



Friday 25th January 2019

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Spring 2019		Mon 18 th Feb	Mon 25 th Feb	Thurs 11 th April – 3.15pm Finish Training Day Friday 12 th April
Summer 2019	Mon 29 th Apr	Mon 27 th May	Mon 3 rd June	Fri 19 th Jul – 2pm Finish

Class Masses

The next school Masses will be celebrated on **Thursday 31st Jan – Year 2 (Presentation of the Lord)** and **7th Feb - Year 6 (St Agatha)** at 9.00am.

Parents, friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend. **May we politely remind you that the use of mobile phones during Mass is not permitted.**

After School Clubs

Unfortunately, the number of after school clubs run by external providers has decreased this half term. This is due to a lack of uptake of clubs, which will only run with a minimum number. We endeavor to provide some after school clubs in-house and source new providers, however, we cannot guarantee after school club provision every night. If you are struggling with wrap-around care please contact St Paul's Venture on 464 -1888.

Standard Assessment Tests (SAT's)

Please note the following:

- Year 6 SATs take place Mon 13th May-Thurs 16th May
- Y2 SATs take place during the month of May
- Y1 Phonics Screen Check takes place Mon 10th June- Fri 14th June

Please do not book holidays for any of the above dates. Further details will be given out nearer the time.

Illness

If you are unsure as to whether to send your child into school if they have a minor cough, cold ailment, please do. Be rest assured that school will contact you if we feel that your child should be collected. Please note that **only in exceptional circumstances**, can children be kept in at playtime and lunchtime and this must be agreed with the class teacher.

Year 6 Bell Heath Residential Trip 5th - 7th June

The Deposit for the trip is £25, payable on-line by 30th January.

Unfortunately, if there is not enough up-take the trip is in danger of being cancelled. If you require further information, please speak to Mr. Ullah.



Governors of SS John and Monica School

We have asked our governors to write a short piece about themselves, so that our school community can get to know them better!

For more than twenty years I was a teacher at SS John and Monica's School. Many former pupils might perhaps remember me?

They would probably be able to tell you that I was born in Wales, that I enjoy speaking French and spending time out of doors gardening and enjoying forest walks. Swimming is a very important sport to me as is keeping fit in general and I also enjoy listening to music.

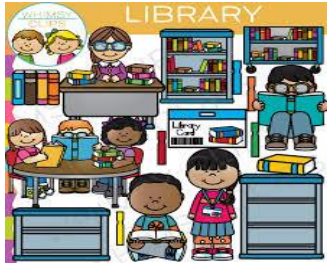
Now I am retired I have more time for another of my interests which is travelling both within the UK and further afield and also spending time with my family.

I am very proud to be able to continue serving the Parish and the school as a Foundation Governor. Mrs Tibbits



Bishop Challoner Athletics Competition

Well done to the following children who represented our school so well in the Bishop Challoner Athletics competition last week. We are proud of them!
 Year 3 – Zosia, Mariam, Angela, Khio, Oliver, Bryan, Year 4 – Mariatou, Haniyah, Jemima, Deneae, Curtis, Ryan, Year 5 – George, Sami, Suhaan, Ellah, Caleese, Sophie, Year 6 – Alzubir, Maysa, Laaibah, Ismail, Khaleb, Laibah.



Library

- We have, once again, booked some library sessions this term at Balsall Heath Library for our KS2 children. Please keep a note of dates in the 'Other Dates' section below
- The school library is open every Tuesday from 3.15-4:00pm. Pupils and parents from both Key Stages are welcome. We do ask, however, that parents support their children in choosing a book and reading it with them, thus helping us to encourage children to foster a love of reading.

Sponsored Read

As part of our whole school initiative to get children reading more, our fundraiser for this half term is a sponsored read. (You should now have received a reading sponsorship form to start completing). During this half term, we ask children to be sponsored by relatives and friends out of school for the number of books they read, whether it be school books, library books or books from home. Thank you for your support.



Lunchboxes

Please ensure that lunchboxes are regularly cleaned out and material bags washed periodically. Lunch should be bought in plastic boxes or sandwich bags. Please do not send packed lunches in rucksacks as we do not have the room on our lunchbox trolley. Thank you.

Attendance and Punctuality

- Well done to everyone who is working really hard to come into school every day. We are really pleased that our attendance figure is still slightly over our attendance target of 97%. Keep it up!
- We have real concerns about the number of children who are entering the school building after 8.55am. Can we remind you that **lessons start at 8.55am** and therefore, children need to be in school, coats off, ready to learn for then. Teachers are informing me that some children are regularly missing the start of lessons and this is having an impact on their learning. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Attendance for the last 2 weeks: Week: 14th-18th Jan - Well done to Year 5 – 99%
 Week: 21st-25th Jan - Well done to Year 5 – 99.2%

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	95.8%	96.5%	97.5%	95.3%	96.8%	99.1%	97.4%
Lates	1	0	4	4	17	7	11
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	Danish & Ojaswithaa
Year 1: Miss Millar & Miss McKeown	Sarah & Musa
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs Hodges	Children who completed 3D model Homework & Yunis
Year 3: Miss Hodgkinson & Mrs Ali	Aleen & Nimra
Year 4: Mr Hawker & Mrs Ali	Raffaele & Jesse-John
Year 5: Mrs Gray & Mrs Mackay	Sara & Bareeah
Year 6: Mr Ullah & Miss Hill	Ismail & Orestes
Mrs Jena: Deputy Head Teacher	Abbas & Shaneela – Year 6
Mrs Elliott: Head Teacher	Dyntai & Ada – Year 6 & Aahil – Year 3

Other Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Wed 30 th Jan	Enabling Enterprise Trip – Y5	All Day
Wed 30 th Jan	Y4 Visit to Balsall Heath Library	11.00am
Thurs 31 st Jan	First Holy Communion Meeting – SS John and Monica School	2.30pm
Fri 1 st Feb	Y5 Assembly - All Parents/ Carers welcome	9.15am
Fri 1 st Feb	Active Curriculum Day – Full PE Kit Needed	All Day
Mon 4 th Feb	Y3 Visit to Balsall Heath Library	1.40pm
Tues 5 th Feb	Online Safety Parents Meeting	9.00am

Coffee Morning/Stay and Play

Thank you to all those who came to our coffee morning. It's always lovely to get together as a school community and have a chat! A special thank you to Mayla's (Y1) parents who donated some Christmas biscuits for our fundraising efforts.



On-Line Safety Parent's Meeting

On Tuesday 5th Feb 9.00am we are holding an On-Line Internet Safety Parent's Meeting. The meeting will cover how to keep your child safe whilst using the Internet, social networks, apps and games. We would encourage a representative for each child/family to attend.



Extreme Weather Conditions

In the event of heavy snowfall, **we will send out a text message to confirm that the school is closed.** Please listen to local radio stations to hear if the school has had to close or not (Heart FM, Radio WM, Free Radio and 1296am Radio XL). **DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SCHOOL OFFICE.** Please ensure that the office has up to date mobile contact information.

Mrs M. Elliott – Head Teacher

'Give God your weakness and he will give you his strength'