

Ss. John & Monica's Catholic Primary School – Bulletin 6

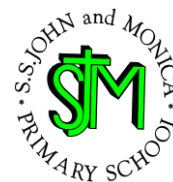
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Friday 24th November 2017

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 the following dates and all friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend:

Thursday 30th November at 9:15am prepared by Year 1: The theme of the Mass is St. Andrew the Apostle.

Thursday 7th December at 9:15am prepared by Year 2: The theme of the Mass is Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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

Please come and support our Parish Christmas Fair that 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.

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.

School Fund

We are delighted to inform you that we have so far raised a total of £550 from School Fund contributions and donations; we are very grateful for your continuous generosity. We are still working towards a target of £1,995 which will go towards repairing outdoor equipment.

Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate Johanna Valliere's Dad who has been raising money for St Basil's Big Sleepout – a very worthy cause, and one that is helping so many people in need by supporting the homeless. A donation by school has also been made to this cause;

Donations can be made at <http://www.stbasils.org.uk/sleepout/>

CAFOD Fundraising 2017: Week Beginning 11th December 2017

During this week all of the classes will be holding events to allow them to purchase gifts for needy communities across the world; this year, we will be raising money for refugees. Each class will be aiming to raise as much money as possible with the winning total receiving a class reward. Children should bring money into school on Monday 11th December and can enter all events: Please ensure money is placed in a sealed envelope labelled with your child's name and class.

YEAR GROUP	EVENT	COST	FUNDRAISING ITEM
Y1	Guess the Number of Sweets in the Jar	50p per entry	Help a Refugee: Much needed emotional and educational support to children who have been forced to flee war
Y2	Design a Christmas Card	£1.00 per entry	Emergency food for a family when an emergency hits
Y3	Guess the Name of the Teddy	50p per entry	Emergency Shelter
Y4	Colouring Competition	50p per entry	The Net That Protects: Protect babies and children vulnerable to disease
Y5	Christmas Funfair- 20 th Dec pm	Activities ranging from 50p - £1.00	Emergency Water
Y6	Pyjama Day – 20 th Dec	£1.00 per child	Refugee Winter Survival Kit

Reception Parents

Can we please politely remind all parents that Reception children should not be re-entering their classroom once they have been dismissed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Christmas Theatre Trips

Thank you for your support in contributing towards the Christmas Theatre Trips. If you have not yet done so, please send in the following payments: Key Stage 1 - £9.50 and Key Stage 2 - £15.50

Christmas Performances

We would like to invite all parents to attend this year's Christmas performances on the following dates:

- KS1 Nativity: Wednesday 13th Dec at 9:30am
- KS2 Carol Concert: Tuesday 19th Dec at 2:00pm

Attendance - Week 13th-17th Nov - Well done to Reception & Year 1 - 98.6% , **Week 20th-24th Nov** - Well done to Year 4 – 99%
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	96.3%	97.5%	97%	94.3%	97%	94.5%	95.7%
Lates	1	3	4	14	3	11	1
Whole School Attendance so far this year			96%		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	Nafisah Naeem & Sarah Dean
Year 1: Miss Millar & Mrs Hirji	Aleksander Sanjaya & Eliza Walters-McKeown
Year 2: Miss Hodgkinson & Mrs Hodges	Chloe Tian & Adam Abdul-Galeel
Year 3: Miss Hodgkinson & Miss Hill	Whole Class & Haniyah Khan
Year 4: Mr Hawker & Miss Morgan	Alexandra Chiwaula & Whole Class
Year 5: Mr Ullah & Mrs Ali	Orestes-Owen Njogu-Vrakas & Confirmation Children
Year 6: Miss Gee, Mrs Gray & Miss McKeown	Talha Aldubai & Dayyan Naeem
Mrs Jena: Assistant Head Teacher	Miya Nsoh - Year 1 & Khadeeja Siddique – Year 4
Mrs Elliott: Head Teacher	Serena Santra – Reception & Year 5 Whole Class

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Friday 1 st December	Key Stage 1 trip to the Mac Theatre : Raymond Briggs Father Christmas Show	1:30-3:00pm
Saturday 2 nd December	St John & Martin's Parish Christmas Fair	12:00-2:00pm
Thursday 14 th December	Key Stage 2 trip to the Crescent Theatre: The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe (Children will be dismissed from the Hall at 5.30pm – Please be prompt)	1:30-5:30pm
24 th December 2017	St. John & Martin's Carol Service followed by First Christmas Mass	7:00pm
25 th December 2017	St. John & Martin's Christmas Day Family Mass	10:00am

Keeping It In Campaign: The aim of this campaign is to raise awareness of the need to keep warm this winter; Many people are at risk of illness if they do not stay warm and these include families with small children, older people and those with existing long-term illnesses. Many households are trapped by fuel poverty, where the cost of keeping warm is a large proportion of their income. This can lead to them having to decide whether to keep warm or eat. Advice on keeping warm and the importance of registering for the energy companies Priority Services can be found at www.nea.org

Come Holy Spirit



The Comforter has come
John 16:7

Mrs. M. Elliott
Head Teacher

Keep the heat in this winter

Keeping yourself and your home warm helps you to stay well

Living in cold, damp conditions can harm your health. The most at-risk groups are typically older people, children and those with existing long-term illnesses.

Energy companies provide Priority Services which can give support when it comes to your energy account. You may be eligible to register if you or someone in your household is of pensionable age, disabled, has a long-term illness or if there are children under five.

There are ways you can save energy in your home and there are organisations that can help:

NEA (Action for warm homes) www.nea.org.uk
Citizens Advice Birmingham tel: 0344 477 1010
Age UK tel: 0800 055 6112
Warmzones tel: 0800 0337 967



If you know someone who may benefit from this advice please pass this card on.

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