Finish** |

**Class Mass**

The next school Masses will be celebrated on the following dates and all friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend:

**Thursday 24th May at 9:00am prepared by Year 6:** The theme of the Mass is Pentecost (20th)

**Thursday 14rd June at 9:00am prepared by Year 4:** The theme of the Mass is St. Anthony of Padua (13th)

**SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests)**

We would like to congratulate all the Y6 children on their responsible attitudes, dedication and perseverance this week during their KS2 SATs. The children have worked very hard, showing commitment to reaching their potential and they should all be commended for their efforts; we are very proud.

**Important Information Required**

* Please ensure that all Parental Consent Forms are returned to the school office no later than Thursday 24th May.
* Parents are required to provide the school office with 2 emergency contacts; please ensure that these are up to date and complete with the relevant information.

**Parent Homework Questionnaire (By Friday 8th June)**

Please take a moment to complete the homework questionnaire by following the link: <https://goo.gl/forms/v94h9vQ6WeuDGeE53>

This follows on from the Parent Questionnaire completed at Parent’s Evening which highlighted homework as area that resulted in differing opinions. Your input will help us to gain further insight so that any concerns can be addressed.

**On-Line Safety: FORTNITE**

Please make sure you are aware of procedures that can be put in place to keep your child safe online; all parents will have received an email highlighting what parents need to know about the currently popular game ‘Fortnite’.

**Bikes & Scooters**

It is wonderful to see so many children cycling and/or scootering to school. We request that children and parents, whom travel to and from school in this way, are considerate when parking for the safety of others. Scooters should be parked separately to one side of the bikes; new signs will direct pupils to this area. Please be aware that all bikes and scooters are left at owner’s own risk.

**Board Game Afternoon**

On Friday 25th May, children are invited to bring in any board game of their choice to play with their friends, all to raise money towards School Fund. Children are asked to bring in a £1 donation.

**Water Bottles & Caps**

Please ensure that your child comes to school with a water bottle that can be accessed throughout the school day, both inside and outside the classroom. Children should also have their school caps available to wear outside in this hot weather.

**School Payments**

As you aware, we have recently transferred to an online payment system for parents. This transition has been gradual and proved to be a success. From Monday 4th June, the school will no longer accept any cash payments and all payments must be made online through School Money[**https://eduspot.co.uk/product/schoolmoney/**](https://eduspot.co.uk/product/schoolmoney/)

**Summer Educational Trips**

Please ensure that consent forms are returned to the School Office and any **outstanding payments are now paid online** via the School Money website. If you are having difficulty with any payments, please call the office to make an appointment with myself (Mrs. Elliott) who can discuss this with you further.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Please pray for all of our Y3 children who will be making the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 23rd May. The First Holy Communion Mass will take place on Sunday 24th June at 10.00am at SS John and Martin’s Church, Balsall Heath. All families are welcome.

**Play Area**

The Play Area at the front of the school is for use by Reception pupils only and children need to be supervised at all times. The play area is open daily from 3:15-3:45pm. We thank you for your co-operation.

**Enabling Enterprise**

This week, 15 Year 4 pupils were off to a flying start when visited Birmingham International Airport! The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and we were very proud of their attitude and behaviour throughout.

**Catholic Partnership Exchange Programme**

You may remember back in February we were visited by Gabrielle Roselli, a Head teacher from Sweden, who shadowed me and other staff. Next week, I will be visiting Eskilstuna, in Sweden, to complete the European Erasmus exchange programme, which has been organised by the Birmingham Catholic Primary Partnership. I look forward to observing the teaching and learning that takes place within the Swedish education system and bringing back any elements of outstanding practice and to share with our staff. If parents have any queries or concerns during this time, please direct these to the Assistant Head teachers, Mrs Jena or Miss Gee.

**Attendance - Important**

We are concerned that our whole school attendance figure this year is falling short of our school target of 97%. We recognise that if a child is ill they should not attend school, however, this year we have seen an increase in the number of families taking holidays in term time and an increase in those pupils who have persistent absence (90% attendance and below). Any holidays taken in term time will be classed as unauthorised and parents will be required to meet with the Head Teacher/Assistant Head Teachers to discuss this. As an incentive to reward good attendance, this year we have booked a ‘Silent Disco’ on 11th July and refreshments for children who have achieved 97% above.

**Attendance for the last 2 weeks : Week 7th-11th May Well done to Year 3 & Year 6 – 99%**

**Week 14th-18th May Well done to Reception & Year 2 – 100%**

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| **Class** | **Reception** | **Year 1** | **Year 2** | | **Year 3** | **Year 4** | **Year 5** | | **Year 6** |
| **% Attendance** | **98.8%** | **96%** | **99.4%** | | **98.4%** | **97.6%** | **96.6%** | | **99.4%** |
| **Lates** | **3** | **5** | **3** | | **13** | **10** | **6** | | **3** |
| **Whole School Attendance so far this year** | | | | **95.9%** | | **School Target** | | **97%** | |

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

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| **Reception: Miss Pratty, Mrs Shepherd & Mrs Nadeem** | **Fleur & Ivo** |
| **Year 1: Miss Millar & Mrs Hirji** | **Caleb & Eliza** |
| **Year 2: Mrs Larkin & Mrs Hodges** | **Leena & Aymen** |
| **Year 3: Miss Hodgkinson & Miss Hill** | **Ariana, Jack & Rio** |
| **Year 4: Mr Hawker & Miss Morgan** | **Nagarathna, Aleezah & Oscar** |
| **Year 5: Mr Ullah & Mrs Ali** | **Shaneela & Areebah** |
| **Year 6: Miss Gee, Mrs Gray & Miss McKeown** | **Zain G & Whole Class** |
| **Mrs Jena: Assistant Head Teacher** | **Marwan & Gursheen – Year 6 & Alfie – Year 1** |
| **Mrs Elliott: Head Teacher** | **Year 4 & Whole School** |

**Dates for your Diary:**

**Please also refer to the school website calendar using the following link** [**https://www.stjonmon.bham.sch.uk/calendar**](https://www.stjonmon.bham.sch.uk/calendar)

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Time** |
| Thursday 24th May | ACTIVE CURRICULUM DAY – Correct PE Kit in school | All Day |
| Friday 25th May | Y3 Assembly  Board Game Afternoon  **Break up for Half-Term** | 9:15am  1:00pm-3:00pm  **3:15pm** |
| Wednesday 6th – 8th June | Y6 Residential to Bell Heath: Parents will receive further information before the Half-Term holiday. Please ensure payments are up-to-date | |
| Saturday 9th June | Parish Summer Fair | 12:00-2:00pm |
| Sunday 10th June | First Holy Communion Preparation Mass - SS John and Martin’s Church | 10.00am |
| Prayer Evenings in May with Mary - St. John & Martin’s Parish Church Hall: Friday 18th & 25th May from 7pm-9pm.  All welcome. | | |

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We wish all our Islamic families a happy and holy month

**Mrs. M. Elliott**

**Head Teacher**

**Mrs E Walker – Executive Headteacher**

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