

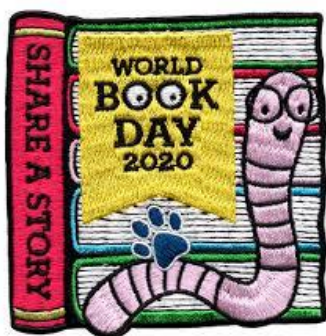


Friday 6th March 2020

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

### Class Masses

The next school Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Y6 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent) & Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Y4 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**
- Year 2 SATs take place during the month of **May**
- Year 4 Times Tables Check **8<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> June**
- Year 1 Phonics Screen Check takes place Week Beginning **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

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

### Science Week 6<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

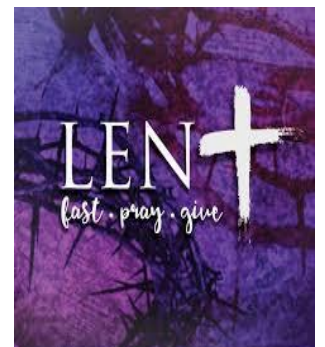
### Lent

#### 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> March at St John and Martin's Church at 10.00am.

### Faith Visits

As a Catholic school, we recognise the importance of learning about the different world religions that many of our children follow. Each year band has a different world religion to study, so by the time our children leave Ss John and Monica's, they have learned about every major religion. Each class visits a different place of worship to embed knowledge and to develop an understanding and respect of each world religion. This year the following World Faith visits have/are taking place

Year	Place of Worship	Date
Year 1	Church	TBC
Year 2	Gurdwara	5th March
Year 3	Central Synagogue	3rd March
Year 4	Buddhist	4th March
Year 5	Hindu Temple	17th March
Year 6	Central Mosque	18th May



### Punctuality and Attendance

- We are disappointed to see that the punctuality of some pupils is not what it should be and that there are children who are arriving to school after the close of registration. The school bell is rung at **8.55am NOT 9.00am**, at which time the doors are closed. All children need to be in the school before this time or they will be considered late. Not only are children missing vital learning, but their emotional wellbeing is effected if they are having to walk into a class after registration. Teaching our children to be on time is an important life skill.

#### Penalty Notices Issued

- The Educational Legal Intervention Team have informed us that another fixed penalty notice has recently been given to parents of children in our school who have took unauthorised leave in term time of at least 10 days for a holiday (20 sessions am/pm). To avoid such Penalty Notices, please **DO NOT book holidays in term time**.
- We are still a little way off our end of year target of 97%, but are working hard to close the gap.
- Well done to the following children whose names were drawn for achieving 100% attendance during our **'Attendance Focus Week'** this week: **Rec: Jonah, Year 1: Kiara, Year 2: Mo, Year 3: Hawwa, Year 4: Khio, Year 5: Raff, Year 6: Nagarathna.**

Attendance for: Week 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – Well done to Year 2 – 100%  
Week 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March – Well done to Year 1 – 99%

#### Average Attendance for the last 2 weeks:

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
%	98.4%	99%	99.3%	96%	99%	95.5%	97.3%
Attendance							
Lates	7	12	19	14	15	25	11
Whole School Attendance so far this year			96.2%		School Target		97%

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

Reception: Mrs Riches & Mrs Hodges	Ayaan & Mohammed Zain
Year 1: Miss Millar & Mrs Reed	Azaan & Ava
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Miss McKeown	Michaela & Ibrahim
Year 3: Mrs Flaherty & Mrs Ali	Chitrani & Aayan
Year 4: Miss McEvoy & Mrs Ali	Whole Class & Leena
Year 5: Mrs Litchfield, Mrs Catling & Miss Hill	Foz & Maria
Year 6: Mr Ullah, Mrs Gray & Miss Hill	Sara & Oscar
Mrs Elliott : Head Teacher	Eyob – Reception Class & Miya – Year 3

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

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> –Fr 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Science Week	
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	First Holy Communion Parents Meeting – SS John and Monica School	2.30pm
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y1/Y5 Forest School	Am/pm
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Year 3 Class Assembly	9.15am
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	First Holy Communion Mass – SS John and Martin's Church	10.00am
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y5 Hindu Temple Visit	am
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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