**SS John & Monica’s Catholic Primary School – Bulletin 2**

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**Friday 28th September 2018**

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| **Term** | **Start** | **Half Term** | **Reopens** | **Term Ends** |
| **Autumn 2018** |  | **Mon 29th Oct** | **Mon 5th Nov –Training Day School Opens Tues 6th Nov** | **Fri 21st Dec - 2pm Finish** |
| **Spring 2019** | **Mon 7th Jan 2019** | **Mon 18th Feb** | **Mon 25th Feb** | **Fri 12th Apr – 2pm Finish** |
| **Summer 2019** | **Mon 29th Apr** | **Mon 27th May** | **Mon 3rd June** | **Fri 19th Jul – 2pm Finish** |

**Class Masses**

The next school Mass will be celebrated on **Thurs 4th Oct at 9.00am – Y1 and Wed 17st Oct Y3 at 10.45am .** Parents, friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend.



**Swimming lessons**

Year 6 will start two weeks of swimming lessons on **Tuesday 2nd Oct**. This year we are using our local community Swimming baths in Balsall Heath. On swimming day, please ensure children bring into school a waterproof coat and their full, labelled swimming kit.

**Topic Theme Day**

We had a successful ‘Topic Theme Day’ today! Please visit our school Twitter page (address above) to view class topic activities.

**School Fund**

Thank you to all the families who have sent in generous school fund donations – we are most grateful. These funds will help towards purchasing much needed outdoor play equipment.

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**Moseley In Bloom**

We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in securing a £500 bid from ‘Moseley In Bloom’ to develop our Peace Garden. This award will help to purchase plants, plant holders, decorative shingle, picket fencing, stepping-stones and a bench. Our small Peace Garden will provide pupils and staff with an opportunity to visit a quiet and reflective area to pray and think of others.

**Reception Playground**

May we remind you that the play area at the front of the school is for children aged 5 and under. Our Reception children use this area as part of the PE curriculum in developing their gross motor skills. We kindly allow parents with children aged 5 and under to use the area up to 3.45pm. The Trim Trail/Tyre Park and all playground areas should not be used after 3.15pm. Thank you for your co-operation.

**After School Clubs**

****Please note that there are spaces in the following After School Clubs: Monday -Year 5 Guitar Electives, KS2 Mon & Tues Game Creators

and Multi-Skills Tues & Weds. Please speak to the school office if you would like your child to take up one of these available spaces.

**Catholic School Profile**

This terms Virtues are **Compassion and Love** – This term as a school community we are thinking about how we can be followers of Christ and ensure we demonstrate these virtues in our lives.

**Contact Procedures**

If you have a query or concern regarding your child, that you wish to discuss, please speak with your child’s class teacher as the first point of contact at the end of the school day. Following this, you can book an appointment through the office to speak or meet with Mr Ullah (Assistant Head Teacher) or Mrs Jena (Deputy Head Teacher). Further to this, an appointment should ultimately be made to the Mrs Elliott (Head Teacher). Thank you for your co-operation.

**Vocations Week 22nd-26th Oct**

As you already know, we are holding our Vocations week from 22nd-26th Oct. If you would like to get involved in the week, please speak to your child’s class teacher. Thank you.

**Open Morning**

We are holding our school ‘**Open Morning’ on Thursday 8th Nov**, to give prospective parents an opportunity to visit our school. We will be open from 9.30-11.30am, with the Head Teachers’ address beginning at 9.45am.

**Attendance**

Well done to the following children who were drawn out of our 100% Attendance Focus Week prize draw: Reception Arlo, Elena , Y1 –Rabia , Amaya , Y2- Median , Hibba , Y3 Jessica , Jeremiah , Y4 Shaniya , Kinza , Y5 Caleese , Guneet , & Y6 – Adam , Zaraib . All received a certificate and book prize. Stickers were rewarded to all other children who achieved 100% for the week. Well done and keep up the good attendance!

**Attendance for the last 2 weeks: Week 17th-21st Sept – Well done to Year 3 – 100%. Week 24th-28th Sept – Well done to Year 2-99.6 %**

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|  **Class** | **Reception** | **Year 1** | **Year 2** | **Year 3** | **Year 4** | **Year 5** | **Year 6** |
| **% Attendance** | **97%** | **99%** | **99%** | **99%** | **97%** | **95%** | **97%** |
| **Lates** | **0** | **2** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **2** | **8** |
| **Whole School Attendance so far this year** | **97%** | **School Target** |  **97%** |

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

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| **Reception: Miss Pratty & Miss Morgan** | **Emilia & Safaa** |
| **Year 1: Miss Millar & Miss McKeown** | **Rabia & Klareece** |
| **Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs Hodges** | **Maisie & Whole Class** |
| **Year 3: Miss Hodgkinson & Mrs Ali** | **Hessa & Bavleen** |
| **Year 4: Mr Hawker & Mrs Ali** | **Whole Class, Shaniya & Ellyssia** |
| **Year 5: Mrs Gray & Mrs Mackay** | **Sophie & Whole Class** |
| **Year 6: Mr Ullah & Miss Hill** | **Ada & Noah** |
| **Mrs Jena: Deputy Head Teacher** | **Adam – Y6 Shaneela – Y6** |
| **Mrs Elliott: Head Teacher** | **Ria Y5 & Elijah – Y6** |

**Dates for your Diary**

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Time** |
| **Tues 2nd Oct – Friday 12th Oct** | **Year 6 Swimming**  | **am** |
| **Wednesday 3rd Oct** | **KS2 Reading Meeting – All parents/carers**  | **2.30pm** |
| **Thursday 4th Oct**  | **American Themed Day Lunch for children only** | **12.00-1.15pm** |
| **Monday 8th Oct** | **Y1 Inspire Workshop – A representative for all children must attend** | **9.15am** |
| **Tuesday 9th Oct**  | **Y5 Inspire Workshop – A representative for all children must attend** | **9.15am** |
| **Wednesday 10th Oct** | **Y6 Inspire Workshop – A representative for all children must attend** | **9.15am** |
| **Friday 12th Oct** | **Y3 Inspire Workshop – A representative for all children must attend** | **9.15am** |

**Secondary Transfer packs – IMPORTANT**

Y6 pupils will have received their Secondary Transfer letters and information pack before the holidays. The Local authority asks all parents to apply for their child’s Y7 school place online at <http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions> between 3rd Sept and **31st Oct**.

**Free School Meals - IMPORTANT**

Please complete the Free School Meals Application Form, which was sent via email as soon as possible. If you are entitled to Free School Meals (even if you are sending a packed lunch into school with your child), we urge you to complete the paperwork and provide evidence at the school office. This is because a £1,320 grant is awarded to schools for each child eligible for free school meals.

**Nasal Flu Vaccination**

Pupil Nasal Flu Vaccination will take place on 28th Nov for pupils in Rec-Y5. If you wish for your child to receive the vaccination, please return consent forms by 19th Oct. For more details go to: <http://www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/about-us/news/archive-news/flu-busters/>

**Lunch Theme Day**

Mrs Wallace our catering manager has organised an American Theme Day Lunch on Thurs 4th Oct. If your child usually has a packed lunch, but would like a meal on this day, please log on to <https://eduspot.co.uk/product/schoolmoney/> to pay £2.30. Thank you.

**CAFOD Brighten Up Day**

Sadly, due to poverty and injustice, this harvest will not be bright for millions of children and young people around the world who will miss out on food, clean water and even on going to school. For this reason, we are holding a ‘Brighten Up Day’ on Friday 5th October to raise money for CAFOD**. On that day, we ask children to come into school dressed as brightly as possible in return for a £1.00 donation**.Our donations will go towards helping make the world a brighter place for communities living in extreme poverty. Thank you.

***‘Pray, hope and don’t worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer’.***

 **Padre Pio**

**Mrs M.Elliott – Head Teacher**