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Friday 22nd December 2017

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

INSET DAYS

School will be closed for all pupils on the following days for Staff Training: Monday 8th Jan and Monday 16th April.

Class Mass

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

Thursday 18th January at 9:15am prepared by Year 6: The theme of the Mass is St. Anthony of Egypt, Abbot (17th)

Thursday 25th January at 9:15am prepared by Year 3: The theme of the Mass is the conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (25th)

CAFOD Fundraising 2017: Week Beginning 11th December 2017

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations towards our fundraising for CAFOD. The money raised (total in the New Year) will go towards the items below:

YEAR GROUP	FUNDRAISING ITEM
Y1	Help a Refugee: Much needed emotional and educational support to children who have been forced to flee war
Y2	Emergency food for a family when an emergency hits
Y3	Emergency Shelter
Y4	The Net That Protects: Protect babies and children vulnerable to disease
Y5	Emergency Water
Y6	Refugee Winter Survival Kit

Raffle Tickets

We would like to thank the HSA for their support and efforts to raise funds for outdoor equipment and library books. **A total of £139.40 was made.** The raffle was drawn by the children during the final assembly of the year. Congratulations to all of the winners.!

Christmas Theatre Trips

The KS2 trip to the theatre to watch The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Christmas Performances

We would like to congratulate both KS1 and KS2 for their wonderful Christmas performances. They were both superbly performed and a big thanks you all children and staff for their hard work. We hope you enjoyed sharing in these special celebrations.

Christmas Performance Programmes

Thank you for your kind donations; all monies raised (£45) will go towards school fund. Thank you also to Hessa Shahid (Y2) and Merlina Mulling (Y6) for their creative programme designs.

Christmas Dinner

A big thank to Mrs Wallace and her team for preparing a delicious Christmas dinner for all the staff and children.

After School Clubs

A timetable for After School clubs has been sent out. Please complete and return slips, along with payment, to the school Office ASAP. **After School Clubs start week beginning 15th January 2018.**

Reception Admissions

The deadline for admissions to Reception is 15th January 2018. All information and application should be made through the website: http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/590/apply_for_reception_primary_school

House Team Merits

Congratulations to St Patricks House Team who have earned a total of **2317** merits this term!

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. After Christmas Breakfast Club Money will be collected at the school office (before the school goes to full electronic payment). We are encouraging all children to then go into Breakfast Club independently.

Communications

Please refer to the fortnightly newsletters, termly diary dates and specific letters to keep informed and up to date with events. There has been a significant increase in the number of phone calls from parents for information available on the above correspondence and each time the school sends a text to parents, it costs money. We thank you kindly for your consideration in this matter.

Attendance for the last 2 Weeks. Week 11th-15th Dec - Well done to Year 1 – 100.%, **Week 18th-22nd Dec** - Well done to Year 4 – 99.%.
Well done to all the children who achieved 100% attendance for the Autumn Term. All children received a special certificate and treat.

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	94.0%	95.1%	94.4%	96.4%	97.6%	93.7%	95.1%
Lates	2	4	3	7	5	7	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	Idrees Ahmed
Year 1: Miss Millar & Mrs Hirji	Alfie Moulton
Year 2: Miss Hodgkinson & Mrs Hodges	Johanna De Valliere
Year 3: Miss Hodgkinson & Miss Hill	Benjamin Ford
Year 4: Mr Hawker & Miss Morgan	Bareeah Khan
Year 5: Mr Ullah & Mrs Ali	Shaneela Arif
Year 6: Miss Gee, Mrs Gray & Miss McKeown	Zain Muhammed
Mrs Jena: Assistant Head Teacher	Imarni O'Brien-Brown – Y1
Mrs Elliott: Head Teacher	Adam Hussain – Y5

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
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
8 th January 2018	INSET DAY: SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	
9 th January 2018	Spring Term Begins: School open to pupils	8:45am
9 th -19 th January 2018	Y6 Swimming at Cocks Moor Wood Leisure Centre	1:20-2:00pm daily
12 th January 2018	School Nurse Drop- In	2.30-3.30pm

Staffing

We congratulate Miss Hodgkinson (Y2) who will be getting married over the Christmas period. We wish her and her husband-to-be a lifetime of happiness together. She will come back in January as 'Mrs Larkin'.

The Staff and Governors of SS John and Monica Catholic Primary School would like to wish you all a wonderfully peaceful and happy holiday. May the Lord grant you and your loved ones love, joy and goodwill this Christmas and all the New Year.

Mrs. M. Elliott
Head Teacher

