

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

The week's recipient is **Lola** in **Y6** who understands the importance of thinking carefully about choices to do with her health. Lola is becoming a very responsible and trustworthy member of our school, with a growing maturity. She demonstrates the learning values that are important to our community, and we are all very proud of her! Well done Lola!

Term 2 Smiley Scores



Calendar Reminders – Countdown to Christmas!

The **SJF calendar** is available online on the Homepage and in two formats via these links:

- <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents-and-carers-zone/calendar/>
- [http://www.st-johnfisher.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/doclett-20180713194822-9030/SJF%20CALENDAR%20%20\(2018-2019\).pdf](http://www.st-johnfisher.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/doclett-20180713194822-9030/SJF%20CALENDAR%20%20(2018-2019).pdf)

03-11-18 • Blue Day (non-uniform for members of St Andrew's House **only** who can wear blue instead)

07-12-18 • Annual **PTFA** Santa in School Day- **NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TODAY**

10-12-18 • Assessment Point 2 (all pupils) – Day 1
• FS2 Nativity dress rehearsal (performed to pupils in school)

11-12-18 • Assessment Point 2 (all pupils) – Day 2
• Whole-school visit to the pantomime (Lyceum Theatre, Sheffield) – late return to school

12-12-18 • Assessment Point 2 (all pupils) – Day 3
• FS2 Nativity Play (2.15pm, School Hall)

13-12-18 • Assessment Point 2 (all pupils) – Day 4

14-12-18 • Curriculum Exhibition (8.45am -10.00am, School Hall) - **NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY TODAY**

17-12-18 • Key Stage1 (KS1) Nativity Play dress rehearsal (performed to pupils in school)

18-12-18 • KS1 Nativity Play (2.15pm, School Hall)

19-12-18 • KS1 Nativity Play (2.15pm, School Hall)

21-12-18 • Celebration Assembly (9.05am, School Hall) – **Y4** family and friends
• **KS2** (Years 3-6) Community Carol Service (2.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes) – all welcome
• **PTFA** refreshments, mince pies and Christmas raffle (2.50pm, School Hall) – all welcome
• End of Term 2

Writing Champions



Achievements Outside of School

This week's achievements are:

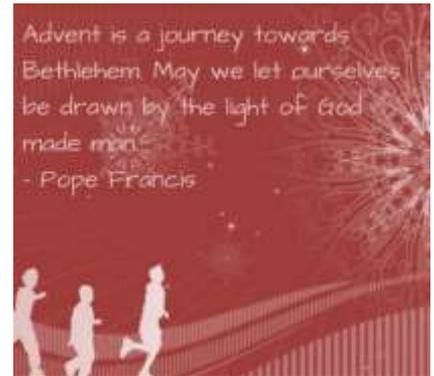
- Poppy** in **Y1** is now a fully-fledged Rainbow having made her promise this week. Well done Poppy.



Advent 2018

Blessing of the Advent Wreaths

Today the young people of Y4 led our annual 'Blessing of the Advent Wreaths' liturgy. It was a fantastic liturgy which explained the origins of Advent; enabling us all to understand why it is such an important part of the Church's year. The children were wonderful; so well prepared. They each carried out their individual roles beautifully and we were all extremely proud of them. Thank you also to Mr Broadhead for all his hard work in preparing the liturgy and the children for singing so magnificently. Finally we would like to thank Fr Paul for joining us and for blessing the wreaths. It really was a joyous and thought-provoking liturgy and a fitting way to start Advent.



Golden Children

- FS2** **Florence** for doing really well in Read, Write Ink- Well done Flo!
- Y1** **Zayd** for trying so hard in all his work. Well done Zayd- the improvement is wonderful.
- Y2** **Mia** for asking questions and trying to extend her writing. Well done!
- Y3** **Isobel** for being a fantastic role model in the class and for trying her best in all her lessons.
- Y4** **William** for quietly getting on all term and trying his best. Fantastic William.
- Y5** **Mitchell** for always trying hard and having a positive and resilient attitude.
- Y6** **Kacper** for asking great questions, great reasoning in maths and applying what he knows to problem solving. Fantastic!

Reading Volunteers

We are still looking for more reading volunteers willing and able to commit to coming in to school on a regular basis once or maybe twice a week in order to listen to readers, particularly in Y3. Reading Volunteers fulfil such an important role in school and make a huge difference to our children. We are so grateful to everyone who is supporting us currently, or who has supported us in the past.

If you are interested in finding out more please speak to Mrs Barrett or email us (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org). Thank you.

Collective Worship

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next 'Liturgy of the Word' will be on **Thursday 6th December 2018**, and will be led by the young people of **Y1**. We invite their family and friends to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am.

Celebration Assembly

There will be no celebration assembly for the next two weeks due to our Santa in School day and curriculum Exhibition. Our next Celebration Assembly will be on **Friday 21st December 2018** at just after 9.00m in the School Hall. The family and friends of our **Y4** pupils are invited to join us.

Advent Prayer

Throughout Advent we will focus on a prayer we called 'The Act of Contrition'. It is a very special prayer in which we ask God to forgive us for our sins and we ask for His support and strength so that we can move on in our lives and not sin again. The prayer is also shared during the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The words are:

O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you – and by the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen



Advent & The Daily Advent Class Reflections

Our daily Advent class reflections will start on Monday week beginning **3rd December 2018**. This is a lovely way to remember that the season of Advent is all about getting ready for the birth of Jesus. There will be reflections in each class every day except PE days, Santa in school day and the day of the Lyceum visit.

Parents, carers, family and friends are all welcome to join us on the following days-

- **FS2:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- **Y1 & Y2:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- **Y3 & Y4:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- **Y5 & Y6:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

Spaces are limited and should be booked on the day through the School Office if you wish to attend. If you are attending, please arrive at 3.00pm so you are on time for a 3.10pm start as we won't be able to interrupt once the reflection has begun. Thank you.



Curriculum Exhibition

You are invited to join us for our first exhibition of the year on the morning of **Friday 14th December 2018**, in the School Hall from 9.00am. It is a great opportunity to come along and have a look at the children's work.

Important Reminders

Footwear

Children are required to wear proper black school shoes in school every day. Trainers (including all black trainers) and boots are not permitted. Children can wear them to and from school and at playtime but must have school shoes with them to wear for lessons.

Tickets for Nativity Plays

Please don't forget to order your tickets on ParentPay for the FS2 performance or the Year 1/Year 2 performances beforehand.

Milk Orders

Please remember to return milk slips or order on ParentPay if your child wants milk after Christmas.

Christmas Cards

There will be a post box in the reception area of the main office from next week (Monday 3rd December). All cards should be posted in here and not handed out in class. Please ensure that every card has: Recipient's first name, last name (if known) and class. The Year 6 monitors will sort and deliver the 'post' each day.
NB: With new GDPR regulations we are no longer able to give out class lists detailing children's names.

Christmas Lunch 2018

This year the children will enjoy their Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 19th December 2017**. Please do not forget to order your child(ren)'s meal(s) in time!

Beat Your Best!

This week was the first week of beat your best run by our new sports leaders. The beat your best challenge this week was the sit down- stand up squat challenge.

The sports majors did a great job setting up the challenge, getting people involved and encouraging everyone who took part.

We would like to say a huge congratulations to these pupils who did beat their best this week.

These people are;

Year 4: Oscar, Faith and Ethan U

Year 5: Harry

Year 6: Rafal, Alice, Lorenzo, Amna, Jack O and Kacper





Staff News

We are really pleased to announce that Mrs Holloway gave birth to baby Thomas, weighing a healthy 7lb 5oz! Both Mrs Holloway and Thomas are doing very well! We send our congratulations and prayers to them and their family!

Blue Day

For the children who are in St Andrew's House on Monday 3rd December 2018 is 'Blue Day', to mark his feast day. The children in St Andrew's House do not have to come to school wearing uniform, but can, instead, dress in something blue. All other children in other houses are expected to wear full school uniform, as they will have their chance later in the school year.

Lyceum Visit

As you are aware on **Tuesday 11 December 2018** we are all off to the Sheffield Lyceum to enjoy this year's panto at 1.00pm. As we will have to leave school at 12.00pm, the children will have an early lunch at 11.00am so we are ready to depart on time. **There will be no hot lunches on this day**

The children will either have a cold packed lunch or a school sandwich. Please make sure that you ONLY select the SANDWICH option. The choices available will be HAM or CHEESE with a muffin for dessert and a selection of chopped fruit, carrots and cucumber sticks and a bottle of water.

If you wish for your child to have the HAM sandwich, please could you make sure that you select the option that says 'EGG' (sorry for the confusion!)

If you wish for your child to have the CHEESE option, please select as normal

If you have already selected a lunch for your child on **Tuesday 11th December**, please log into your 'ParentPay' account and amend or cancel your selection(s).

Unfortunately we will not be able to provide extra lunches for those who have forgotten to place an order so please ensure that you send your child with a packed lunch from home if this happens.

We cannot give the actual time of return to school until we have confirmed with the Lyceum next week, but we expect to return to school between 4.30pm and 5pm.

JPAC will operate as usual when we return to school. Children need to be booked in in the usual way.

Attendance this week			
1 st	Y5	100%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y4	99.3%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	FS2	99%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y2	99%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
5 th	Y3	96.9%	
6 th	Y5	96.6%	
7 th	Y6	96.5%	
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 98.2% ↑	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y1	95%
2 nd	Y4	94%
3 rd	FS2	93%
3 rd	Y2	93%
4 th	Y3	91%
5 th	Y5	90%
5 th	Y6	90%
Average = 92%		

Study Hub

Every child in Years 3-6 can access the lunchtime study hub on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The children can do homework or further research linked to whatever they are learning in class at the time. Children can also access Bug Club, my maths or read their reading books. Mrs Raynes and older children are on hand to support any child who needs additional help.

PTFA News Santa in School Day

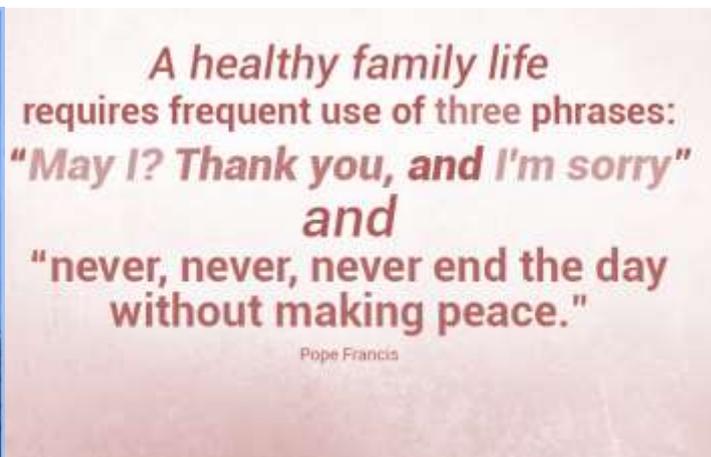
On Friday 7th December. Santa is taking time out of his busy schedule to visit our school. His elves have confirmed that his ETA is 8.45am and he will be on the library roof for ten minutes with his trusty elf PA. If the weather is bad we will take heed of 'elf and safety' concerns and arrange for Santa to wave from the library window instead.



Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **'I can work, rest and pray every day'**

Time to talk: Together you could think about all the things you do in a typical day from the moment you wake up in the morning to the moment you go to bed. Make a list and see how long it is. Using different coloured pens highlight/underline (i) in the first colour, anything to do with work or school; (ii) in the second colour, anything to do with relaxing and rest; and (iii) in the third colour, the moments when you pray. What do you notice? Is your typical day balanced? Can you find space for more moments to listen to God?



Have a great weekend,

Mrs Barrett

