



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Autumn 2019	Mon 2nd Sept – <u>Training Day</u> School Opens Tues 3rd <u>Sept</u>	<u>Fri 25th Oct-</u> <u>Training Day- School Closed</u> School Opens Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Fri 20th Dec- 2pm Finish
Spring 2020	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan – <u>Training Day</u> School Opens Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
Summer 2020	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr – <u>Training Day</u> School Opens Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> <u>April</u>	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July <u>Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July Training Day –</u> <u>school closed</u>

### Class Masses

The next school Masses will be celebrated on **Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Sept –Y6 (new Beginnings)** and **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept –Y5 (St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist 21<sup>st</sup> Sept)** at 9.00am. Parents, friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend.

### Bishop Challoner Arts and Textile Workshops

Some of our Year 5 pupils participated in an Art and Textiles Project at Bishop Challoner school. They made textile banners and completed a beautiful tiled piece of work based on the artist Monet. The latter will be displayed permanently our Forest School entrance. As always our children made us very proud by the way they conducted themselves throughout the programme.

### Tolkien Service Award

Our Year 5 children have successfully completed their Tolkien Service Award this year. To achieve this, pupils had to work towards completing 3 'Acts of Service' at school and out in the community. 25 out of the 30 pupils took up the challenge and were presented with their bronze award badges at a special assembly on Friday. Next year, in Year 6, they will have the chance to work towards the silver award. Well done to everyone!



### Gazebo

We are delighted to have had a gazebo erected in our KS1 playground. Monies raised from school fund went towards the purchase of this. The gazebo is used by our whole school community not just for shade but for storytelling too!

### Secondary School Applications

If your child is due to transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2020 you should apply for your child's secondary school place online at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) between 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept and 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2019.

### Summer Fete

Thank you to everyone who was involved in organising and supporting our Summer Fete. Thank you to all those parents who organised stalls, who sent in prize donations and to all those who came along to the fete itself and parted with their hard earned cash! **A fantastic £846.11** was raised which will go towards practical curriculum resources in school! We are overwhelmed by the generosity from our school community.

Thank you to Mr Salaman for kindly bringing his photo booth along. For information about hiring this call 07727 630298.



### School Fundraising Total

Voluntary School Fund Contribution at the start of the year - £704.30

Christmas Jumper Day £158.40

Christmas Nativity Programmes and tea/coffee £278.81

Cake Sale £42.50

Uniform and Cake Sale (Aut) £144.30

Uniform and Cake Sale (Spr) £116.88

Sponsored Read £118.57

Easter Table Top Event £231.89

Summer Fete £846.11

**This gives us a fundraising total this year of £2,764.79. This is a fantastic achievement! Thank you to our whole school community for their continuing support to our school. We are very grateful.**

### Governors

We have had three new governors join our governing body this term. Deacon McKearney- Foundation Governor, Mr. J. Chawora - Foundation Governor and Mrs. S. Santra – Local Authority Governor. For a full list and details of our current governing body go to:

<https://www.stjonmon.bham.sch.uk/about-us/governors/governors-and-committees>

### Breakfast and After School Clubs

Reminder that there will be no After-School Clubs in the first week of term (3rd - 6th Sept). After School clubs will vary from term to term according to staffing, uptake and the availability of our external providers.

The following clubs will run for the first half term:

Monday	Art Club 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday	Reading Eggs 3.30-4.15pm
Wednesday	Fizz Pop 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday	Game Creators 3.30-4.30pm Library Drop in 3.15-4.00pm Forest School Club 3.30-4.30pm

**The cost of In-house After-School clubs will increase to £3.75 for Reading Eggs and £4.00 for Art Club.**

**Breakfast Club will increase to £2.75 per session.**



### Attendance

Our attendance this year just fell short of our attendance target of 97% with 96.9%. We would like to thank everybody who worked very hard to ensure that their children were in school, on time every day. We were very much on track to achieve target, however, with parents taking children out of school early for holidays, this has meant that we have just missed our target. That said, we are pleased that it is an improvement on last year's figure of 95.8%. We are also pleased that the percentage of children persistently absent (90% and under) has decreased this year.

Well done to pupils who have achieved 100% attendance for the Summer term up to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

A huge well done to the following children who achieved 100% attendance for the whole year. These children received a book, a pen and certificate: **Rec: Callum, Zachary, Ava & Melissa. Y1: Keevanyah, Vincent, Pedro, Serena & Michaela. Y2: Maisie & Pavandeep. Y3: Jessica, Zosia & Mark. Y4: Raffaele. Y5: Guneet & Raul. Y6: Esaa & Elinor.**

### Community and Hall Manager

The above position has become vacant at St John and Martin's Church, Balsall Heath. For more information go to

<https://www.bvsc.org/third-sector-jobs/community-and-hall-manager-balsall-heath-urban-village-hall>

### Single Plastic Ban

In our drive to contribute to stopping the pollution of oceans, from September 2019 SS John and Monica's School will be banning the use of single-use plastic water bottles. Reusable water bottles can be purchased from school at a cost of £1.00. Please remember to name your child's reusable bottle in September. Thank you for your support in trying to improve the environment for our children.



Attendance for the last 3 weeks: Week 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July – Well done to Reception – 100%

Week: 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July – Well done to Year 5 – 99.3%

Week: 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> July - Well done to Year Reception – 99.6%

**Average Attendance – (Last 3 Weeks)**

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	99.4%	97.5%	96.8%	97.8%	98.7%	98.6%	92.6%
Lates	2	3	5	2	13	3	11
Whole School Attendance so far this year			96.9%		School Target		97%

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

Reception: Mrs. Riches & Miss Morgan	Azaan & Whole Class
Year 1: Miss Millar & Miss McKeown	Idrees & Milaan
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs. Hodges	Felicity & Maisie
Year 3: Mrs. Litchfield & Mrs. Catling	Oliver & Jeremiah
Year 4: Mr. Hawker & Mrs. Ali	Davinder & Whole Class
Year 5: Mrs. Gray & Mrs. Goddard	Ellah & Sophie
Year 6: Mr. Ullah & Miss Hill	Sulaymaan & Whole Class
Mrs. Jena: Deputy Head Teacher	Haika – Year 6 & Whole Class Year 6
Mrs. Elliott: Head Teacher	Ria – Year 6 & Whole Class Year 6

**Dates for your Diary**

Date	Event	Time
Tues 3rd & Wed 4th	Reception Parents Appointments	am
Thurs 5th Sept	Reception Children (Group 1)	All Day
Fri 6th Sept	Reception Children (Group 2)	All Day
Mon 9th Sept	All Reception children in school	All Day

**Farewell and Thank you**

We are sad to say goodbye to Year 6 today. The children will be greatly missed by all the staff and pupils, yet we know they will make us and you very proud as they start the next stage of their learning journey at Secondary school. We wish them every success and much happiness for the future.

As this academic year comes to an end, we would like to once again thank you for your generous end-of-year gifts and your continuous and invaluable support. We wish all of our families a very happy and restful summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you all back in September.



**Prayer to End a School Year**

God of wisdom,  
we thank you  
for all the gifts you have given us  
throughout this school year.  
We praise you for giving us life,  
for saving us in Christ,  
and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year,  
we voice our gratitude  
for the good things you have done in us,  
and we praise you for all who have shared  
in the work of this school.

We ask you to bless them in your love  
and give them refreshment and peace.  
We praise you, God,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns forever and ever.  
Amen.

Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers/Revised Edition. USCCB

**Mrs. M. Elliott –  
Head Teacher**

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