



Friday 20th September 2019

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Autumn 2019		Fri 25 th Oct Training Day School Closed	Mon 4 th Nov	Fri 20 th Dec – 2pm
Spring 2020	Mon 6 th Jan Training Day – School Closed. School Opens Tues 7 th Jan	Mon 17 th Feb	Mon 24 th Feb	Fri 3 rd April – 2pm
Summer 2019	Mon 20 th April Training day – School Closed. School opens Tues 21 st April	Mon 25 th May	Mon 1 st June	Fri 17 th July – 2pm Mon 20 th July Training Day – School Closed.

Class Masses

The next school Mass will be celebrated on **Thurs 26th Sept Year 2 - St Therese of liseux (1st Oct) and Thurs 3rd Oct – Year 1 - St Francis of Assisi (4th Oct)- at 9.00am.** Parents, friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend.



School Fund and School Building Maintenance Fund

Thank you to all those families who have already made their voluntary contribution to our school fund (£5.00) and our school building maintenance fund (£5.00)- we are most grateful. If you like to make a contribution of your choosing please visit <https://login.eduspot.co.uk>. We appreciate any small offerings. If you're a family please pay on the older siblings account. Thank you.

Mathletics and Reading Eggs/Express Competition

Each year SS John and Monica's School buys into the Mathletics and Reading Eggs online platforms to support pupils with their numeracy and literacy skills. All pupils will have login details in the front of their reading diaries. In each newsletter, we will be announcing those children who have achieved either bronze, silver or even gold certificates. Each child can achieve these awards by logging in regularly and earning points. There will also be a special treat to go with award certificates. So encourage your child to regularly visit these platforms to develop their maths and reading skills, achieve awards and have fun at the same time!



Swimming lessons

Swimming lessons continue for Y6 on **Mon 23rd Sept – Fri 27th Sept** and Y5 on **Mon 30th Sept – Fri 11th Oct.** **Please ensure your child brings into school a waterproof coat and their full, labelled swimming kit, which includes, costume/trunks, a towel and a swimming cap.**

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 between 2nd Sept and 31st Oct 2019.

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

St John the Evangelist & St Martin de Porres

Parish News

There will be a Special Service of Prayer and Benediction - His Beatitude Moran Baselios Cardinal Cleemis, Major Archbishop Catholicos of the Malankara Catholic Church will be visiting the parish of SS John and Martin on Sunday 29 September at 11.30pm and lead the parish in prayer after Mass. This is a great honour for our parish community and it would be wonderful to see as many of you there as possible.



Fr Dominic – Retirement Collection

Thank you to all those families who have made a contribution to Fr Dominic's Retirement Collection. If you would like to contribute to this whole school collection, please put your donation into an envelope and hand it into the school office. Thank you for your generosity.

Harvest

We will be celebrating Harvest this year by holding a special assembly with the children on the afternoon of Friday 4th Oct. This year, as part of service to others and our community we are inviting our families to send in dried food goods such as tinned and packet foods for us to forward to a local charitable Food Bank.



Eco – Corner

In our move to improve our school and local environment, we have the following updates:

- All of our classrooms have new recycling bins
- All pupils have a copy of 'Clean Air Cops!' which educates us on how to tackle air pollution – one of our biggest challenges!"
- A whole school pupil travel survey has been conducted to see which methods of travel pupils use to get to school
- We have invited a visiting speaker to launch our 'WOW Living Streets walk to school challenge' on 23rd Sept <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/products-and-services/projects/wow>

Polite Reminders

Please note the following:

- **If your child is late to school do not drop them at the gate and drive off.** It is your responsibility to ensure your child enters the school building safely. For this reason, you will need to come into the school office to sign the late book
- For security, our Building Site Supervisor, Miss Goley, locks the playground gates at 3.30pm. Please ensure that you have vacated the playground and play areas by then. **Children should not be playing in the school grounds after this time**
- All parents are welcome to use the playground at the front up until 3.45pm until Oct half term when it will be 3.30pm (winter months). **The play equipment is for 0-5 years old only and can be used by toddlers and Reception children.** Please do not allow older children to use this equipment.

Thank you for your co-operation with the above.

Local Community Events

- **Sunday 29th Sept 11.00am - 4.00pm Eco Fest – Midlands Arts Centre**
<https://macbirmingham.co.uk/ecofest>
- **Saturday 12th Oct 1.30pm onwards Billesley Tennis Free Open Day**
https://www.birminghamleisure.com/billesley_indoor_tc



Fundraising Committee Meeting

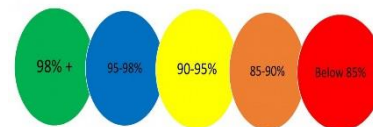
There will be a Fundraising Committee meeting in the Forest School on Friday 27th September @ 2.00pm. All are very welcome to attend.

Holidays in Term Time

We would like to politely remind parents that holiday in term time is not allowed under Government regulations for school attendance. Pupils have 175 days off school each year and there is an expectation that holiday will be booked in these periods. The impact of taking time off is significant for pupils of all ages. Any term time holiday will be recorded as unauthorised absence and will make it difficult for your child to stay above the 90% that is needed before external agencies/legal processes start to become involved.

Attendance Matters

On Time: First Time, Every Time



What Zone Are You In?

Attendance for Week 9th – 13th Sept - Well done to Year 5 – 99.3%
16th – 20th Sept - Well done to Year 2 – 100%

Average Attendance for the last 2 weeks

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	98.3%	99.1%	99.3%	96.3%	97.9%	99.1%	98.2%
Lates	0	1	0	2	1	2	4
Whole School Attendance so far this year			98.2%		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	Whole Class & Ayyana
Year 1: Miss Millar & Mrs Hodges	Poppy & Kyrese
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Miss McKeown	Ryan, Adam & Aydin
Year 3: Mrs. Flaherty, Mrs Jena & Mrs Ali	Miya & Felicity
Year 4: Miss McEvoy & Miss Ali	Aymen & Aahil
Year 5: Mrs. Goddard, Mrs Catling & Miss Hill	Haniyah & Whole Class
Year 6: Mr. Ullah, Mrs Gray & Miss Hill	Raul & Aiza
Mrs. Elliott: Head Teacher	Ariana – Year 5 & Reception Class

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Mon 23 rd Sept	Y5 Library Visit – Balsall Heath	pm
Tues 24 th Sept	Y5 selected pupils Play Leader Training	All Day
Thurs 26 th Sept	Y1/Y4 Forest School	am/pm
Thurs 26 th Sept	Swedish Head Teacher to Visit School – Erasmus Programme	All Day
Thurs 26 th Sept	European Day of Languages – Whole School Language Afternoon	pm



Half Termly Fundraiser

We are holding a 'Silly Hat Day' on Friday 18th October to go towards our fundraising efforts for this year. Last year, we raised £2,764.79 which was a truly fantastic achievement! This year, let's see if we can match last year's total – or even better it! We ask children to make a £1.00 donation, in return for wearing a hat of their choice. The day promises to be one of fun and laughter!

Quote of the Day

'Be the change you want to see in the world'

Mahatma Gandhi

Mrs M. Elliott – Head Teacher