

Ss. John & Monica's Catholic Primary School – Bulletin 4

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Friday 20th October 2017

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

Class Mass

The next school Masses will be celebrated on:

Thursday 16th November at 9:15 am and will be prepared by Year 5 - The theme of the Mass is St. Elizabeth of Hungary (17th)

Thursday 23rd November at 9:15am and will be prepared by Year 4 - The theme of the Mass will be St. Cecilia (22nd)

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 8th November

Y5: Wednesday 22nd November

Y4: Wednesday 29th November

Y6: Wednesday 15th November

Reception Parent Lunch

The Reception Parent Lunch was a great success! We hope parents enjoyed it a much at the children did and we thank you joining us for lunch!

Christmas Theatre Trips

This year, each Key Stage will be visiting the theatre to enjoy a stage production. We are delighted that we are able to provide children with this wonderful experience; however we will require parents to contribute towards the cost of travel. We are very grateful for your continued support to enable trips like this to go ahead. Further details will follow but the names of the production, date and cost, for each Key Stage, are as follows:

Key Stage 1: **Raymond Briggs Father Christmas Show, on Friday 1st December, at The Mac Theatre**

Cost: £9.50

Key Stage 2: **The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe, on Thursday 14th December, at The Crescent Theatre**

Cost: £15.50

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place on Thursday 9th November. Parents will receive a text regarding booking appointments on line. If you do not have access to a computer, you will be able to ring the school office where we can manually book an appointment for you.

Open Morning

We will be holding an Open Morning on Thursday 9th November to give prospective parents an opportunity to visit our school and see the classes in action. We will be open from 9:30–11:30am, with the Head Teacher's address beginning at 9:45am.

School Drop Off

A reminder to parents that the school gate opens at 8:45am, and that pupils should not be dropped off at the school gate and left unsupervised before this time. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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 onwards.

Dark Evenings & Walking Home

As usual, at this time of year, we would like to remind parents that after the half-term holiday pupils are **not** allowed to walk home alone due to the dark nights. Parents will need to make arrangements to collect their child at the end of the school day or following an after-school club; this includes Year 6 pupils who would normally have permission to walk alone. Once the evenings have longer periods of light, we will relax the collection requirement for Year 6 pupils again. This is for your child's safety and we appreciate your cooperation.

Educational visits to Places of Worship

Over the course of the next half-term, classes will have the opportunity to visit places of worship belonging to the faiths, being studied by each class, as part of the RE Curriculum. So far the visits booked include Y2, who will visit a Gurdwara, and Y6 who will be visiting a Mosque. To enable these trips to go ahead, and as a contribution towards the cost of travel only, we will be asking parents to make a voluntary contribution.

School Library

The school library is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15-4:00pm. Pupils and parents from both Key Stages are welcome on either evening. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to support us in promoting a love of reading and we would like to encourage you to visit whenever you are able.

Attendance for the last 2 weeks – Well done to Year 2 !

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: **Alayna & Nafisah (Rec), Caleb & Ono (Y1), Aleen & Mariam (Y2), Davinder & Adam (Y3), Mishthi & Mishal (Y4), Alf & Ria (Y5), Parris & Anna (Y6).**

Attendance Focus Week: 16th - 20th October 2017, Attendance for the last 2 weeks.

Class	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	92.6%	88%	97.9%	97.8%	97%	90.8%	97.8%
Lates for 2 weeks	3	3	6	16	7	9	5
Whole School Attendance so far this year	95.8%			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	Mae Gilbert & Muhammad Amin Najafi
Year 1: Miss Millar & Mrs Hirji	Amaad Aslam & Whole Class
Year 2: Miss Hodgkinson & Mrs Hodges	Zosia Piasecka & Bryan Corradi
Year 3: Miss Hodgkinson & Miss Hill	Denae Bowley-Jamshaid & Seraj Edeen Tulaimat
Year 4: Mr Hawker & Miss Morgan	Aibak Azhar & Muhammed Hamaad
Year 5: Mr Ullah & Mrs Ali	Mohammad Abbas Ali & Ria Shinde
Year 6: Miss Gee, Mrs Gray & Miss McKeown	Ali Abbas Moledina & Natasha Kauser
Mrs Jena: Assistant Head Teacher	Adam Omar Year 6 & Rocco Farrar Year 5
Mrs Elliott: Head Teacher	Sara Hussain Year 6 & Whole Class -Year 4

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Thursday 9 th November	Open Morning Parents Evening	9:30-11:30am 3:30-7:00pm
Thursday 16 th November Thursday 23 rd November	Y6 Mass Y5 Mass	9:15am
Friday 1 st December	Key Stage 1 trip to the Mac Theatre Raymond Briggs Father Christmas Show	1:30-3.00pm
Thursday 14 th December	Key Stage 2 trip to the Crescent Theatre The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe	1:30-5:30pm

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a very happy Half-Term!

Mrs.M.Elliott
Headteacher

Our Family
A CIRCLE OF STRENGTH,
FOUNDED ON FAITH...JOINED IN LOVE
...KEPT BY GOD.