

# SJF NEWS

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## Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Amelie Stoneman** in **FS2** who has a fantastically positive attitude to school and is developing some really positive learning behaviours as result. She is willing to try anything and will always give 100% effort. However if she gets stuck Amelie knows that it is ok to ask for help – in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Amelie will also tell people if she feels a little bit unsure or sad, which means that she can then be given all the encouragement that she needs. Congratulations Amelie, everyone is very proud of you!

## Staff News

Mrs Bower celebrated a very special birthday on Thursday, and we all gathered to sing a special 'Happy Birthday' and present her with her gifts and cards. I would like to send her all our love and best wishes! Happy birthday Mrs Bower, and thanks for all you do for everybody at SJF!

## Term 4 Smiley Scores

**St Andrew's House**



**385**

**St David's House**



**351**

**St Patrick's House**



**395**

**St George's House**



**381**

## Term 4 Champions

Congratulations to young people of St Patrick's House who earned the most smiles this term! They enjoyed 'Golden Time' today!

## Smiley Awards

Olivia Wood, Alfie Marsden, Caleb McAuley, Phoenix Schmelz, Giovanni Mukendi, Kiya Griffiths, Filip Dworak, Stefania Jankowska, Logan Howells, Cavani Alvanga, Priscilla Asumadu, Paige Tough and Conor Whitehead.

## Red Day!

The children in St George's House are invited to dress in something red (instead of school uniform) to mark the feast of St George on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018**. As with all other House feast days, the children in the other three Houses are expected to wear full school uniform on that day. Thank you.



## SJF Calendar

A reminder that our calendar detailing events is available on the 'Homepage' of our website. You can also access it via this link: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents-and-carers-zone/calendar/?calyear=2018&calmonth=4&>

## Catholic Life of the School

### The SJF Penny War – The Final Push!

The Chaplaincy Team is now working with Mrs Barrett to count the points in the various class collection jars. A reminder that all money raised will be donated (on behalf of St Patrick's House) to the Bishop's 'Good Shepherd' appeal - which funds the vital work of small Diocesan charities across Sheffield, South Yorkshire, north Derbyshire and north Nottinghamshire. The winning class will be announced at the first celebration Assembly of the new term. Thank you for all your support!

### Resurrection Mass 2018

A reminder that our annual Resurrection Mass takes place on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018** at **9.30am** at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and will be led by the young people of **Y4**. All welcome!



### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

There is no liturgy in the first week because of the Resurrection Mass taking place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Our next liturgy will therefore be on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018** and will be led by the young people of **Y5**. We invite the family and friends of our Y5 children to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

### Celebration Assembly

Please note that there will be an assembly in the first week of Term 5 and we invite the family/friends of our **FS2** pupils to join us in the School Hall at 2.55pm on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018**. The family/friends of our **Y6** pupils are invited to join us for Celebration Assembly the following week on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018**.

### Community Easter Service

I would like to thank the young people of Years 3, 4 and 5 for leading our amazing Community Easter Service on Wednesday afternoon. They read, sang and acted beautifully and should all feel extremely proud of themselves. I would also like to thank my wonderful colleagues who prepared and supported them so brilliantly, including the fantastic trainee teachers on placement with us currently. I would like to thank Fr Paul for allowing us to use the church and for his continued prayers and support. Finally I would like to thank the PTFA for laying on refreshments afterwards.

### Golden Children

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Noah Molloy</b> for being really helpful this week and for recognising if/when help is needed! Thank you Noah! What a great example you are!
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Lydia Prestidge</b> for always being happy coming to school and for making the right choices and doing the right thing! Lydia is a pleasure to have in the class!
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Courtney Nyamande</b> for improved listening and for trying really hard to complete given tasks on time! Well done Courtney, keep it up!
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Mia Whitehead</b> for having a greatly improved attitude to her work, and for showing real progress as a direct result! What a star you are!
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Ava Jones</b> for having more self-belief and for producing some really good work this week! Keep it up Ava!
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Jack Swain</b> for for having a great attitude to school-life generally and for being happy and ready to help at all times! A fantastic example Jack, well done!
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Matthew Ford</b> for working really hard in class and for making fantastic progress in Mathematics especially! Keep up the excellent work Matthew!

### Writing Champions

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
Jacob Reaney	Mateusz Kepinski	Phoenix Schmelz	Ethan Usher	Bethany Beatson	Keira Ambrose	May Woodhouse

### KIDZONE Easter Holiday Club

Don't forget that KIDZONE is running a holiday club during both weeks of the Easter holidays on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week.

- Week 1 (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018)
- Week 2 (10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018)

#### First child:

- 08:00 hours – 12:30 hours = £12
- 12:30 hours – 17:00 hours = £12
- Full Day = £24

#### Subsequent children:

- 08:00 hours – 12:30 hours = £10
- 12:30 hours – 17:00 hours = £10
- Full Day = £20









For more information or to book please contact Mrs Kalyata

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## THE KIDZONE



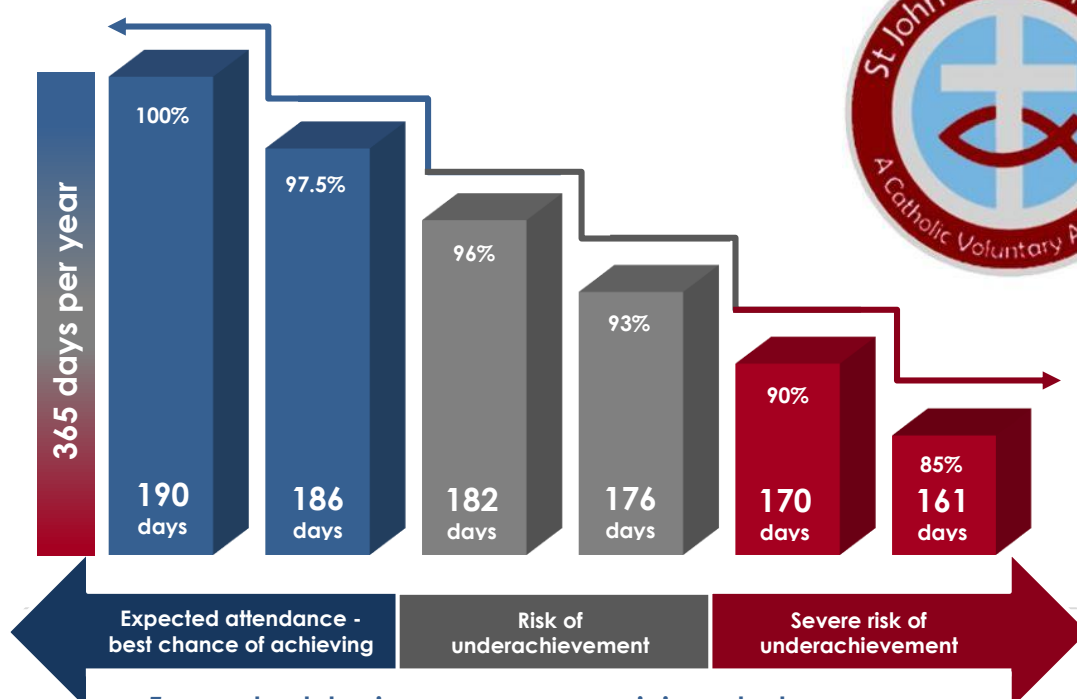
Attendance this week				
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y5		97.3%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 <sup>nd</sup>	FS2		97.1%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y4		96.1%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y3		95.5%	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y6		94.5%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y1		93.3%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y2		88.8%	
Target = 97.5%		Average Attendance = 94.7% 		



Get Set, GO!		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y6	90%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y1	89%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y2	86%
4 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	83%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	81%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	78%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	69%
Average = 82% ↓		

Congratulations to **Y6** for achieving the highest 'Get Set, GO!' attendance for the third week running! Congratulations to **Y5** for being the highest attending class this week and FS2 for making a big improvement. Unfortunately this is the first time no class has managed to achieve an overall average which exceeds the school target for the week, the term and the year so far. Let us hope things improve next term. Thank you,

### Attendance Matters at SJF



- Every school day in every year group is important
- Holidays in term-time can have an impact on children and their progress
- 97.5%+ attendance is the target (186+ days) this year
- Try to have no more than 4 days off in a year
- There are 175 non-school days for holidays and appointments (where there is flexibility)
- Good attenders tend to feel more happy and secure in school, and achieve well

Attendance in Term 4		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y1	95.3%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y6	95.3%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y3	95.2%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	94.8%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	94.4%
6 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	94.0%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	93.0%
Target = 97.5%      Average Attendance = 94.3%		

Attendance so far this year (2017-2018)		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y3	97.0%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y4	96.7%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6	96.2%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	96.2%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	95.5%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	95.2%
7 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	92.0%
Target = 97.5%      Average Attendance = 96.1%		





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### PTFA Easter Egg Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered this year's competition. All the entries were displayed at the curriculum exhibition on Wednesday, and they were all fantastic!



The competition was judged by Lois from Pennine Foods with the winners each receiving an Easter egg! The winners were Hugo Grayson, Alexia Houghton, Jessica Ball (not in the photo), Daisy Green, Hibah Javid, Rafal Boratyn, Matthew Ford and Catherine Cooper in the parent's competition. Well done to the winners and thank you to everyone who took the time to create the fantastic entries! I would also like to thank the PTFA for organising it!

### Term 4 Reading Awards

The records are being checked and the awards will be given out and announced in the newsletter at the beginning of Term 5. Thank you.

### Term 4 Values Awards

These will be shared at the beginning of Term 4 when the certificates and prizes are given out

### Extreme Reading Winners

These have been selected by the School Councillors and will be announced at the first Celebration Assembly of Term 5, when they will also each receive their prizes. Thank you to everyone who entered, the pictures sent in were fantastic, and I gather from Mrs Barrett that the councillors found it really hard to choose winners!



### Achievements outside of School

- **Luca Samba** in **FS2** was chosen to take 'Lenny the Bear' home for performing well in his football class and for scoring some good goals recently. This is the second time this year and the third time within five months that he has been chosen for this!
- **Cavani Alvanga** in **Y1** plays for Bighton Magpies and received a special trophy (which he can keep for a week) for scoring six goals in one game! Congratulations!
- **Bronte Webb** in **Y1** worked really hard in order to receive her British Gymnastics 'Badge 5 Proficiency Award'! What an incredible achievement Bronte!
- **Tamzin Samba** in **Y4** took part in the dancing show 'Synergy' at the Octagon Theatre this week! Well done superstar!



### Department of Transport Survey



## Department for Transport

We have been asked to inform you that there will be a special traffic survey done on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018 between the hours 7.00am and 7.00pm on Occupation Lane up to Halcyon Close. There will be at least 2 officers at any one time, operating from their own cars.

Bright yellow window stickers will be displayed in the cars for identification purposes and to reassure people that they are there for a legitimate purpose. Thanks.

### Good News!

I have just been notified that both the bids submitted to the Department for Education's 'Condition Improvement Fund' for the money to improve the School Hall and the Y6 classroom have been approved. I will be meeting with our partners from AHR to discuss both projects, costings and timelines, and will keep you informed of all developments.

This means that we that since 2013 we have made the following improvements:

- ✓ school entrance relocation (secure entrance/ offices/work-preparation area/disabled toilet/storage)
- ✓ reinstitution of the school pedestrian gate with addition of safety barrier on the roadside
- ✓ complete refurbishment of Y1, Y2, Y5 classrooms
- ✓ partial improvement/redecoration FS2, Y3, Y4
- ✓ new kitchen and repositioning of hall stairs and hall storage and equipment
- ✓ new staff/visitor car park
- ✓ new fire precautions (doors, alarms etc.)
- ✓ new toilets throughout school with the addition of a shower (pupils/staff)
- ✓ new self-contained and multi-use inclusion/learning area ('The Ark')
- ✓ new heating system throughout school
- ✓ new boiler
- ✓ new IT server and wireless internet
- ✓ new roof (including fascia boards, guttering etc.)
- ✓ refurbished KS1 corridor with built-in storage
- ✓ new 'Sacred Space'
- ✓ replacement of all display boards
- ✓ new learning area on the site of old kitchen ('The Fisher Room')
- ✓ new Building Manager's office on site of old kitchen
- ✓ refurbishment of staffroom
- ✓ replacement of vulnerable external doors (with security in mind)
- ✓ new internal/external CCTV system
- ✓ Trim Trail - play equipment in playground (successful 'Big Lottery' bid)
- ✓ FS2 outside area (successful 'Big Lottery' bid)
- ✓ 'The Oasis' (to be further enhanced by a second PTFA bid on behalf of school that has just been sent in)





I am so pleased for everyone who uses the building, especially our children. I know that those of you who remember what the building was like in September 2012, will appreciate the journey. The lack of internet; the buckets catching water leaking through the roof on rainy days; the cold classrooms in winter; the smelly and leaking toilets; the tired classrooms were just a few of the issues that we have had to address.

We have been relentless in seeking to achieve the sort of building and learning environment that our children deserve here at SJF. Securing the funding that we have - over the last five years - really is unprecedented. It is also against the odds when you consider that schools from across the country are also in desperate need for the money to improve their buildings. They, like us, are also only allowed to submit two separate bids per year. Competition is therefore fierce as we all chase funds from a single (and relatively small) pot of money. Most schools that apply therefore end up with nothing, which is very sad - it is a very tough process.

I would therefore like to thank our partners from AHR for their help and support, as well as our friends from 'Ground Designs' who support us with our 'The Big Lottery' bids. I will keep you informed of all developments.

### Statement to Live By

When we return our 'statement to live by' is **"I know what humility means."**

**Time to talk:** Together you could think about what the word 'humility' means. Why is important to show humility? Why is it important to listen to others? Why can it be difficult sometimes? How does it make you feel when someone shows humility to you?

BLESSED ARE THOSE  
WHO SEE BEAUTIFUL  
THINGS IN HUMBLE  
PLACES WHERE OTHER  
PEOPLE SEE NOTHING.

**Humble enough to  
know I'm not  
better than  
anybody  
& wise enough  
to know that I'm  
different from the  
rest.**



# Humility

**is not thinking less of yourself  
but thinking of yourself less  
- CS Lewis**

### Finally

I would like to thank all our fantastic children for their hard work and for making our school such a special place every day this term.

I would like to thank my dedicated colleagues, our special reading volunteers, those who helped on visits offsite, Governors and our PTFA for all their hard work this term.

Finally I would like to thank you all for your continuing support.

I wish you a very happy and peaceful Easter and I look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April after a good break.

Best wishes,  
F Barratt

