



Friday 8th February 2019

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Spring 2019		Mon 18 th Feb	Mon 25 th Feb	Thurs 11 th April – 3.15pm Finish Training Day Friday 12 th April
Summer 2019	Mon 29 th Apr	Mon 27 th May	Mon 3 rd June	Fri 19 th Jul – 2pm Finish

Class Masses

The next school Masses will be celebrated on **Thursday 14th Feb – Year 3 (Our Lady of Lourdes)** and **7th March - Year 5 (1st Sunday of Lent) at 9.00am.**

Parents, friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend. **May we politely remind you that the use of mobile phones during Mass is not permitted.**

Standard Assessment Tests (SAT's)

Please note the following:

- Year 6 SATs take place Mon 13th May-Thurs 16th May
- Year 2 SATs take place during the month of May
- Year 1 Phonics Screen Check takes place Mon 10th June- Fri 14th June

Please do not book holidays for any of the above dates.

Further details will be given out nearer the time.

First Holy Communion Inscription Mass

Our children making their First Holy Communion this year attended their Mass of Inscription on Sunday. We ask all those in our school community, to pray for these children and their families, as they start their journey of preparation for this most important sacrament. The next parent's meeting is being held on 28th February at St Martin de Porres School at 2.30pm.

Children's Mental Health Week (4th -10th February)

We all recognise that mental health is as important as physical health. As a school, we are continually thinking of ways we can encourage young people to look after their bodies and minds. There are some posters around school which give parents and carers tips about how we can support our children's mental health. Please follow the link below for further ideas and guidance.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>



Children's Mental Health Week 2019
4-10 Feb #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek
ChildrensMentalHealthWeek.org.uk



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Enabling Enterprise

Well done to our Y5 pupils who visited Mazars Financial Advisers to develop their enterprise skills. Please visit Twitter: @SSJohnMonicas for photos of the day!

Birmingham Pledge

Ss John and Monica's School has wholeheartedly signed up to the Birmingham Schools Pledge. This pledge is aligned with our own whole school mission and we will do our utmost, to promote the pledge and make our school the best place it can be!

Our School is founded on the principles upholding the dignity and rights of the individual.

Respectful relationships are at the core of our school community, allowing everyone to respect and understand those they meet.

It is our aim that we all develop the skills needed to embrace the responsibilities of being an outstanding learner, an active citizen and make Birmingham a great place to grow up in.

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

Year 6 Bell Heath Residential Trip 5th - 7th June

Thank you to all those who have paid the deposit for this trip. If you have not already done so or do not wish for your child to attend please speak to Mr. Ullah. Thank you.

No Dogs Allowed

For health and safety reasons we do not allow dogs within the perimeter of the school grounds (including the school car park). Thank you for co-operation in this matter.

After School Clubs

Unfortunately, the number of after school clubs run by external providers has decreased this half term. This is due to a lack of uptake of clubs, which will only run with a minimum number. We endeavour to provide some after school clubs in-house and source new providers, however, we cannot guarantee after school club provision every night. If you are struggling with wrap-around care please contact St Paul's Venture on 464 -1888.

Sponsored Read

A reminder that we have one week left for our sponsored read! Please encourage your children to read as much as possible and send all sponsorship monies into school by Monday 25th Feb. Thank you for your continued support towards our fundraising efforts.

**Attendance and Punctuality**

- 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!
- We have concerns about the number of children who are entering the school building after 8.55am. Can we remind you that school **opens at 8.45am and lessons start at 8.55am**. As a school we have a duty to keep a record of lateness and monitor punctuality. Persistent lateness may result in referral being made to CASS (Birmingham Safeguarding Board).

Attendance Week - 21st – 25th Jan

Well done to the following pupils who were chosen for our 100% attendance raffle: Rosa & Sakina - Rec, Fleur & Klareece - Y1, Bailey & Ranell - Y2, Aleen & Johanna - Y3, Saarah & Jesse-John - Y4, Sophie & Mishthi - Y5, Shaneela & Alf - Y6.

Well done to everyone who continues to work hard to maintain excellent attendance and strive to reach our end of year attendance target! It is wonderful to see that we are above our target of 97%. Let's see if we can maintain this until the end of the term!

Attendance for the last 2 weeks: Week: 28th Jan-1st Feb – Well done to Year 3 – 99.3%

Week: 4th-8th Feb – Well done to Year 3 – 100%

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	98%	93.5%	94.4%	99.6%	93.3%	96.7%	93.5%
Lates	3	5	5	6	12	7	12
Whole School Attendance so far this year				97.3%		School Target	
						97%	

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

Reception: Mrs Riches & Miss Morgan	Amelia & Elena
Year 1: Miss Millar & Miss McKeown	Elijah & Mahmood
Year 2: Miss Geoghegan & Mrs Hodges	Hafsah & Aleksander
Year 3: Miss Hodgkinson & Mrs Ali	Jeremiah & Dayyan
Year 4: Mr Hawker & Mrs Ali	Kinza & Alf
Year 5: Mrs Gray & Mrs Mackay	Whole Class & Javeria
Year 6: Mr Ullah & Miss Hill	Laibah & Haika
Mrs Jena: Deputy Head Teacher	Sulaymaan & Areebah – Year 6
Mrs Elliott: Head Teacher	Whole Class Year 5 & Jacob – Year 2

Other Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Mon 11 th Feb	Y5 – Balsall Heath Library Visit	1.30pm
Tues 12 th Feb	Cricket Roadshow – Full PE kit needed (all classes)	
Fri 15 th Feb	Y1 Assembly- All Parents/career welcome	9.15am
Fri 15 th Feb	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM 3.15PM	
Mon 25 th Feb	SCHOOL OPENS FOR SPRING 2 TERM	8.45am
Tues 26 th Feb	Y5 Hindu Temple visit	10.00am
Thurs 28 th Feb	First Holy Communion Parents Meeting – St Martin de Porres School	2.30pm

Birmingham Contemporary Music Group (BCMG)

The BCMG Music Maze is a free creative music-making workshop for 8-11 year olds at 10-2pm on Sundays, once a month. Everyone is welcome whether they play an instrument or not. For more information email learning@bcmg.org.uk or call 0121-616-2616.

Little League Netball Club

Billesley and Kingsheath Netball Club provide netball coaching to local girls in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6. The new season starts in March. For Further details contact Donna O'Neill on 07876 451288.

Birmingham Voluntary Service Council - Permission to Smile

BVSC is a charity that supports voluntary action in Birmingham and surrounding areas by providing an environment where organisations and community groups can pursue their aims and thrive. Their campaign 'Permission to smile' is a campaign which aims to break down barriers in communities. SS John and Monica's have joined the campaign to get Birmingham smiling. We hope you join in with us too!



Fundraising Committee Meeting

A fundraising parents meeting is being held in the Forest School on Tuesday 26th February at 2.00pm. This meeting is to discuss how parents/carers can further support the school with its fundraising efforts. Everyone is very welcome!

The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – 11th February

'Our Lady of Lourdes, be our comfort, hope strength and consolation.'

Mrs M. Elliott – Head Teacher