

Friday 8th December 2017

Term	Start	Half Term	Reopens	Term Ends
Autumn 2017				Friday 22 nd Dec -Finish at 2pm
Spring 2018	Tuesday 9 th January – School Open (Mon 8 th Jan– School Closed Training)	Monday 19 th February	Monday 26 th February	Thursday 29 th March
Summer 2018	Tuesday 17 th April - School Open (Mon 16 th April – School Closed Training)	Monday 28 th May	Monday 4 th June	Friday 20 th July

Class Mass

The next school Masses will be celebrated on the following date and all friends and parishioners are most welcome to attend:

Thursday 14th December at 9:15am prepared by Year 5: The theme of the Mass is St. John of the Cross, priest and doctor - (14th) Advent

Confirmation Mass

Thank you to all who shared in this very special occasion, and congratulations to those children in Y5 & Y6 whom received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We would also like to say a big thank you to the choir who did a wonderful job!

St. John & Martin's Parish Christmas Fair

Thank you to all those who supported the Parish Christmas Fair with a special thank you to those who performed and/or baked cakes; so much talent! The following children were chosen from their class as the Cake Competition Winners: Serena (Rec), Aleksander (Y1), Ali (Y2), Kinza (Y3), Emmie (Y4), Alf (Y5), and Pen Xian (Y6).

CAFOD Fundraising 2017: Week Beginning Monday 11th December 2017

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 pass to the class teacher.

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 – Wed 20 th Dec pm	Activities ranging from 50p - £1.00	Emergency Water
Y6	Pyjama Day – Wed 20 th Dec	£1.00 per child	Refugee Winter Survival Kit

Raffle Tickets

The HAS (Home School Association) will be selling **raffle tickets for £1** with some fantastic prizes including vouchers for Zindiya, Maison Mayci, Pizza Express, Hickory Dickory, Moseley Garage and many more! We would like take this opportunity to thank the HSA for their support and efforts to raise funds for outdoor equipment and library books. Tickets will be on sale at the KS1 and KS2 productions.

Christmas Theatre Trips

The KS1 trip to the theatre to watch Raymond Briggs was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The Key stage 2 visit to the Crescent Theatre will take place on Thursday 14th December; if you have not yet done so, please send in the payment of £15.50. Thank you.

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 (Doors open at 9.00am)
- KS2 Carol Concert: Tuesday 19th Dec at 2:00pm (Doors open at 1:30pm)

Programmes are available on the day (donation of 50p)

Christmas Parties

Each class will be holding a Christmas Party on Thursday 21st December. Children and staff are also invited to wear Christmas Jumpers on this day for £1. Children will be advised in due course as to what food/drink they are required to bring in for the afternoon party.

Footwear

As the weather is getting colder, many children are choosing to wear boots to school. Pupils are however, required to change into school shoes in line with the School Policy.

Illnesses

In exceptional circumstances children may stay in at break/lunch following an illness, but this must always be authorised by the class teacher. A common cold is not reason enough to stay in and fresh air is very beneficial and will aid recovery.

School Payments

The office is currently trialling an online school dinner money system called 'School Money'. Parents have been sent login details and we encourage you to login and register as this will eventually be the only source for future payments to be made, with a complete move to an electronic system being the objective.

PARKING

A note from the Chair of Governors to remind parents to park legally and considerately outside school. There are still parents parking on yellow zigzags and it is unacceptable that parents are parking in front of the gates or neighbours driveways. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Attendance: Week 27th Nov-1st Dec – Well done to Year 3 - 97.3%. Week 4th-8th Dec – Well done to Year 4 - 98.5%. Our attendance has fallen in recent weeks. We must work together as a school community to strive to achieve our attendance target of 97%.

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	95.2%	95.4%	95.4%	97%	97%	96.7%	89.4%
Lates	6	5	7	20	5	17	7
Whole School Attendance so far this year				95.3%	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	Vincent Kokolaki-Hall & Mae Gilbert
Year 1: Miss Millar & Mrs Hirji	Taio Reid & Isabelle Menegon-Ianicelli
Year 2: Miss Hodgkinson & Mrs Hodges	Kai Walwyn & Whole Class
Year 3: Miss Hodgkinson & Miss Hill	Alima Aslam & Aisha Mohamed
Year 4: Mr Hawker & Miss Morgan	Emmie Jordan & Mishal Zaheer
Year 5: Mr Ullah & Mrs Ali	Adam Hussain & Ada Nasir
Year 6: Miss Gee, Mrs Gray & Miss McKeown	Ali Abbas Moledina & Marwan Bouchamia
Mrs Jena: Assistant Head Teacher	Sahar Najafi – Year 5 & Alf Foster – Year 5
Mrs Elliott: Head Teacher	Yunis Hussain - Year 1 & George Jones – Year 5

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
Thursday 14 th December	Key Stage 2 trip to the Crescent Theatre: The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe	1:30-5:30pm
Tuesday 19 th December 2017	KS2 Carol Concert	12-2pm
Sunday 24 th December 2017	St. John & Martin's Carol Service followed by First Christmas Mass	7:00pm
Monday 25 th December 2017	St. John & Martin's Christmas Day Family Mass	10:00am

Mrs. M. Elliott
Head Teacher

Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation