

Ss. John & Monica's Catholic Primary School – Bulletin 5

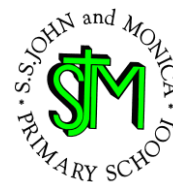
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Friday 10th November 2017

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Autumn 2017				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 9:15am prepared by Year 3 - The theme of the Mass is St. Elizabeth of Hungary (17th)

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

All friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend.

New Governing Body

We would like to inform you of recent changes to our Governing Body. We are extremely pleased to announce that Paul Foster has been elected as the new Chair of Governors, and Sue Tibbits as the new Vice Chair. Paul Foster has been part of the Governing Body since February 2015 when he was appointed as a Foundation Governor by the Bishop; He has near 30 years' experience as a civil servant, working both on national policy development and project management. As many of you will know, Sue Tibbits was until recently an extremely valued member of staff and had been appointed as a Foundation Governor earlier this year. We are delighted at both appointments and look forward to continuing to work closely with our Governing Body. Full details of the Governing Body and their role can be found on the School website.

Building Services Supervisor/Manager (Caretaker) Vacancy

The Governors are seeking to appoint a Caretaker at Grade 2 (Supervisor) or Grade 3 (Manager). The position is open to all suitable applicants and a Grade 3 salary will be available for candidates with appropriate experience. This is a full time (36.5 hours per week) and permanent position offering residential availability - subject to a successful probationary period. **The closing date for applications is Wednesday 29th November 2017** and informal visits to the school are highly recommended and can be arranged through the school office.

Confirmation Mass

Pupils in Y5 and Y6 will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 29th November at St. John & Martin's Church. The Mass will begin at 7:00pm and we would like to invite all parents and pupils to join us in sharing in this special occasion.

St. John & Martin's Parish Christmas Fair

The Parish Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 2nd December from 12:00-2:00pm. We will be holding a Cake Competition for this event and all entries will be on sale at the fair. Pupils are requested to bring their cakes to school on Friday 1st December. Please ensure these are enclosed and labelled with your child's name and class. We thank you in advance for your kind and creative efforts and contributions.

Open Morning

We were delighted to welcome so many visitors to our Open Morning on Thursday 9th November. The children made us very proud, with a special thank you to the Y6 Guides who demonstrated their knowledge, love and respect for our school and its community.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening was a great success. Thank you to all those parents who attended and to the pupils for all their hard work. We are all very proud of their achievements so far this year. If you were unable to attend for any reason, please rearrange this meeting to ensure you have the opportunity to discuss your child progress with their class teacher.

Collection of Pupils

We would like to make a polite reminder that the school day ends at 3:15pm. Pupils should be collected from their teachers so that a handover takes place. Please refer to the new Late Collection Policy that is available on our school website. Thank you kindly for your cooperation in this matter.

Christmas Theatre Trips

Thank you for your support in contributing towards the Christmas Theatre Trips. If you have not yet done so, please make the following payments:

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**

After-School Provision

It is with regret that both the Handball and Benchball After-School Clubs have been cancelled due to low uptake for places. We are currently in the process of reviewing our after-school provision across a wider variety of subjects and will keep you updated on these developments. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Educational visits to Places of Worship

Thank you to all who have contributed towards these visits. To enable these trips to go ahead, and as a contribution towards the cost of travel only, we are asking all parents to make a voluntary contribution of £5.00. Please make these payments to the office as soon as possible. We thank you kindly for your support.

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.

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	95.5%	95.3%	99%	96%	97.5%	89.3%	97.3%
Lates	2	2	5	6	4	4	4
Whole School Attendance so far this year			96%		School Target		97%

Next Attendance Focus Week: 20th - 25th November 2017

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	Klareece Gordon & Aydin Keyani
Year 1: Miss Millar & Mrs Hirji	Felicity Cooke & Ono Mazaheri
Year 2: Miss Hodgkinson & Mrs Hodges	Ekrama Aldubai & Jessica Ford
Year 3: Miss Hodgkinson & Miss Hill	Ellyssia Daniel & Adam Quhail
Year 4: Mr Hawker & Miss Morgan	Emmie Jordan & Guneet Jandu
Year 5: Mr Ullah & Mrs Ali	Laaibah Hussain & Areebah Ali
Year 6: Miss Gee, Mrs Gray & Miss McKeown	Alana Vaughan & Asher Jordan
Mrs Jena: Assistant Head Teacher	Caleese Daniel - Year 4 & Serena Santra - Reception
Mrs Elliott: Head Teacher	Evan Smith – Reception & All of Year 6

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Monday 13th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anti- Bullying Week• Weird 'n' Wonderful Animal Day KS1 & KS2• Global Learning Week: Values linked to British Values	All Week All Day
Wednesday 15th November Wednesday 22nd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y6 SATs Workshop• Y5 Inspire Reading Workshop	9:15am
Friday 24th November	Y5 Class Assembly	9:15am
Friday 1st December	Key Stage 1 trip to the Mac Theatre : Raymond Briggs Father Christmas Show	1:30-3.00pm
Saturday 2nd December	St John & Martin's Parish Christmas Fair	12:00-3:00pm
Thursday 14th December	Key Stage 2 trip to the Crescent Theatre: The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe	1:30-5:30pm
Friday 22nd December	School Closes for Christmas Holidays	2:00pm

Poppy Appeal

Thank you for all donations towards this appeal. Poppies are available to buy daily in school at a minimum cost of 20p; additional accessories are also available ranging from 50p -£1. Please continue to support and raise awareness of the issues of remembrance, conflict and the importance of peace.

We Will Remember

Mrs. Elliott
Head Teacher

