

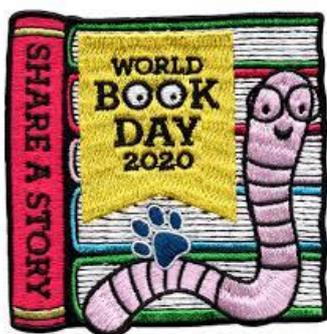


Friday 6th March 2020

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Spring 2020				Fri 3 rd April – 2pm
Summer 2020	Mon 20 th April Training day – School Closed. School opens Tues 21 st April	Mon 25 th May	Mon 1 st June	Fri 17 th July – 2pm Mon 20 th July Training Day – School Closed.

Class Masses

The next school Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 12th March – Y6 (2nd Sunday of Lent) & Thursday 19th March – Y4 (3rd Sunday of Lent) at 9.00am.** Parents, friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend. **Please note if no priest is available there will be a Service of the Word.**



World Book Day

We had an exciting day yesterday celebrating the 23rd World Book Day! It was wonderful to see so many children come to school dressed as their favourite book characters! Please visit Twitter [@SSJohnMonicas](https://twitter.com/SSJohnMonicas) and our school website www.stjonmon.bham.sch to see our photos.

'Design a Book Mark' Competition

Details about the winner of this competition will be announced shortly. The winning design will be made into a 'Ss John and Monica's School Bookmarks' and given to all pupils.

Whole School Community Lenten Focus 2020 – Spreading Kindness

When we show kindness and co-operate with each other we become healthier, happier and more successful. This year, as a school, we have decided to focus on 'Spreading Kindness' during the season of Lent. In school we will be:

- Talking to the children about specific examples of how we can model and spread kindness
- The benefits of school life if we spread kindness (the ripple effect)
- How we can notice kindness in others
- How we can encourage kindness
- How we can be kind to ourselves

Join with us to keep kindness at the heart of our school community!

The deadline for our 'Spreading Kindness Poster Competition' is Mon 9th March. Prizes for the winning entries. Children's poster will be displayed around school to spread the message!



Parents Consultations

Parent's consultations will take place on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March 3.30-6.00pm. You should have received a text message which will invite you to book a suitable appointment online. This is a meeting for teachers and parents only and for this reason, we ask that your children are supervised by another responsible adult during the consultation.

If your child has special educational needs, your child's class teacher will discuss progress towards their targets with you. **Please note we will also be asking you to complete our annual parental questionnaire for school improvement purposes. Thank you.**



SS John and Martin's Parish Priest

We are very pleased to have been informed by the Archdiocese of Birmingham that Fr Mario will be the new parish priest of SS John and Martins. Fr Mario is the current parish priest of St Catherine of Sienna and will continue to fulfil this role. The children and staff already know both Fr Mario and Fr Subbu (Assistant priest), very well, as they have been celebrating Mass with us since Fr Dominic's retirement. We know that our whole school community will give them a very warm welcome.

Standard Assessment Tests (SAT's)

Please note the following:

- Year 6 SATs take place **Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May**
- Year 2 SATs take place during the month of **May**
- Year 4 Times Tables Check **8th - 16th June**
- Year 1 Phonics Screen Check takes place Week Beginning **Monday 8th June**

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

Science Week 6th – 15th March

Science week will be marked at SS John and Monica's through a variety of events and activities. Each year band will have an opportunity to rotate around different classrooms to take part in a variety of scientific experiments. This will give the children opportunities to show off their investigation skills and have fun at the same time! **Mrs Riches has organised a 'Science Selfie' Competition and there are prizes to be won! – entries by 11th March.**

If you would like to find out more about British Science week go to:

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/>



Eco-Corner

Climate Change Awareness – Week Beginning 16th March

As a school, we will be discussing the important issue of climate change and sharing some of this work in our House Meetings.

Road Safety Signs

We have ordered some 'Road Safety Signs', which will be put out at the beginning/end of the day to prevent people from parking on the zig-zag lines. These are very expensive, but have become necessary, as we feel children's lives are being put at risk by a few inconsiderate people parking or indeed pulling up and dropping children off on the zig-zag lines. Thank you to all parents who park considerately and put the safety of all our children first.

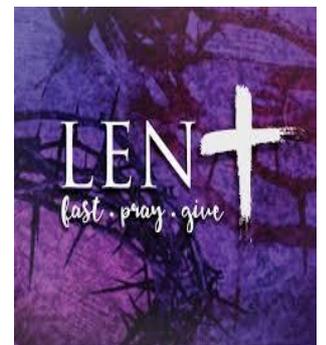
Lent

Father Hudson's Care - Good Shepherd Appeal

For many years we have helped support Father Hudson's by collecting coins during Lent. Collection boxes have been sent out and need to be returned by **Friday 27th March**. A prize will be awarded for the child who collects the most coins.

Sponsored Walk

Our whole school Lenten CAFOD charity fundraiser this year will be a walk around Moseley Pool and Park on 27th March am. Parents are invited to join us too! Please read the letter sent out and reply if you will be joining us on our walk! £2 Voluntary contribution per child can be made online via School Money. Thank you for your support.



First Holy Communion Parents Meeting

There will be a First Holy Communion parents meeting here at Ss John and Monica's on Wednesday 11th Mar at 2.30pm. A representative for whose children are making this important sacrament will need to attend. The Mass of Forgiveness and Peace will be on 15th March at St John and Martin's Church at 10.00am.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Mon 9 th –Fr 13 th Mar	Science Week	
Wed 11 th Mar	First Holy Communion Parents Meeting – SS John and Monica School	2.30pm
Thurs 12 th Mar	Y1/Y5 Forest School	Am/pm
Fri 13 th Mar	Year 3 Class Assembly	9.15am
Sun 15 th Mar	First Holy Communion Mass – SS John and Martin's Church	10.00am
Tues 17 th Mar	Y5 Hindu Temple Visit	am
Thurs 19 th Mar	Y1/Y5 Forest School	Am/pm

Birmingham Women's Hospital Fundraiser

Thank you for your generous cake donations and attendance at our fundraising coffee morning. A total of £104.15 was raised for Birmingham Women's Hospital.

Lenten prayer

Dear God, During Lent help us to keep our eyes on Jesus. Help us to spend more time talking and listening to you. Help us to share what we have with others and be sorry for times we have done wrong.
Amen



Mrs M. Elliott – Head Teacher

SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School

Easter Fundraising Event Friday 27th March 3:15pm



**ALL
WELCOME**

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