



Friday 6th October 2017

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Autumn 2017		Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec -Finish at 2pm
Spring 2018	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January – School Closed (Training) Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January – School Open	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
Summer 2018	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July

### Class Mass

The next school Masses will be celebrated on:

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15 am and will be prepared by Year 2** - The theme of the Mass is St Teresa of Avila.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 9:15 am and will be prepared by Year 1** - The theme of the Mass will be St. Luke the Evangelist

All friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend.

### Inspire Workshops

Each year, we hold INSPIRE workshops to give parents an opportunity to work with their children on key skills in reading, so that we can share strategies that will help support your child's learning. It is important that a family member comes along to work with their child for this session. Refreshments will be available and workshops begin at 9.15am.

Y1: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November    Y3: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October    Y5: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Y2: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October    Y4: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November    Y6: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

### Silver School Games Mark

We are delighted to announce that Ss. John & Monica's has achieved the Silver School Games Mark award for their commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport in 2016/17. Well done to everyone involved!

### Secondary School- URGENT

Year 6 pupils will be going to their chosen Secondary Schools in September 2018. Parents need to complete the Secondary Transfer Application by 31st October 2017. The application must be completed online using: [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

### Key Stage 2 Reading Workshop

We will be holding a meeting for parents to inform you of the expectations of the curriculum for Reading, and ways in which you can support your child at home. Parents play a key role in promoting a love of reading and we very much hope you are able to join us. Please hand your slips in to the office to confirm your attendance.

**Key Stage 2:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm

### St. John & Martin Youth Club

Y5 and Y6 pupils are invited to attend the Community Parish Youth Club, which will be held every Friday evening in the church Hall from 7:00pm.

### Illness Procedures

If your child is absent from school, due to illness, you are required to write a letter addressed to your child's class teacher upon the day of their return to school. Furthermore, if your child is not feeling 100% but is well enough to attend school, we understand you may be concerned for them during the day, so we ask that you write a note to your child's teacher, and send this in with your child rather than contacting the office at the busiest time of the day. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### Front Playground

Children and parents are more than welcome to use the playground at the front of the building at the end of the day. Please ask that this is vacated by 3:45pm so that the site can be secured.

Well done last week to Reception who achieved the highest class attendance for the week! We will be monitoring attendance and punctuality closely to ensure that no one slips into the persistent absence category, which is below 90% attendance.

Congratulations to all these children who were chosen as The Attendance Award Winners: **Mahmood & Serena (Rec), Medina & Jacob (Y1), Adam & Mark (Y2), Foz & Rio (Y3), Ellah & Caleese (Y4), Muhammad & Khaleb (Y5) and Sameer & Adam Omar (Y6)**

**Next Attendance Focus Week: 16<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> October 2017**



## Attendance for the last 2 weeks – Well done to Reception & 6 !

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	98.6%	95.4%	95.4%	97.7%	98%	95.9%	98.6%
Lates	5	3	7	7	4	6	6
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: Miss Pratty, Mrs Shepherd & Mrs Nadeem	<b>Kiara Kenny</b>
Year 1: Miss Millar & Mrs Hirji	<b>Hibba Mudasser</b>
Year 2: Miss Hodgkinson & Mrs Hodges	<b>Hessa Shaheed</b>
Year 3: Miss Hodgkinson & Miss Hill	<b>Jesse-John Blower</b>
Year 4: Mr Hawker & Miss Morgan	<b>Whole Class</b>
Year 5: Mr Ullah and Mrs Ali	<b>Elinor Longley</b>
Year 6: Miss Gee, Mrs Gray & Miss McKeown	<b>Anna Lo</b>
Mrs Jena: Assistant Head Teacher	<b>Alzubir Aldubai – Year 5</b>
Mrs Elliott: Head Teacher	<b>Michaela Sibanda – Reception Class</b>

## Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	'Parents Drop-in Session' – School Nurse	2:30-3:30pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	KS2 Parent Reading Meeting	2:30pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Y2 Mass	9:15am
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Y1 Mass	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception Parent Lunch	12:00pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Y3 Inspire Workshop	9:15am
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Y4 Class Assembly Break up for Half-Term	9:15am 3:15pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	School re-opens	8:45am

### MacMillan Fundraiser

The Macmillan Afternoon Tea raised a fantastic total £240.05! Well done to everyone involved and thank you for your generosity!

*Dear children and parents of SS John & Monica's School, The school council would like to thank you for all your help towards the afternoon tea. Thank you for all your donations. We hope you enjoyed it. '*

*From The School Council.*



Please pray for all the children in Y5 and Y6 who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. They will renew their baptismal promises on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at St. John & Martin's Parish Church and all parents and children are invited to celebrate with them.

Mrs.M.Elliott  
Headteacher

