

# SJF NEWS

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## Citizen of the Week

This week our award goes to **Fred** (Y6) who understands why it is so important to say how he feels in line with our 'Statement to Live by' this week. Fred really does understand that sharing how he feels, particularly if he has a worry ball, is key to feeling feel happy, safe and loved. It has been brilliant to see how confident Fred is becoming and how this has led him to engage with school life so positively - taking on important roles of responsibility. Well done Fred! Everyone is so proud of you and grateful too for the great example you are setting to anyone who is bottling up a worry!

## Term 1 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
 398	 415	 389	 455

## COVID-19 Update

### *What does self-isolation actually mean?*

Director of Public Health in Sheffield, **Greg Fell**, has clarified what self-isolation actually means and he has underlined the importance of following the guidelines in order to limit the spread of COVID-19.

He recommends thinking ahead and having a plan in place in case you do have to self-isolate. He suggests that your plan should address the following questions:

- How would you get supplies?
- How would you isolate away from others in your household?
- Where would you choose to isolate?
- What would you do whilst in isolation?

Please click [here](#) to see a short video in which Greg Fell shares his advice.



**If you or anyone in your household does have to self-isolate, please follow the guidance. Thank you.**

## Home Learning Reminder

Children who have COVID symptoms and are unwell do not have to engage with home learning. Children who are isolating and are well **will** be expected to complete the home learning opportunities that we provide.

Initially children will be given an 'Isolation Pack' and from the second full week they will be provided with a plan detailing links to online lessons and activities that will align broadly with what their peers are learning in school. SJF home learning activities will be online and delivered through either Microsoft Teams (guides available on the home page of our SJF website or by clicking [here](#)) or via our own 'SJF Home Learning Portal' which is accessible [here](#). A reminder that the password is **2020STJOHN**. Our SJF Remote Learning Policy is available on the home page of our school website or by clicking [here](#) and further information about home learning, from the Department for Education, is available by clicking [here](#).



## Forthcoming Events

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

12-10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>FS2</b> PE uniform all day</li> <li><b>Assessment Point 1</b> for Years 1-6 (Day 1 of 5) – attendance is extremely important</li> </ul>
13-10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Y1 + Y2</b> PE uniform all day</li> <li><b>Assessment Point 1</b> for Years 1-6 (Day 2 of 5) – attendance is extremely important</li> <li><b>FS2</b> Phonics &amp; Reading 'Zoom' Workshop with Mrs Darken (Zoom details have been shared)</li> <li><b>PTFA</b> Monthly 'Zoom' Meeting (details will be emailed)</li> </ul>
14-10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Y3 + Y4</b> PE uniform all day</li> <li><b>Class Liturgy</b> led by SJF Chaplaincy Team</li> <li><b>Assessment Point 1</b> for Years 1-6 (Day 3 of 5) – attendance is extremely important</li> </ul>
15-10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Y5 + Y6</b> PE uniform all day</li> <li><b>No</b> Liturgy of the Word this week because it Assessment Point 1</li> <li><b>Reminder</b> to order school lunches for the following week (or weeks)</li> <li><b>Assessment Point 1</b> for Years 1-6 (Day 4 of 5) – attendance is extremely important</li> </ul>
16-10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Celebration Assembly</b> via Zoom to all classes – photographs can be accessed <a href="#">here</a></li> <li><b>Assessment Point 1</b> for Years 1-6 (Day 5 of 5) – attendance is extremely important</li> <li><b>PTFA</b> Bags2School drop off day (please email <a href="mailto:ptfa@st-johnfisher.org">ptfa@st-johnfisher.org</a> if you can help)</li> </ul>
19-10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>FS2</b> PE uniform all day</li> </ul>
20-10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Y1 + Y2</b> PE uniform all day</li> </ul>
21-10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Y3 + Y4</b> PE uniform all day</li> <li><b>No class Liturgy</b> because of the Harvest Mass</li> </ul>
22-10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Y5 + Y6</b> PE uniform all day</li> <li><b>Harvest Mass (Y5):</b> <u>PROVISIONAL</u> date for filming at this stage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>friends/family of Y5 pupils will be invited <u>but</u> date/time are to be confirmed by Fr Bede</li> <li>if filming is today the 5 children can still come to school wearing their PE uniform</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Reminder</b> to order school lunches for the following week (or weeks)</li> </ul>
23-10-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>No Celebration Assembly</b> as children will be watching the recording of the Harvest Mass</li> <li><b>Harvest Mass (Y5):</b> film available <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>



## Receiving Website Alerts

If you would like to receive *automatic* alerts from our website please go to the bottom right-hand page of the homepage of our website and tick the appropriate box or boxes.

Please note that friends and family can also subscribe so that they can also keep up-to-date with what your children are doing in class.

Please note that at the end of the school year all names are moved up automatically to the next class, so there is no need to subscribe again.

You can unsubscribe any time. Thank you.





## SJF School Council Update

Here is a message from Mr MacInnes, our School Coordinator:

This week the whole school council met for the first time this term. Here's a word from **Katie**, one of our Y4 councilors, about what was discussed.

*"This week we introduced ourselves to the rest of the council and then we thought of different ideas for what we can raise money for. It was nice meeting the new Y6 councillors Y6."*



## Golden Children

<b>FS2</b>	Libbi for being a positive member of the class who is always helpful and cheerful. She makes everyone feel welcome and tried really hard with her learning in school and at home! A pleasure to teach!
<b>Y1</b>	Zuza for always doing her best and showing a fantastic example for all her class. She is an absolute superstar!
<b>Y2</b>	Rebecca for trying really hard in class and for demonstrating fantastic learning behaviours. What a star you are!
<b>Y3</b>	Willow for showing such maturity and continuing her learning at home all about Mary Anning! Such an active learner!
<b>Y4</b>	Daniel for becoming a more active member of the class; joining in more frequently within discussions and answering more questions! Keep it up!
<b>Y5</b>	Riley for all of his hard work since the start of the year! His positivity and brilliant sense of humour are fantastic – and a great example to everyone!
<b>Y6</b>	Faith for being very helpful around the classroom and for working hard in class! What a star!








## Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Alexander	Elliot	Jenson	Hugo	Ellie	Charlie	Sophie








## Bags2School

The next 'Bags2School' collection will be on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020**. Please bring in all your unwanted clothing so that the PTFA can exchange donated items in order 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](mailto:ptfa@st-johnfisher.org). Thank you.



Attendance			
1 <sup>st</sup>	FS2		99.3%
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y3		99.3%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y5		99.1%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y1		98.7%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y2		98.7%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y6		96.3%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y4		94.9%
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 98.0%	



Get Set, GO!			
1 <sup>st</sup>	FS2		94%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y2		90%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6		89%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y1		86%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y4		78%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y5		77%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y3		76%
		Average = 84%	



### Our Weekly SJF Sixty Second Challenge

How many times can you throw the beanbag into the target area in 60 seconds?

Please watch the demonstration from our Sports Major. Please follow this link:

<https://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/bean-bag-throw-60-second-challenge/>

The winners of last week's 'Around the World' challenge were Esme (Y1), Louis (Y2), Alan (Y5) and Sophie (Y6). Well done!

### Our Catholic Life

#### 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/>.

#### Recordings of Masses, Services and Class-led Liturgies

Recordings can be accessed from the homepage of the SJF website of by clicking [here](#). Thank you.

#### October Prayer

As October is the month of Mary our 'gathering' song will change to 'Ave Maria' and we have renewed the display in the Sacred Space and in the School Hall. Our prayer of the month is 'Hail Holy Queen'.

This is traditional Catholic prayer to Our Lady is not said as often these days which is why we include it in our prayer programme. If you would like to share the prayer as part of your prayer life at home here are the words are here 

Hail, holy Queen,  
Mother of mercy,  
Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.  
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.  
To thee do we send up our sighs,  
Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.  
Turn then, most gracious advocate,  
Thine eyes of mercy toward us,  
And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed  
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.



#### October Gathering Song (spoken)

Ave Maria,	As I kneel before you
Gratia plena.	As I bow my head in prayer
Dominus, te cum –	Take this day, make it yours
Benedicta tu.	And feel me with your love.

#### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank the young people of FS2, supported so ably by their Y4 buddies, for leading our special Welcome liturgy. You can access the recording by clicking [here](#). As next week is Assessment Point 1 there will be no class-led Liturgy of the Word. The young people of Y5 will be leading our annual Harvest Mass the week after, so the next Liturgy of the Word will be led by the children of **Y4**. It will be filmed on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and the recording uploaded to the website for viewing the following day. Thank you.

#### Celebration Assembly

Click [here](#) for photographs of our weekly award winners. Thank you.



### Achievements outside of School

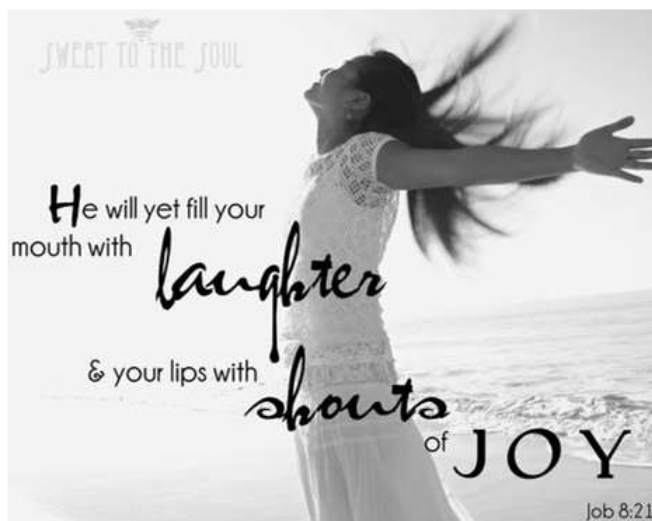
Please send details of any of your children's achievements out of school to us via our main email address ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)) and they will be included in the newsletter. It does not matter what the achievement is, nor does it matter whether it is big or small. If it is important to your child I will share the good news and celebrate it! This week's achievements are:

- **Jan Z** in **Y1** Passed the Level 2 'Little Ninja Test' and received a very smart certificate! Congratulations Jan!
- **Amelie** in **Y3** recently achieved her 'Octopus 1' award at her swimming lessons! What a star! Well done!
- **Lydia** in **Y4** has gone up to Level 8 in swimming! What an incredible achievement! Congratulations!
- **Katy** in **Y4** has been fundraising and raising awareness of Sepsis throughout September. This was in memory of a family friend who passed away two years ago. Katy's family also took part in 'Cycle4Sepsis'. Katy set an ambitious target of 50 miles for the month and showed grit and determination in order to achieve an amazing 88 miles instead! This total contributed to the family's wider team total of 4,500 miles, which raised more than £6,000 for the UK Sepsis Trust! Congratulations Katy! An amazing achievement!

### Statement to Live By

Next week's statement to live by is: "I can laugh and have fun."

**Time to talk:** Together remember times when you had fun; those special times when you laughed so much that nothing could make you stop, and your sides ached, and you could barely stand up. What made these times so special? Who were you with? Why is it so important to laugh and have fun? What would life be like without fun and laughter? What really makes you laugh?



### **A final thought...**

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."

**Aristotle**

Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt

