



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Spring 2019				Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> April – 3.15pm Finish Training Day Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
Summer 2019	Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Jul – 2pm Finish

**Class Masses**

The next school Masses will be celebrated on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Mar – Year 1 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent) and 21<sup>st</sup> March - Year 3 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent) at 9.00am**. Parents, friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend.

**Ash Wednesday Service**

On **6<sup>th</sup> March** we will be having our annual Ash Wednesday Service at **2pm**, which will be led by Y5. Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, which is the liturgical season before Easter. During this time we will be working as a school to think of others before ourselves and prepare our hearts and minds for the most important feast in the churches year, Easter.



**Parents Consultations**

Parent's consultations will take place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

I was forged on Teesside but spent most of my adult life (25 years) in London after studying for a degree in Molecular Biology and Genetics at Kings College. I spent nearly 30 years in the Civil Service in the Department for Transport, working on environmental issues and the European Single Market. I moved to Birmingham 12 years ago and have lived in Moseley ever since. I am a life-long supporter of Middlesbrough FC, and an avid collector of vinyl records. It is now four years since I became a Foundation Governor at School, and I have just about got the hang of it. I am looking forward to supporting the School for the next four years.



**World Book Day**

This is the 22<sup>nd</sup> year there's been a World Book Day, and on **7<sup>th</sup> March 2019**, 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 favorite book. We ask for a £1.00 donation in return, which will go towards purchasing books to replenish our school library.

**Sponsored Read**

Thank you to the parents who supported our recent sponsored read. Unfortunately, support was not what we had hoped and a total of only £118.57 was raised towards our school fundraising efforts. If you do have sponsorship money which you are still waiting to collect, please send it into school asap. Thank you.



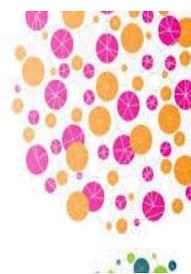
*'At SS John and Monica's, we learn through the example of Jesus to love, respect, understand and value each other'*

### Science Week

Science week will be marked at SS John and Monica's through a variety of events and activities. Each year band will have an opportunity to rotate around different classrooms to take part in a variety of scientific experiments. This will give the children opportunities to show off their investigation skills and have fun at the same time! We have also planned a trip to the 'Big Bang Science Fair' for Y5. If you would like to find out more about British Science week go to:

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/>

8-17 March  
British  
Science  
Week  
2019



### After School Clubs

We still have places available in Football, Multi-skills, Reading Eggs and Game Creators. For further information, please contact the school office.

### Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child brings to school a water bottle every day to prevent dehydration and boost concentration levels. If you wish to purchase a school water bottle they are available from the school office & payment of £1 to be made online please. Thank you.

### 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.

### Parking and Vehicle Emissions

The school continues to monitor the parking situation and report any persistent concerns. It has recently come to our attention that cars are parking up before and after school, with the engines running. Whilst some may not be concerned about this, the reality is that emissions given out by these vehicles are detrimental to not only the environment, but our children's health. For this reason, we ask parents to turn off engines, while they are parking near our school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## Attendance Focus Week Beginning 4<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> March

Attendance for the last 2 weeks: Wee 11<sup>th</sup> Feb - 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Well done to Year 3 – 99.7%

Week: 25<sup>th</sup> Feb - 1<sup>st</sup> March – Well done to Reception – 98%

### Average Attendance Over The Last Two Weeks

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	97.9%	96.9%	97.9%	97.2%	96.1%	97.2%	96.8%
Lates	5	2	6	5	7	4	7
Whole School Attendance so far this year				97.3%		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	Sofia & Sulaiman
Year 1: Miss Millar & Miss McKeown	Whole Class & Khadija
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs Hodges	Taio & Eliza
Year 3: Miss Hodgkinson & Mrs Ali	Whole Class & Aymen
Year 4: Mr Hawker & Mrs Ali	Rio & Mariatou
Year 5: Mrs Gray & Mrs Mackay	Caleese & Raul
Year 6: Mr Ullah & Miss Hill	Elijah & Laibah N
Mrs Jena: Deputy Head Teacher	Dyntai & Elijah – Year 6
Mrs Elliott: Head Teacher	Year 1 Whole Class , Miya & Ali K – Year 2

### Other Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Visit to Balsall Heath Library	pm
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 visit to Waterstones	12.00pm
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday Service 2.00pm Y5 to lead	2.00pm
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Character Costume £1.00 donation	All Day
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Visit to Balsall Heath Library	am
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 Visit to Balsall Heath Library	pm
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y4 Enabling Enterprise Visit to Newman University	All Day
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Royal Ballet visit Y1	1.30pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Big Bang Science Trip Y5	All Day

### **E-Safety Alert**

At SS John and Monica's we view e-safety as an important aspect of our safeguarding. It has been widely reported that a series of online challenges known as the 'Momo Challenge' is currently going viral in the UK. Although we are not aware that any of our pupils are taking part in this challenge, we are alerting you to the disturbing nature and content of these challenges. Please be very vigilant with your child's digital devices and monitor their online activities as you would normally do. You will find more information regarding this at <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/three-minute-briefing-momo-challenge>



### **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 will go out on 6<sup>th</sup> March and need to be returned by 4<sup>th</sup> April. A prize will be awarded for the child who collects the most coins.

Mrs M. Elliott – Head Teacher

### **Thought for the Day**

***'Disappointments are just God's way of saying 'I've got something better.'  
Be patient, live life, have faith'***