


SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

 Our recipient this week is **Emily** (Y4) who understands the importance of forgiveness in line with our 'Statement to Live' by this week. Emily knows that everyone makes mistakes from time to time and when they do the gift of forgiveness heals the hurt and rebuilds bridges. Emily is generous in forgiving others and also helps others who fall out to be friends again. What a super example she is! Well done superstar, we are very proud of you!

Term 1 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House  134	St David's House  137	St Patrick's House  147	St George's House  165
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COVID-19 Update

Below is an important letter sent to all parents and carers from the NHS. A copy has been emailed to all SJF parents and has been made available on the Homepage and 'News' section of the SJF website. Please read carefully.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children and young people the best education in the safest way possible.

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, students, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with Covid-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested.

Therefore, I ask that you all follow these principles:

- You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:
 1. a high temperature: any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
 2. a new continuous cough: coughing lots for more than an hour, or three + coughing episodes in 24 hours
 3. a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- Your child does not need a test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.
- If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/
- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.



- If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.
- If a pupil or student in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school or college. Schools and colleges have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.

Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms.

The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthybody/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> It is vital for children and young people's learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Viv Bennett CBE

Chief Nurse and Director
Maternity and Early Years
(Public Health England)

Dr Susan Hopkins

Interim Chief Medical Officer
NHS Test & Trace Deputy Director (Public Health England)
Consultant in Infectious Diseases & Microbiology (Royal Free, London)

Forthcoming Events

Click [here](#) to link to our online calendar. Below is a summary of forthcoming events.

28-09-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FS2 PE uniform all day • Start of SJF Black History Month
29-09-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 + Y2 PE uniform all day • Y6 Relationship & Sex Education Workshop (arrangements to be finalised)
30-09-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y3 + Y4 PE uniform all day • Y2 Liturgy of the Word - FILMING
01-10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Poetry Day • Y5 + Y6 PE uniform all day • Y2 Liturgy of the Word – video available to watch by clicking here • Reminder to order school lunches for the following week (or weeks)
02-10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebration Assembly via Zoom to all classes, photographs available here
21-09-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FS2 PE uniform all day
22-09-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 + Y2 PE uniform all day
23-09-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y3 + Y4 PE uniform all day • FS2 Welcome Assembly & Liturgy of the Word (supported by Y4 buddies) - FILMING
24-09-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Poetry Day • Y5 + Y6 PE uniform all day • Film of the FS2 Welcome Assembly & Liturgy available to watch by clicking here • Reminder to order school lunches for the following week (or weeks)
25-09-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebration Assembly via Zoom to all classes, photographs available here



All Saints Y6 Open Morning 2020

Our friends and colleagues from All Saints Catholic High School would like to extend a warm invitation to all Y6 pupils and their families to attend the All Saints Catholic High School Open Morning as an online event on **Saturday 26th September 2020** launching at 10.00 am. Please click [here](#) for a preview

Headteacher's welcome



It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the All Saints school community.

As a Christian community we adhere to Gospel Values as the foundation for all that we do. We celebrate the cultural and religious diversity of our students and staff and thrive on our shared ethos which has, at its centre, love for one another.

Our school is a family where we support, challenge and care for one another. We have the highest expectations of students and staff alike, in every area of school. Positive behaviour and relationships and a positive approach to learning are seen as essential ingredients in ensuring wellbeing and academic success for all. Our school is an environment where students feel safe, cared for and confident to express themselves, form strong relationships and embrace all the opportunities our school offers them.



We are extremely proud of our dedicated team of staff and of the high quality of teaching and pastoral care which results in excellent relationships formed between staff and students based on mutual respect and care for one another. Our personalised curriculum offers breadth, depth and opportunities for all students to engage and succeed whilst extensive extracurricular provision, enhanced by superb facilities, ensures daily enrichment for all. Staff and students are on the learning journey together here at All Saints where we all strive continuously for excellence and to be the best that we can be.

I look forward to meeting you personally in the near future and working with you in partnership as we set out on the journey together as part of the All Saints family.

Sean Pender, Headteacher

Parish News

Information about parish and Diocesan life including the times of Masses and Confession and sacramental preparation is available via this link to the parish website: <http://www.ourladyoflourdessheffield.org.uk/> .

SJF School Council Update

Here is a message from Mr MacInnes



Last week fourteen Y6 children stood for election to the SJF School council. After listening to the fantastic speeches made by each candidate, all our SJF children cast their vote in the school election.

We were astounded by the passion and bravery displayed by each candidate who stood for election, however, only four vacancies on the council were available: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

After a tight vote, where every child who stood obtained at least seven votes, the positions were filled. The fourth-place vote was tied between two children, and so in the interests of a democratic outcome it was decided that a fifth position, that of Joint Secretary, should be created to accommodate both fourth-placed candidates. The new councilors are very excited to have been elected to their positions and have each prepared a short statement about themselves and why they stood for election.



"I wanted to be the Chair of the council because I really enjoy telling people what to do! I think I'll bring lots of pizzazz to the council. I'm very passionate about the environment and our school and I think that the school council is very important because it gives the children a say. Even the children who aren't on the council get a say because we represent them."

Marisa Avelino – Chair

"I wanted to be a part of the school council because I like to help people be happy. I think that the school council is important because it means that every child plays a part in what happens in our school - it makes you feel more included in the St John Fisher family. I think I'll bring laughter, determination and commitment to the council."

Sophie Hemingway – Vice Chair

"I'm really excited to be on the school council because I feel like I can make a difference to our school. I'm funny, kind and full of energy, which I think will be useful on the school council. Because of everything that's going on at the moment, I think that this is a good opportunity to try and make things better for the children and adults in our school."

Summer Marsden – Treasurer

"I've tried to get on the school council every year since Year 1 so I feel really excited to have been elected. I'm happy that I'm Joint Secretary because I enjoy writing and it's a really important job. I want the school council to help make all of the children happy, safe and loved!"

Rosie Lavill - Joint Secretary

"The main thing I want to do on the school council is to make the children in this school happy by listening to their ideas. I'm really grateful that I got elected because that means that people enjoyed my speech. I'm going to try really hard to make sure that everyone on the school council is listened to."

Jacob Nelson – Joint Secretary

Golden Children

FS2	Scarlett for being an all-around superstar; always kind, helpful and friendly. And for practising phonics at home so brilliantly too!
Y1	Tilly for her super behaviour and for always being an excellent role-model for all her classmates. Amazing start to the year!
Y2	Lottie always doing the right thing and supporting those around her. What a lovely Year 2 you are!
Y3	Eliana for exhibiting kindness – beautifully – this week!
Y4	Lily-Mae for having a brilliant start to Y4 and for trying so hard in both her Maths and English work! What a star!
Y5	Dylan for always getting on with his tasks with absolutely no fuss and quietly producing some amazing work in the last few weeks.
Y6	Summer for such a fantastic start to Y6. A brilliant attitude to her learning! Well done superstar!

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Ewan	Chenai	Charlie	Isaac	Logan	Anabelle	William



PTFA News

Bags2School

The next 'Bags2School' collection will be on **Friday 16th October 2020**. Please bring in all your unwanted clothing items so that the PTFA can exchange them to raise money for school. Please use your own plastic bags if you do not have the official ones. All unclaimed lost property will be donated to support our fantastic PTFA. If you can help email them on ptfa@st-johnfisher.org. Thank you.



Annual General Meeting



Thank you to everyone who attended the PTFA Zoom AGM this week. The PTFA will share details separately. I want to take this opportunity to thank the committee members (and all the parents, carers and friends who have supported them) for their tremendous hard work and dedication to our children and to our community as a whole. What they have achieved is phenomenal! Everything from the discos, Santa in School, Mothers' Day and fathers' Day gifts; and supporting our annual visits to the pantomime by paying for the transport and refreshments – to simply bringing people together...

I would like to thank the 2019-2020 committee: Mrs Prestidge (Chair), Mrs Denham (Vice-Chair), Mrs Cowlshaw (Treasurer), Mrs Beatson (Secretary) and Mrs Cooper and Mrs Ball (Publicity) for everything they have achieved this year, and in previous years. They have been an incredible team. At the meeting Mrs Denham and Mrs Cowlshaw stepped down, and we thank them for their brilliant contributions to the work and success of our PTFA in recent years.

Our New 2020-2021 PTFA Committee

- **PTFA Chair:** Mrs Prestidge
- **Vice-Chair:** Mrs Patterson
- **Treasurer:** Mrs Stanton
- **Secretary:** Mrs Beatson
- **Publicity:** Mrs Ball & Mrs Cooper

If you would like to get involved in any way please email the committee directly (ptfa@st-johnfisher.org).

REMINDER: Pupil Premium Grant

If you are (or have been) in receipt of benefits of one kind or another then your children might be entitled to a Pupil Premium Grant and free school meals. The grant is also available to children in care or those with parents serving in the UK armed forces. The grant provides school with much needed additional funds to support vulnerable children. It is therefore very important that you tell us, in confidence, if you are entitled to it.

Some eligible parents/carers with children in FS2/Y1/Y2 forget to claim because their children are already receiving free school meals as part of the government infant free school meals scheme. It is really important that these parents/carers also apply for the Pupil Premium Grant if they are entitled so we can receive as much funding as possible. If you want to find out more please phone (01142485009) or email (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) or speak to colleagues in the School Office.



Attendance			
1 st	Y1		100%
2 nd	FS2		99.3%
2 nd	Y2		99.3%
2 nd	Y3		99.3%
5 th	Y6		99.3%
6 th	Y4		98.4%
7 th	Y5		96.9%
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 98.9%	



Get Set, GO!			
1 st	Y6		94%
2 nd	FS2		93%
3 rd	Y2		90%
3 rd	Y4		90%
5 th	Y1		86%
6 th	Y3		84%
6 th	Y5		65%
		Average = 86%	

Achievements outside of School

Please send details of any of your children's achievements outside of school to us via our main email address (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) and they will be included in the newsletter. It does not matter what the achievement is and whether it is big or small, if it is important to your child, then I would be delighted to share the good news and celebrate it!

Our Catholic Life

Our SJF Chaplaincy Team



Bubble A Chaplains



Bubble B Chaplains



Bubble C Chaplains



Here is a message from Mrs Barrett, our Chaplaincy Coordinator

We are very excited to begin our time as Chaplaincy leaders- but we understand that we will need to do things a little bit differently this year. Some of the things we will be doing this year will be helping to lead class liturgies, creating prayer spaces in our classrooms and creating links between our classrooms and the prayer spaces around school. We hope to bring information to the newsletter and school website about some of the things we have been doing.

September Prayer

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee

Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus

Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen

'Coming In' Song

Ubi caritas et amor (Where charity and love are, God is there)

Ubi caritas, deus ibi est

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank the children of **Y3** for leading our Liturgy of the Word this week. Next week the 'Liturgy of the Word' will be led by the children of **Y2**. It will be filmed on Wednesday 30th September and will be available to watch the day after. You will be able to access films on the homepage or by clicking [here](#). Thank you.

Celebration Assembly

This will take place on Friday in the classrooms. It will not be recorded. Photographs of the recipients of awards etc. will be published in the Class Zone on the SJF website, which you can reach by clicking [here](#).

Registration for First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Fr Bede, our new Parish Priest at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church would like you to know that registration is now open for children who would like to make their (i) First Holy Communion and/or (ii) Confirmation next year. Please check out the 'News' section of our SJF website for more information or click [here](#).

SJF Eco Team



Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' continues the forgiveness theme. It is **"I know how to show I am sorry."**



Time to talk: You could think about what being sorry is really like.

- What does it mean to be truly sorry and how can we show that we are sorry?
- Why is it so hard to say sorry sometimes?
- Why does Jesus challenge us to say sorry when we have been unkind or unfair to others?
- How does it feel when you say sorry and are then forgiven?

A final thought...

"When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down 'happy'. They told me I didn't understand the assignment and I told them they didn't understand life".

John Lennon

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

