

Friday 28th June 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 <u>Friday 25th Oct-</u> <u>Training Day- School</u> <u>Closed</u>	Mon 4 th Nov	Fri 20 th Dec- 2pm Finish

Class Masses

We are delighted to welcome Father Mario from St Catherine of Sienna Church who will be celebrating Mass with us on Thursdays each week until further notice. The next school Masses will be celebrated on **Thursday 11th July – Reception (Thanks Giving) and Thursday 18th July - Year 6 (Leavers Mass) at 9.00am**. Parents, friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend.

Catholic Sports – Alexander Stadium

On Monday 17th June, a selection of pupils from Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 represented the school at the Birmingham Catholic Schools Athletics event at the Alexander Stadium. We were very proud of the pupils who took part and all that they achieved! Congratulations to:

Y3: Mark & Khio

Y4: Mariatou

Y5: Sami & Caleese

Y6: Khaleb, Ismail, Esa, Orestes, Ada, Maysa, Elinor & Laibah N



Sports Day

Unfortunately, due to wet weather we have had to rearrange sports day until **Tuesday 2nd July**. Sports Day will take place in Moseley Private Park. We would like to invite all parents and family members to come and cheer the children along as they race for their House Team. Please ensure your child has their PE Kit, School cap and water bottle on this day and throughout the warm weather. The times are as follows:

Reception & KS1: 9:30am -10:30am

KS2: 11:00am -12:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

The children will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist on Sunday 30th June. If your child has received a letter inviting them to the service as part of our school choir, we encourage you to support them by dropping/collecting them from SS John and Martin's Church.

We ask you to pray for our children and welcome our whole school community to both Masses to support the children and their families in their sacramental journey.



Parish Fair

Thank you to those who supported the Parish Fair last Saturday 22nd June by either attending the event or baking cakes. Over £2,500 was raised. Thank you.

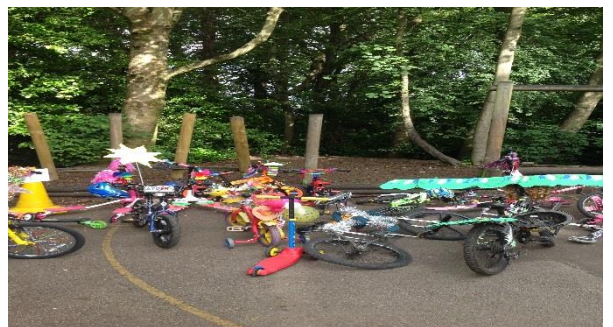
Parents Homework Survey –Results (35 Responses)

1	Which Year is your child in?	Reception	KS1	KS2	
		23%	40%	37%	
2	Which type of homework does your child enjoy the most?	Spellings/ Phonics	Reading	Math's	Topic/ research
		21%	29%	29%	21%
3	Overall, do you support homework being given out on a weekly basis?	Yes – weekly	No-less often	No – no homework	
		94%	3%	3%	
4	My child learns a lot from their homework?	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
		43%	43%	11%	3%
5	Do you think the amount of homework given each week in English is ?	Too much	About right	Not enough	
		6%	65%	29%	
6	Do you think the amount of homework given each week in Maths is?	Too much	About right	Not enough	
		3%	53%	44%	
7	Do you feel that the level of challenge of homework for your child is:	Too easy	Just right	Too hard	
		39%	61%	0%	
8	I have enough knowledge to help my child with their homework	Strongly agree	Agree	Strongly Disagree	Not sure
		47%	41%	9%	3%
9	Is your child able to complete their homework independently?	Yes- never need support	Yes, with occasional support	No – always need support	
		12%	82%	6%	
10	Which of these sources of advice on homework (if any) would you welcome and use if available?	Parent workshop	Hwk info/leaflet sent home	Hwk info on school website	
		29%	55%	16%	

As result of analysing the homework survey, staff are currently reviewing the amount of homework they set for Math's and the challenge of work in all subjects. As a school, we will endeavor to provide as much literature as possible to support you in being able to support your child with their homework.

Bling Your Bike to School

Thank you to all those who bought their decorated bike/scooter to school today. This initiative was to highlight the benefits of travelling to school in an eco-friendly way, exercising and having fun at the same time! Riders paraded their bikes in the playground in front of the children and staff in their phase so that everyone was able to appreciate the hard work and effort that had gone into decorating each bike. Certificates and treats were given to all riders!



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

Clean Air Poster Competition

SS John and Monica's is getting involved in designing a poster to tell drivers to SWITCH OFF their engines in the area round our school! Leaving the engine running when a car is parked is called idling and it causes air pollution. This is really bad for everyone's health but especially children. By asking people to switch off their engine when parked up it will save them fuel and money, protect our environment and most importantly help to keep you healthy.

The winning entry will be made into a banner which will be displayed on the gates at schools across Birmingham. Details have already been emailed to parents/carers. The competition the closing date is the 12th July 2019, we look forward to receiving your fantastic entries.

School Uniform –Leggings

A polite reminder, again, **that leggings are NOT** part of the school's uniform policy. White, black or grey tights should be worn under skirts/dresses not leggings. Thank you.

Non - Uniform Day - Thursday 11th July

The fundraising team are holding a non-uniform event on Thursday 11th July to coincide with the summer fair. We ask all children to bring in a £1.00 donation to wear their own clothes.

Fundraising Summer Event

The fundraising team are organising a 'Fundraising Summer Event' on Thursday 11th July 3.15pm. We would be grateful for any tombola donations (please drop them in to the school office) and if you feel that you can support this event in any way please contact Mrs. Santra (Serena's mom Y1). Information about the event has been emailed to all parents and is on flyers around the school. The event promises to be as exciting as the Easter fundraiser and we are thoroughly looking forward to it!



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

Please go to 'School Money' at:

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



Staffing

- We welcome our new Building Site Supervisor Miss Goley, who has joined us from another Birmingham primary school. Miss Goley is already settling in well and getting to know our school and community. Remember to say hello if you pass her by!
- We are recruiting for a new Lunchtime Supervisor. If you are interested in this position, please ask for an application for from the school office. The closing date is Monday 8th July

Class Teachers for Sept 2019

We say a fond farewell to Mr Hawker who will be leaving us at the end of the term to take up a position at a school in Sheffield. We thank him for his three years of service and dedication to our school and wish him well in the future. We welcome to our school family Miss Mc Evoy and Mrs. Flaherty who start with us in September. We know that you will make them feel very welcome. The teaching staff for September are as follows:

Reception – Mrs Riches

Y1 – Miss Millar

Y2 – Miss Geoghegan

Y3 – Mrs Flaherty (3 days) Mrs Jena (2 days)

Y4 – Miss McEvoy

Y5 – Mrs Litchfield (3 days) and Mrs Catling (2 days)

Y6 - Mr Ullah and Mrs Gray



Attendance for the last 2 weeks: Week: 17th-21st June – Well done to Reception – 100%

Week: 24th-28th June – Well done to Reception – 99.3%

Average Attendance – (Last 2 Weeks)

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	99.6%	97.5%	95.9%	99.3%	97.4%	98.6%	97.9%
Lates	2	5	6	0	13	4	12
Whole School Attendance so far this year			96.9%		School Target		97%

Please DO NOT book holidays in school time as they will be unauthorised and you may be liable for a fixed penalty fine.

Thank you

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

Reception: Mrs. Riches & Miss Morgan	Arlo & Whole Class
Year 1: Miss Millar & Miss McKeown	Amaya & Vincent
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs. Hodges	Hawwa & Miya
Year 3: Mrs. Litchfield & Mrs. Catling	Angela & Whole Class
Year 4: Mr. Hawker & Mrs. Ali	Foz & Adam
Year 5: Mrs. Gray & Mrs. Goddard	Subhan & Haider
Year 6: Mr. Ullah & Miss Hill	Orestes, George, Noah, Maysa, Ria & Elinor
Mrs Jena: Deputy Head Teacher	Whole Class – Year 6
Mrs. Elliott: Head Teacher	Sophie – Year 5 & First Holy Communion Children – Year 3

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Mon 1 st July	Y3 Library Visit	pm
Tues 2 nd July	Sports Day – (Reception & KS1 9.30-10.30am) (KS2 11-12pm)	
Wed 3 rd July	Y4 Enabling Enterprise Visit - Prologis	All Day
Thurs 4 th July	Induction Morning for new Reception Children	am
Thurs 4 th July	Whole School Transition Morning – move to new class	am
Thurs 4 th July	Themed Day Lunch - American	
Mon 8 th July	Design and Technology Week	
Mon 8 th July	Guitar Concert – Parents Welcome	2.30pm
Wed 10 th July	Violin Concert - Parents Welcome	9.15am
Wed 10 th July	Y6 visit to Central Mosque	am
Fri 12 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly	9.15am

Annual Reports

Your child will bring home their annual school report on Friday 12th July. Teachers will make themselves available on Tuesday 16th July 3.15-4.00pm should you need to talk to them about the report. These is a drop in session only so no appointments will be sent home.

Pokémon Cards

Please note that these are not allowed in school and should be kept at home. We ask you to remind your children. Thank you for your co-operation.

Please note school closes at 2.00pm on Friday 19th July

Mrs. M. Elliott
Head Teacher