



Friday 24th May 2019

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Summer 2019		Mon 27 th May	Mon 3 rd June	Fri 19 th Jul- 2pm Finish
Autumn 2019	Monday 2 nd Sept – <u>Training Day</u> School Opens Tues 3 rd <u>Sept</u>	Mon 28 th October Friday 25 th Oct- <u>Training Day- School</u> <u>Closed</u>	Mon 4 th Nov	Fri 20 th Dec- 2pm Finish

Class Masses

The next school Masses will be celebrated on **Thursday 13th June – Year 3 (Pentecost) and 20th June - Year 2 (St John the Evangelist) at 9.00am.** Parents, friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend.

Statutory Assessment Tests

We were extremely proud of the way our Y6 pupils conducted themselves during SAT's week, they were a credit to themselves. We are also very proud of our Y2 children, who have been working extremely hard during the month of May, completing their Y2 SAT's. The only remaining Statutory Assessment to take place will be the Y1 Phonics screening check, which will take place during the week 10th June.



Parents Homework Survey

We invite all parents/carers to take a moment to complete our 'Parental Homework Survey' by clicking on the following link:

<https://forms.gle/261LrVYSWQGdvyDk6>

This survey is different from last year and follows on from the Parent Questionnaire completed during Parental Consultations. Your input is very important to us and responses will be analysed and used to for continual school improvement. The survey will close on Monday 17th June. Thank you.

Fr Dominic

Fr Dominic has been unwell recently and we ask that you keep him in your prayers and pray for his speedy recovery and return to good health. Thank you.



Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Our Y3 children made their Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week at St John and Martin's Church. We were very proud of the way they prepared themselves for this important sacrament and recognise that they are now in the final stages of their journey towards receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.

The children's final Preparation Mass on Sunday 16th June at SS John and Martin's Church on the Theme of The Gift Joy/The Greatest Gift.

The children will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist on Sunday 30th June.

We welcome our whole school community to support the children and their families in their sacramental journey.

Reducing our Carbon Footprint

Well done to everyone who got involved in 'Walk to School Week' this week. It was wonderful to see so many children walking, cycling and scootering to school. It may seem a small action, but if we can all make small changes, such as reducing our energy use, recycling more and cutting out car journeys, we can reduce our carbon footprint and fight climate change.



Polite Notices

- We still have children bringing their P.E Kit into school in large rucksacks. All P.E kit should be sent into school in a P.E bag **Not a Rucksack** as we have limited storage in our cloakrooms. School PE bags are available from the school office
- While we thank parents for their generosity in sending into school chocolates/sweets/treats on their children's birthday, we ask that parents **refrain from sending in any chocolate selection boxes which may contain nuts**
- A reminder that the Play equipment at the front of the school is for ages 0-5. Please adhere to this as the **school is NOT insured for pupils older than 5 to use the equipment**

We thank you for your co-operation in the above matters.



Warm Weather

With warmer weather on its way (we hope!) can we ask parents to ensure that their children:

- **Bring a water bottle into school every day. (Bottles are available at the school office and water is always available for the children to top up their bottles)**
- **Wear a school cap to school. (These are available at the school office)**
- **Apply sun cream before coming to school**

Catholic Sports – Alexander Stadium

On Monday 17th June, a selection of pupils from Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will represent the school at the Birmingham Catholic Schools Athletics event at the Alexander Stadium. The children will travel by coach in the afternoon and return to school at 6.30pm. Parents are welcome to come along if they wish and support the children taking part in this exciting event.

Parish Fair

The SS John and Martin Parish Fair will be held this year on Saturday 22nd June at 12.00-2.00pm in St Martin De Porres School Hall. This is due to the refurbishments which are taking place in the parish centre. As always, we ask our school community to support the event by baking cakes to be sold on the day. We ask for cakes to be sent into school on Friday 21st June. Cakes bought into school will be judged and prizes awarded.



Summer Visits

This year's Summer trips are as follows:

Class	Venue	Date
Reception	Hatton Country Park	12 th July
Y1	All Things Wild	15 th July
Y2	Ironbridge Museum	5 th July
Y3	Cadbury World	3 rd July
Y4	Nature Centre	21 st June
Y5	Think Tank	5 th July
Y6	Bell Heath Residential	5 th June

Please go to 'School Money' at:

<https://login.eduspot.co.uk/public/portal/school/?app=teachers2parents> for payment details and consent.

Forest School

We have managed to secure a Forest School Supply Teacher as a temporary measure for Summer Term 2. They will work, in the first instance, with Years 1 and 2. All classes will be taking their children to Moseley Pool and park this summer term for a range of purposes including Nature Walks and picnics.

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Attendance

Our overall attendance figure has recently decreased (97.1%) and is now just slightly above our school total (97%). This decrease is due to a number of reasons, including Chickenpox, which children in several year bands have had recently and is usually common this around this time of year.

We ask that parents do not book a holiday during the summer term, as this will be classed as unauthorised absence and may result in a fixed penalty fine.

Congratulations to the following children who were selected for 100% Attendance Focus Week draw: **Rec: Safaa & Zachary, Y1: Serena & Michaela, Y2: Jacob & Zofia, Y3: Aahil & Jessica, Y4: Rio & Amatalmalik, Y5: Guneet & Raul, Y6: Haika & Ismail.**

Our next Attendance Focus Week is Monday 3rd – Friday 7th June. Those whose attendance is 100% for that week will have a chance to win a book prize.

Attendance for the last 2 weeks: **Week: 13th-17th May - Well done to Year 6 – 100%**
Week: 20th-24th May - Well done to Reception – 99.6%

Average Attendance – (Last 2 Weeks)

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	99.5%	95.3%	97.7%	98.6%	96.3%	94.9%	98.6%
Lates	1	5	1	2	5	0	4
Whole School Attendance so far this year	97.1%			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	Musa & Arthur
Year 1: Miss Millar & Miss McKeown	Zoya & Nafisah
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs. Hodges	Caleb & Maisie
Year 3: Mrs. Litchfield & Mrs. Catling	Aaishah & Mariam
Year 4: Mr. Hawker & Mrs. Ali	Aisha & Raff
Year 5: Mrs. Gray & Mrs. Goddard	Aibak & George
Year 6: Mr. Ullah & Miss Hill	Bertie & Sulaymaan
Mrs. Elliott: Head Teacher	Y6 Whole Class & Oscar Year 5

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Mon 3rd - Fri 14th June	Y3 Swimming – Swimming Kit needed	am
Tues 3rd June	Y2 Library Visit	pm
Wed 5th- Fri 7th June	Y6 Residential to Bell Heath	
Mon 10th June	Y5 Library Visit	pm
Tues 11th June	After school Cricket Club cancelled. To take place Thurs 13th June	3.15pm
Thurs 13th June	First Holy Communion Parents Meeting St John and Monica's School	2.30pm
Fri 14th June	Y2 Class Assembly – Parents/Carers welcome	9.15am

Mrs. M. Elliott
Head Teacher

Coffee Morning

The Fundraising Team are organising a 'Coffee Afternoon' on Thursday 13th June at 2.00pm- 3.00pm. All parents are very welcome to this event. All cake donations would be gratefully appreciated and proceeds will go towards school fund.



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