

# St John Fisher News

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Citizen of the Week

Last week's recipient was **Harry Cawthorne** in **Y3** who understands the importance of knowing when and who to ask for help in line with last week's 'Statement to Live By'. Harry loves to learn and understands that part of the learning process is finding some things difficult. He will always have a good go on his own first, but if he is still stuck he will ask for help; knowing that he will receive all that he needs. What a positive attitude to have and what a great example to set! Well done Harry, we are very proud of you!

#### Online Safety

Please remember to sign up for one of the two parent/carer workshops taking place on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017** (next Wednesday).

Both workshops will take place in the Y6 classroom and childcare will be provided for both. The first session at 3.30pm will be repeated at 5.00pm.

Please sign up for your preferred session. The lists are in the foyer of the school's main entrance.

Thank you.

## **INTERNET SAFETY**





Monitor them. Educate them. Keep them safe.

## **Term 4 Smiley Scores**

St Andrew's House



373



St Patrick's House
380

St George's House

363

Congratulations to the members of St David's House, our Term 4 House Champions! Mrs Asquith will be arranging some Golden Time at the beginning of Term 5!

#### **Red Day**

The feast of St George is on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. We will therefore celebrate 'Red Day' on the very first day of Term 5, straight after the holiday, on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April**.

This means that on the <u>first</u> day of the new term the **children in St George's House** <u>only</u> can come to school dressed in something red rather than their normal school uniform. Mr Hawley, the Head of House, has arranged some activities for members to enjoy to celebrate their House Patron's feast day.

<u>All</u> other children must wear full school uniform. Please contact your children's teacher(s) if you are not sure what House your child is in. Thank you.



## Parent Advice and Support – Drop-in Sessions

Please remember that support and advice is available to you on a wide range of issues through our partnership with the MAST Parent Support Team. We have weekly drop in sessions in our school library from **8.30am** on **Thursday** mornings which are open to all. If you need help and advice with anything please make an appointment by speaking to Mrs Asquith. Thank you.

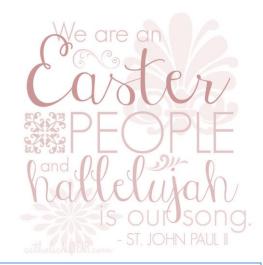


## **Community Easter Service**

I would like to congratulate the young people in Years 3, 4 and 5 for the important parts they each played to make our Community Easter Service so special and memorable! The singing was extraordinary and the reading so clear. It was a fitting and moving climax to our Easter preparations! Thank you children!

I would also like to thank my colleagues for all their hard work and dedication, especially, Mrs Drake, Mrs Holloway and Mr Broadhead for preparing the children so well. I would like to add a special 'thank you' to Miss Pendlebury for sorting the music and encouraging our talented young singers so brilliantly.

A huge 'thanks' also to the PTFA for organising post-performance refreshments and finally I would like to thank Fr Paul for his support and constant encouragement.



#### **Our Catholic Life**

#### Resurrection Mass

Our Resurrection Mass is on Friday 28th April 2017 at Our Lady of Lourdes at 9.30am and you are all invited!

#### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

There will be no liturgy in the first week back because of the Resurrection Mass. So our next liturgy will be on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017** and it will be led by **Y5**. The family and friends of our **Y5** children are invited to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am.

#### Celebration Assembly

We invite the family and friends of our **Y2** children to join us for our Celebration Assembly next **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017** in the School Hall at 2.55pm.

#### Parish News

Important information is available via this link to the parish website: <a href="www.ourladyoflourdessheffield.org.uk">www.ourladyoflourdessheffield.org.uk</a>.

#### **Forthcoming Events**

The school calendar can also be accessed via this link: <a href="http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents/school-dates/">http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents/school-dates/</a>

- **24-04-17** Start of Term 5 (Girls can wear summer dresses)
  - Red Day (children in St George's House wear red in honour of the Feast of St George)
- **26-04-17** Online Safety Workshop for parents and carers (Y6 classroom, **3.30pm**, childcare available)
  - Online Safety Workshop for parents and carers (Y6 classroom, 5.00pm, childcare available)
- 28-04-17 Resurrection Mass (Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 9.30am)
  - Celebration Assembly 2.55pm (Y2 family and friends)
- **01-05-17** Bank Holiday Monday (School Closed)
- 03-05-17 Y2 LINKS Net Games Festival (All Saints Catholic High School, 2.00pm)
- **04-05-17** Y5 Liturgy of the Word (School Hall. 9.05am)
- 05-05-17 Bags2School PTFA
  - Celebration Assembly 2.55pm (Y1 family and friends)

**Week Commencing: 08-05-17** • End of Key Stage 2 statutory assessments (SATs) all week



#### **Diamond Jubilee Project**

If you are a former pupil or member of staff - or have another connection to our community and you would like to be part of our Diamond Jubilee project, please get in touch. We would also like to hear from you if you would be prepared to share old photographs and other school memorabilia with the children. Please speak to Mrs Pickering if you can help.

Writing Champions						
FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Charlie Morgan	Lexi Gascoigne	Jacob Genita	Daisy Parkin	Lola Pardo- Figueroa	Ruby Molloy	Ellie Cheetham

#### **Golden Children**

FS2	Mateusz Kepinski for being an excellent listener this term! He has been getting more involved in lessons and has made some excellent progress too! Congratulations!
Year 1	<b>Polly Flude</b> for working really hard with her spellings and for proving to herself that working hard really does pay dividends! 5 out of 5 ©
Year 2	<b>Eleanor Checkley</b> for working very hard in class! She is also extremely helpful and understands what needs to be organised! A great example, well done superstar!
Year 3	<b>Molly Peckham</b> for trying really hard to for staying positive even when she is feeling challenged! She is always positive, tries hard with a smile on her face! A great example!
Year 4	Cole Hague for having a fabulous week! He worked really hard at everything he did and was amazing in the Community Easter Service!
Year 5	<b>Poppy Walton</b> for trying very hard with her writing, editing it and focusing on her personal targets! Well done!
Year 6	<b>Emma Watters</b> for being a wonderful classmate who always looks after everyone including those in need of support! What a star you are!

#### **Achievements Outside of School**

- Jessica Ball in Y1 appeared recently in the 'Noodle Performance Arts' production of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'! It was her first big speaking part and she did really well! What a star! Jessica also achieved her 'Level 5 Super Swimmers' award at swimming! Congratulations Jessica, we are all very proud of you!
- Polly Flude in Y1 recently achieved the IDTA 'Purple Rosette' for Ballroom dancing! Congratulations Polly!
- Maya Ptucha in Y1 recently achieved the 'Level 1' standard for ice-skating! A fantastic achievement Maya, we are all very proud of you!
- Sophie Ball in Y3 appeared in the 'Noodle Performance Arts' production of 'Noodle the Musical' for older children. She played the part or Miss Trunchball from 'Matilda' and also performed a number of songs and dances in the show! Well done Sophie, what a great achievement!
- Though Molly Peckham in Y3 only started swimming lessons recently, she immediately achieved the standard for Stage 1 and moved straight on to Stage 2! Mum feels that school swimming lessons helped as Molly worked so hard each week to improve! A fantastic achievement Molly, we are all very proud of you!



## **PTFA News**

Diamond Jubilee Logo Competition

The winner of the logo competition was **Emma Watters** in **Y6**! Congratulations!

Design-an-Egg Competition

The winner of the parent's competition were the parents of Bronte Webb in FS2! Congratulations! Thank you to all who entered fantastic designs. The other winners were:

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Logan Howells	Isobel Stoeman	Summer Marsden	Amelia Denham	Lola Pardo- Figueroa	Nedas Bagdonas	Vinny Ambrose









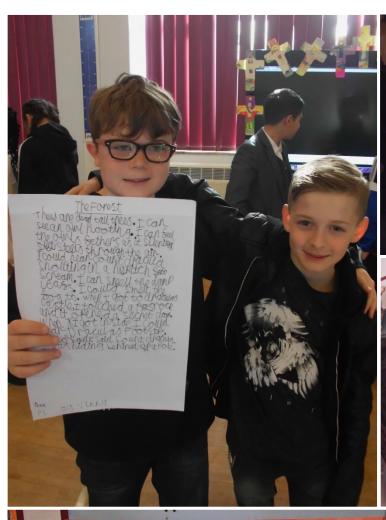
Attendance This W	eek		Congratulations to Years 3
FS2	95.0%		and 5 whose full
Year 1	<mark>97.7%</mark>		attendance in the last
Year 2	<mark>98.7%</mark>	Elvis the Owl will visit next week	week of term helped our overall attendance to get back just above our 97% target.
Year 3	<mark>100%</mark>	Brenda Bear will visit next week	
Year 4	94.3%		
Year 5	<mark>100%</mark>	Bobby Bear will visit next week	If there is a tie the weekly
Year 6	95.8%		winner is the most punctual class and in the
Weekly Target	97%	This week's average attendance: 97.3%	
Attendance in Terr	n 4		last week everyone in Y5
FS2	95.2%		turned up to school on
Year 1	93.4%		time. Congratulations Y5!
Year 2	97.4%		Congratulations to Y6 for
Year 3	<mark>97.4%</mark>		achieving the best
Year 4	<mark>97.5%</mark>		attendance during Term 4! Solid attendances in
Year 5	<mark>97.5%</mark>		KS2 and Y2 ensured that
Year 6	<mark>97.8%</mark>	Golden Time!	the termly average was
Weekly Target	97%	This term's average attendance: 96.6%	not enough to lift the
2016-17 Attendance	e so far		termly average above our 97% target, unfortunately.
FS2	96.7%		77% larger, unionunately.
Year 1	95.7%		Again strong attendance
Year 2	<mark>98.4%</mark>	Golden Time!	in KS2 and Y2 ensured that
Year 3	<mark>97.6%</mark>		our 2016-17 average is
Year 4	<mark>97.8%</mark>		above target.
Year 5	<mark>97.5%</mark>		Congratulations Y2! You
Year 6	<mark>97.9%</mark>		are the best attending
Weekly Target	97%	2016-17 attendance so far: 97.5%	class so far this year!

## **Curriculum Exhibition (Terms 3 & 4)**

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children's curriculum exhibition on the last day of term. It was a wonderful way to appreciate and celebrate the hard work and learning of all our children. I was so proud of them, including those who acted as guides on the day. The exhibits also reflected the hard work and dedication of my wonderful colleagues to have inspired such a positive and high quality response from our children.









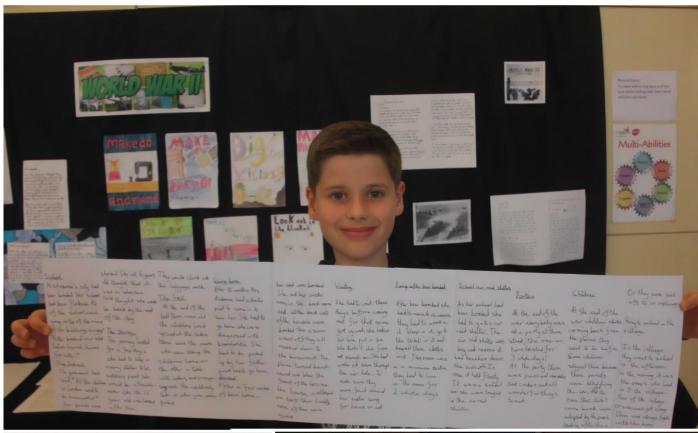




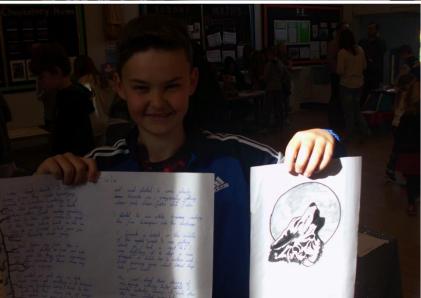


















#### **Reading Volunteers**

We really need more Reading Volunteers to support our children in FS2 and Years 1 and 2 to increase the small team of excellent and dedicated volunteers who are already making such a positive difference to our children.

If you have any spare time and would be prepared to listen to children read we would really appreciate your help.

One-to-one reading is a really important way that children can build confidence and practise new skills.

All volunteers would be subject to the necessary and standard safeguarding and security checks. Please contact Mrs Darken or Mr Smith if you would like more information or to volunteer.

Thank you in advance for your support.



## All Saints Admissions 2018/19 Workshop

The Admissions Officer from All Saints Catholic High School will be available to assist the parents/carers of children in Y5 currently who are interested in applying for a place at All Saints next year. The workshop will take place on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017** in our school library from **3.00pm to 4.00pm**. Children will be supervised during the course of the workshop.



## **Mobile Telephone Numbers**

If/when you change your mobile telephone number, please remember to change your details on ParentMail and Parent Pay.

#### Mums, Grandmas and Kids

Having had some sporty fun with dads and grandads, children are now invited to come along with their mums and grandmas to take part in some Zumba/ Fitness sessions which will take place on Mondays  $8^{th}$ ,  $15^{th}$  and  $22^{nd}$  May, 3.30 - 4.30pm. A letter has been sent out so that you can sign up for the sessions you want to attend.

## FS2 trip to the Emergency Services Museum

Here is a message from Mrs Darken:

In the last week FS2 caught the tram to the Emergency Services Museum on West Bar in Sheffield.

We learned about different aspects of fire safety and practised, "stop, drop and roll".



We also learned about different emergency services including the coastguard and the mountain rescue and had a change to go on some real emergency vehicles including fire engines and ambulances.

We had a fun-packed day learning all about a range of different emergency services. <u>Thank you</u> to all the parent volunteers as without their help the trip would have not been possible.















## **Great News!**

The brilliant Y5 pupils entered this year's BBC Radio 2 '500 Words' competition. This is a national competition which attracts entries from primaryaged pupils from right across the UK.

This year the organisers received a whopping 131,798 entries and selected just 5000 to go through to the second round of judging by the Reading Agency.

I am delighted that Owen Pack's entry was one of the 500 which made it through, and he was presented with a special certificate at a recent Celebration Assembly in school.

The organisers will be back in touch in May with an update. This is when we will find out whether Owen's entry has made it through to the final 50.

We are proud of all our entrants because their writing was all amazing! Congratulations Owen, we wish you lots of luck in the second round!



#### **Statement to Live By**

Next week our 'statement to live by' is "I know how to help others when they are in trouble."

**Time to talk:** At St John Fisher we believe that it is very important to help each other. Why do you think this is the case? What are some of the different ways we can help each other? How can we help someone in trouble in and out of school? Perhaps we can help others by simply doing the right thing ourselves, and by setting a great example. Perhaps we can help others by talking to a grown up and sharing our concerns and worries about others? Perhaps we can make good suggestions if someone is thinking about making poor choices? Perhaps we can show someone who has made a mistake, and is sorry, that he or she is forgiven and can start again by being kind? Perhaps we can take time to listen actively to someone in trouble?

"Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others."



"Never look down on anybody unless you're helping them up." ~Jesse Jackson

~ Danny Thomas

"We rise by lifting others."

-Robert Ingersoll

Use your

GOD-GIVEN GIFTS

to serve others.

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Best wishes, Mr Barratt