



Friday 29th March 2019

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

**NB: There is a Staff Training Day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. School will be closed for pupils. School will reopen on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.**

#### Class Masses

The next school Masses will be celebrated on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Year 2 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent) and 11<sup>th</sup> April - Year 6 (Palm Sunday – Feast of St Martin) at 9.00am.** Parents, friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend.

#### Parents Consultations

A reminder that Parent's consultations will take place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 3.30-6.00pm. This meeting is for teachers and parents only and for this reason, we ask that your children are supervised by another responsible adult during the consultation. Mrs. Jena will also be holding SEND meetings both afternoons.

#### Summer Uniform

After Easter children may return to school in their summer uniform if they wish. Our summer uniform is as follows:

- Green and white summer dress
- Crew neck jumper or cardigan
- Grey skirt, trousers or grey shorts
- Yellow polo shirt with logo

Please ensure shoes are suitable for school and note trainers are not permitted. Thank you.



#### Charging Policy for Late Collection of Pupils

After Easter the Governors have decided that there will be a charge for the late collection of pupils after 3.30pm of £3.00. This will increase by £3.00 every 15 minutes that children are not collected (payments made via School Money). These measures are to cover the cost of supervision of pupils by staff. The following policies have been emailed to all parents. Copies are also available on our school website:

- Charging and Remission Policy
- Late Collection Policy
- After School Club Policy

#### Uniform Donation/Cake Sale – 1<sup>st</sup> April

Once again we are collecting school uniform, which will be sold on the afternoons of Parental Consultations. Cakes will also be sold on the afternoon. All proceeds to go to school fund.

#### Governors of SS John and Monica School

Fr Dominic

I come from Bournville, renowned for Cadbury's chocolate. I became a member of the Sacred Heart Congregation in 1950 and was ordained a priest in 1955 in Wales by the Bishop of Menevia. For 30 years I taught at the Preparatory School in Sambourne near Astwood Bank and at the Sacred Heart College in Droitwich. After that I worked in Parishes; in Holy Name Great Barr where I became Parish priest, in the Parish of St Joseph's Leigh Lancashire where I was Chaplain to the Primary School and St Mary's High School, Leigh. In 1997 I became Parish Priest at St John and Martin Balsall Heath with its two primary schools Ss John and Monica and St Martin de Porres where I am now.

I have had quite an eventful, full and happy life in God's service as a member of the Priests and Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

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

### Easter Fundraising Events – Week Beginning 1<sup>st</sup> April

Next Week, we will be holding a variety of fun events to raise money for our CAFOD Easter appeal. **To make payments easier this year, we are asking for a minimum contribution of £2 from each child (KS1 and KS2) to take part in all of the events throughout the week. Please send monies in on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April to the class teacher.** We would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your generosity and support in helping those less fortunate than ourselves. The events that will be taking place throughout the week are listed below:

YEAR 3: Design your own Easter Egg
YEAR 4: Colouring Competition
YEAR 5: Fun Fair – Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> April (additional monies may be bought in if you wish)
YEAR 6: Easter Egg Hunt



### Father Hudson's Care - Good Shepherd Appeal

Boxes for Reception and KS1 Pupils need to be returned by 4<sup>th</sup> April. A prize will be awarded for the child who collects the most coins!



### Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Garden Competition

This year we will be holding our annual **Easter Bonnet or Easter Garden Parade on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April**. This event is always a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. There will be prizes for the best efforts all round!



### Brum Breathes School Summit

Thank you to all those who are taking note of our recent initiative to turn off engines while dropping off or collecting from school. Last July a motion was passed asking Birmingham City Council to look at this issue of cars idling.

Following a recent Breathes school summit the following was highlighted:

- Air pollution is a Public Health Crisis
- Road traffic is the biggest contributor to air pollution
- Air Pollution has measurable detrimental effects on children's health including an increase in asthma

As a school, we have signed up to the BCC run Modeshiftstarts.org which is 'The national schools awards scheme that has been established to recognise schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel. The scheme encourages schools across the country to join in a major effort to increase levels of sustainable and active travel in order to improve the health and well-being of children and young people.'

**We hope you will support us with our endeavors in working towards creating a cleaner air zone and environment.**

### Community Links – Bupa Care Home Visit

Well done to a group of 12 of our Y6 pupils who accompanied Mrs Elliott and Miss Hill to a local Bupa Care Home, as part of developing links with our local community. The children had a wonderful afternoon with residents including playing board games, doing arts and crafts activities and sharing their experiences of school.

### Cost of Dinner Money

Please note that the cost of a school lunch will increase from 1<sup>st</sup> April to £2.35.

### Average Attendance Over The Last Two Weeks

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	96.7%	97.4%	97.6%	98.5%	96.8%	97.4%	96.7%
Lates	5	3	2	6	2	0	3
Whole School Attendance so far this year				97.3%	School Target		97%

### Attendance

- 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!

Attendance for the last 2 weeks: Week: 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March – Well done to Year 3 – 98.4%  
Week: 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> March – Well done to Year 3 – 98.4%



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

Reception: Mrs Riches & Miss Morgan	Samuel & Ayden
Year 1: Miss Millar & Miss McKeown	Ivo & Mayla
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs Hodges	Ono & Hibba
Year 3: Miss Hodgkinson & Mrs Ali	Aahil & Amanda
Year 4: Mr. Hawker & Mrs Ali	Ahmed & Denae
Year 5: Mrs Gray & Mrs Mackay	Nagarathna & Efrah
Year 6: Mr. Ullah & Miss Hill	Noah & Ada
Mrs Jena: Deputy Head Teacher	Areebah & Rocco – Year 6
Mrs Elliott: Head Teacher	Rayyan – Year 5 & Dyntai – Year 6

**Other Dates for your Diary**

Date	Event	Time
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> April & Tues April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents Consultations	3.30-6.00pm
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School Book Fair	3.15pm
Monday April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Fizz Pop Science Assembly – Whole School	am
Monday April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Whole School Lenten Fundraising Week	All Week
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Active Curriculum Day – Full PE Kit needed in school	All day
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	First Holy Communion preparation Mass – St John and Martin's Church	10.00am
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1 Multi-Skills Competition – Billesley Indoor Tennis Centre – Full PE Kit Needed	am
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Y2 Multi-Skills Competition – Billesley Indoor Tennis Centre – Full PE Kit Needed	am
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Table-Top Event (Fundraising Committee) – All Welcome	3.15pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Dan Callow Retreat Day	All Day

**Staffing**

We say goodbye to Mrs. Mackay and Miss Hodgkinson after Easter. Mrs. Mackay has taught at SS John and Monica's for over ten years and over those years has touched the lives of many children and families within our school community. Although Miss Hodgkinson has not been with us very long, we know that she will be missed by us all. We wish them both well in the future and thank them for their hard work and commitment to our school.

Mrs. Goddard, who has taught for two days a week in our school since September, will cover Mrs. Mackay's two days and teach on a Monday and Tuesday in Y5 for the summer term. We welcome into our Ss John and Monica's school family Mrs. Litchfield and Mrs. Catling, who have taught together as a job share for over ten years now. They will teach in Y3 for the summer term and are looking forward to meeting the children again when they come into school next week.

**St John and Martin's Church – Easter Events**

Mar			
Tues		7 pm	Journey in Faith
Wed	27	7pm	Joy of Hope in Margot Hutchinson Centre
Sun	24 & 31	4 pm	Stations of the Cross
Apr			
Sat	6	1pm	Empty the church hall – volunteers needed
Sun	7	10 am	First Holy Communion Mass – Gift of God's Word/ Gift of Friendship
		4 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sun	14	10 am	Palm Sunday Mass and Procession
Wed	17	7 pm	Penitential Service
Thu	18	8 pm	Maundy Thursday Evening Mass
Fri	19	3 pm	Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Sat	20	8 pm	Easter Vigil

**Our Lady Society Club**

Celebrate Mother's Day by treating your Mum to a delicious, freshly cooked breakfast after Mass on Sunday, 31st March.

All proceeds to the churches Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund.




### St Chad's Cathedral Flower Festival

This annual event takes place between 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> June and is open to the public. This is an event for all faiths to join together to appreciate floral displays.

### Non-Uniform


The Fundraising Team have organised non-uniform day which will be held on Thursday 11th April. We ask for a donation of £1.00 per child to go towards Easter school fund efforts.



The Dionysus Ensemble presents

## A Musical Adventure

11am, Monday April 22nd 2019  
Ages 0-7 £2 per child – Adults free  
[www.amusicaladventure.co.uk](http://www.amusicaladventure.co.uk)  
St Columba URC Hall, Chantry Road, Moseley, Birmingham, B13 8DD  
Children's concert with bite-sized music.  
Get up, join in & dance.  
Kindly sponsored by



SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School

## Fundraising Easter Event

All Welcome  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 3:15pm

Fruit & Squash Stall  
Guess the choccies in the bottle  
Face Painting  
Chocolate Tombola  
Cup o' Treats Stall  
Easter Egg Design Competition  
Cake Stall

HAPPY EASTER

Donations of cakes and chocolate eggs welcome at School Office. Paper cups will be sent home with each child – please return filled with stickers and pocket-money toys for the Cup o' Treats Stall

Mrs. M.Elliott  
Head Teacher

**Happy Mother's Day on Sunday to all our special Mums!**

*'Of all the gifts life has to offer, a loving mother is the greatest of them all' - Unknown*