

COVID-19 Update

As the country continues to open up in line with the UK Government's 'roadmap' we have been advised by our public health team of the importance of continuing to take notice of government and local public health advice. After a year of restrictions and sacrifices it is perhaps understandable that some will be feeling weary and frustrated with it all, especially if they have had one or both of the vaccinations or have had the virus.

It is true that levels of UK infections, hospitalisations and deaths have fallen significantly since the last peak, in part because of lockdown restrictions and in part because of the success of the mass vaccination programme in the UK. These are positive signs, and I continue to hope that things will continue to return to normal in the coming weeks and months, in line with the government's 'roadmap'.

There is nothing more that I and my colleagues would like than for school to be able to operate as usual, with children being able to assemble and mix across bubbles and to be able to sing together; to be able to welcome family and friends back in to school; to join together for the celebration of Mass and events like sports day, curriculum exhibitions, open days, school visits and residential; to welcome prospective parents/carers for visits and new children to enjoy taster days; not to mention all the PTFA events, like discos and the Friday Fayre. All the special things that are so much a part of our normal school community life...

However, we have been cautioned about not getting carried away with notions that things will return to normal soon. We have been asked to reflect on what is happening in neighbouring countries in Europe and around the world, where there are devastating new spikes in infections that are leading to strained health services, suffering - and too many deaths. We are also seeing new variants and lockdowns being re-imposed.

The advice from public health to schools is that we are where we are because of the cautious steps being taken. We have been told to be patient. A big indication is the news that there are no immediate plans to update our citywide risk assessment, which, as you know, has been updated on a fairly regular basis to reflect the changing national and citywide situation (please click [here](#) to view our current risk assessment).

I therefore ask you to continue to support us. This is so important. You have been amazing so far, and on behalf of my colleagues and the Governors, I want to thank you for the positive ways in which you have responded. Please meet up with family and friends in line with guidance and not indoors. Please do not let your children have sleepovers etc. I know it is sad, but the Sheffield public health team have stressed the importance of sticking to the rules. It will all be worth it in the end. Our SJF plan can be seen by clicking [here](#).

We will do all we can to adapt to the restrictions in order to keep school life as normal as possible for everyone.

School Uniform & Jewellery

All children should wear full school uniform if they can. We know that it has been difficult at times to get hold of items, and we also know that some families have had (or are having) difficulties as a direct/indirect result of the pandemic. We just ask that everyone continues to do their best, and to get in touch if they need help.

Both of our official uniform suppliers continue to offer an online service and your orders can be delivered to school and then picked up from us.

Please see below for links to the SJF sections:

- for **Logo Leisurewear** please click [here](#)
- for **School Trends** please click [here](#)





Pre-Loved Quality Uniform

We also work with the PTFA to recycle quality pre-loved items of SJF school and PE uniform, which is all extremely affordable. In normal times we would be able to have regular sales in school, but for the moment we are having to operate a remote service, so please contact either the School Office (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org or 0114 2485009) or get in touch with the PTFA directly (ptfa@st-johnfisher.org) if you would like more information or to buy some items of school or PE uniform.

A reminder that children should wear their SJF PE uniform on PE days.

- **Mondays** FS2
- **Tuesdays** Years 1 and 2
- **Wednesdays** Years 3 and 4
- **Thursdays** Years 5 and 6



The official items can be purchased, with logos, from either supplier or as a pre-loved item via the PTFA. If parents/carers choose to buy items from elsewhere they must be **absolutely plain** with **no** logos, slogans or other embellishments, including designer label like Nike or Adidas etc. Sweatshirts must be plain maroon or burgundy and the bottoms should be completely plain light grey joggers. Thank you.

School Shoes

Whilst high boots can be worn to/from school in bad weather and trainers can be brought to school to wear at breaktimes e.g. to play football. Pupils are expected to wear proper black school shoes whilst in school, so no high boots or trainers, even they are all black. Please contact school and speak to us in confidence if you have experienced, or are experiencing, difficulties sourcing and/or affording black school shoes. Thank you.

★ Citizen of the Week, Golden Children and Writing Champions

★ As there have not been able to have Celebration Assemblies the 'Citizen', Golden Children and Writing Champion awards will be shared next week.

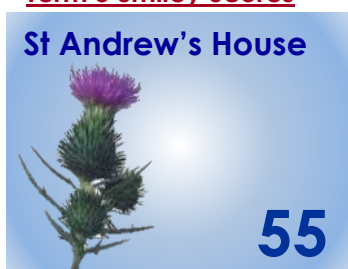
Term 4 Smiley Final Scores



Term 5 Champions

Congratulations to all children in St Andrew's House, our Term 4 Champions!

Term 5 Smiley Scores



Red Day: Friday 23rd April 2021

The children of St George's House looked fantastic dressed in red to mark the feast of St George!



SJF Calendar/Forthcoming Events

Click [here](#) to view our online calendar. A reminder that school will be closed on **Monday 3rd May** because it is a Bank Holiday. Thank you.

Attendance: Final Week of Term 4			
1 st	Y2	A virtual visit from Bobby Bear	96.7%
1 st	Y3	A virtual visit from Brenda Bear	96.5%
3 rd	Y4	A virtual visit from Elvis the Owl	95.3%
4 th	FS2		94.0%
5 th	Y6		91.4%
6 th	Y5		87.1%
7 th	Y1		86.6%
Average Attendance = 92.5% (Target = 98%)			



Get Set, GO!			
1 st	Y2		93%
2 nd	Y3		91%
2 nd	Y4		91%
4 th	FS2		90%
5 th	Y6		88%
6 th	Y5		84%
6 th	Y1		84%
Average = 89%			

Term 4 Post Lockdown Attendance			
1 st	Y2		98.1%
2 nd	FS2		98.0%
3 rd	Y3		97.7%
4 th	Y4		97.6%
5 th	Y1		96.1%
6 th	Y5		95.4%
7 th	Y6		92.7%
Average Attendance = 97% (Target = 98%)			

Attendance: Term 5 (Week 1)			
1 st	Y1	A virtual visit from Bobby Bear	100%
1 st	Y3	A virtual visit from Bobby Bear	100%
3 rd	Y5	A virtual visit from Brenda Bear	98.8%
4 th	FS2	A virtual visit from Elvis the Owl	98.7%
5 th	Y4		98.4%
6 th	Y2		95.8%
7 th	Y6		90.8%
Average Attendance = 97.6% (Target = 98%)			

SJF School Council News



School Council Update: 01-04-21

The whole school council met this week. We discussed lots of different things and each councilor was given a brand-new badge!

"This week we were figuring out different ways we could fundraise for charity. We got our new school council badges as well. I love my badge. I'm really proud to wear it!"

Amelie (Y3 Councilor)

School Council Update: 23-04-21

School council met this week as we considered various plans and priorities for the summer term. Here's a word from our Vice Chair on what was discussed.

"This week at school council we discussed how we can help the children of St John Fisher stay safe when walking home alone. After Easter, we are going to think of a plan of how we can spread awareness of safety on the streets to the children."

Sophie (School Council Vice-Chair)

Our Weekly SJF Sixty Second Challenge

We hope everyone had fun completing our last 'Burpees' challenge! It was amazing to see everyone having a go and just trying their best!

This week's challenge is called 'Cone to Cone'!

How many times can you run from one cone to the other in 60 seconds? Please click [here](#) to watch the video from one of our fantastic Sports Majors and have a go! Don't forget to let your teacher know how many you can do in 60 seconds! Have fun everyone!



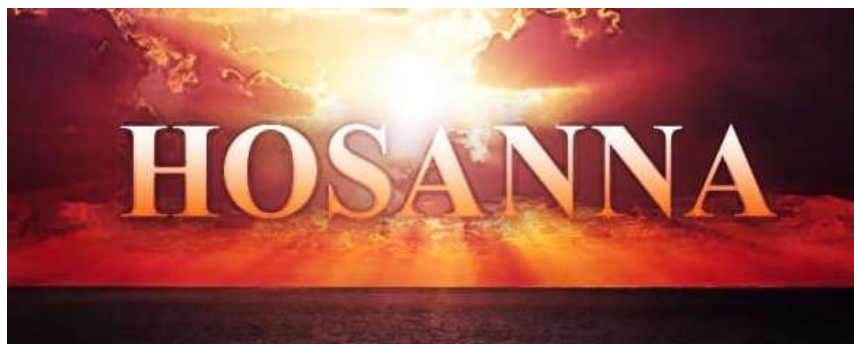
Our Catholic Life

Parish News

Information about parish life including the times and arrangements for Masses, Confession and arrangements for Easter 2021 is available via this link to the parish website: <http://www.ourladyoflourdessheffield.org.uk/>.

Our April Prayer: 'The Sanctus'

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He -
Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.



SJF Resurrection Mass 2021

A huge thank you to Fr Bede for celebrating our annual SJF Resurrection Mass. I would also like to thank our wonderful Y6 pupils who led the liturgy so beautifully as well as Mrs Barrett, Miss Heath and Mr Broadhead for all they did to prepare the Mass and the children.

A recording is now available on our website and can be viewed by clicking [here](#). Thank you.

Liturgy of the Word

Our next Liturgy of the Word will be led next week by the young people of **Y5**. It will be filmed on Wednesday 28th April 2021 and uploaded to the SJF website so that it can be viewed by the rest of the school, as well as by the children's families and friends on Thursday 29th April 2021.

Our Books of the Week!

This week we are recommending graphic novels to excite and interest our young readers.

For Our Younger Children

This is a cute story about how an unlikely trio came together to share some adventures. The story is told as a graphic novel and can certainly be read to a younger child or read by someone just passed the early reader stage.

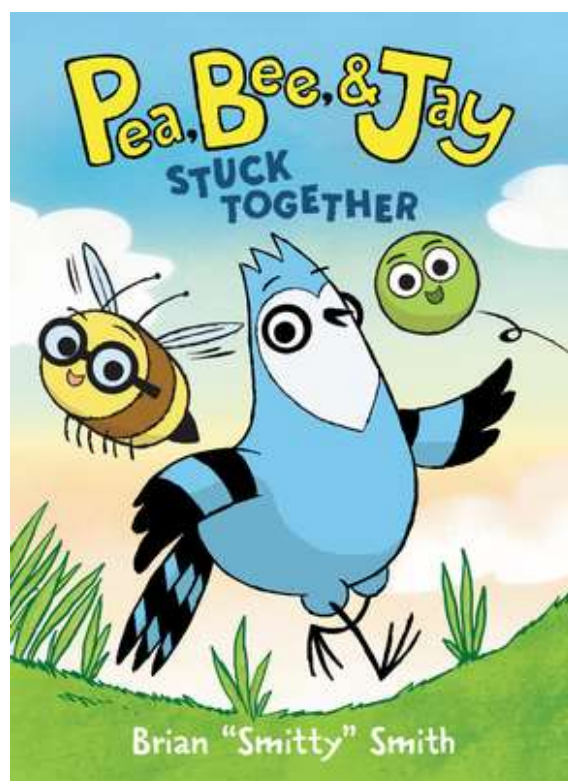
The main character is a young pea who likes to take off on his own and roll around the farm. Although told by his mother not to go too far, his friends encourage him to cross the fence to a tree, across from the farm and bring back a leaf from it as proof that he went that far.

Pea cannot resist the challenge but soon gets stuck on the other side when a flash storm hits.

He first encounters a bee, who is friendlier than thought he would be, and then the bird who has never flown, because it fell out of the nest.

Do they make it back? Why not read the story and find out?

The illustrations in this funny story are wonderful. It is a story about the importance of friendship from unlikely sources and is part of a very enjoyable series of stories.

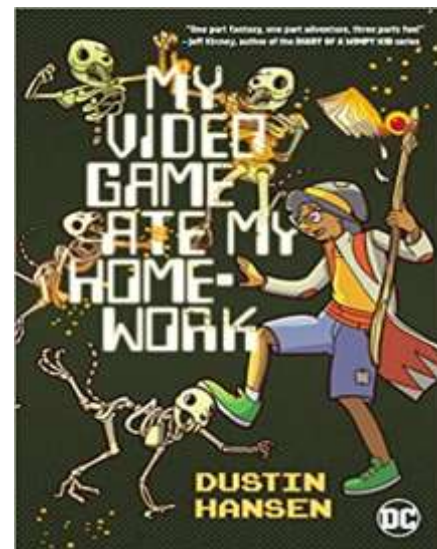


For our older children

This week's recommendation for our older children is an exciting graphic novel by DC Comics, the creators of the DC superheroes Universe and is called 'My Video Game ate my Homework'.

Dewey Jenkins is a 13-year-old who is about to fail his science class. Follow him on an amazing adventure that leads Dewey and his friends to a virtual world where they will have to overcome all sorts of digital creatures and solve a number of puzzles in order to get home.

'My Video Game ate my Homework' is a funny, fast-paced adventure that illustrates the importance of cooperation and teamwork as well as the importance of using your own unique abilities in order to solve problems. It's illustrated in Hansen's usual light-hearted, cartoony style, and is filled with lots of sight gags and nods to videogaming conventions. Click [here](#) for a preview.



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) 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:

- **Aureilia** in **Y2** recently achieved the standard required to receive British Gymnastics' Badge 5 and Badge 6 at the Sheffield Gymnastics Academy! Congratulations Aureilia, fantastic achievements!
- **Luca** in **Y3** Luca had a modelling assignment for National Express at the end of March and was 'Man of the Match' for his football team recently, after putting in an amazing performance! Congratulations Luca!
- **Zayd** in **Y3** took part in Ramadan charity litter pick for the Sheffield Children's Hospital which raised more than £1000 for the local community! Please click [here](#) to see the Sheffield Star article. An amazing achievement Zayd, well done!
- **Ellie** in **Y4** won an Easter bonnet competition during the holidays! Well done, Ellie! What a star!

Term 5 Learning Value: Teamwork

This term we focus on the value, 'Teamwork'.

Teamwork is key in both in learning and sport. When we pull together we are greater and can achieve more than when we separate and isolated and focused on doing our own thing.

Teamwork enables us to share what we know and do well with others. It also enables us to listen and learn from others' knowledge and experiences.

Being part of an effective team provides its members with opportunities to learn about leadership and supporting those who lead.



Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is "**I know what humility means.**"

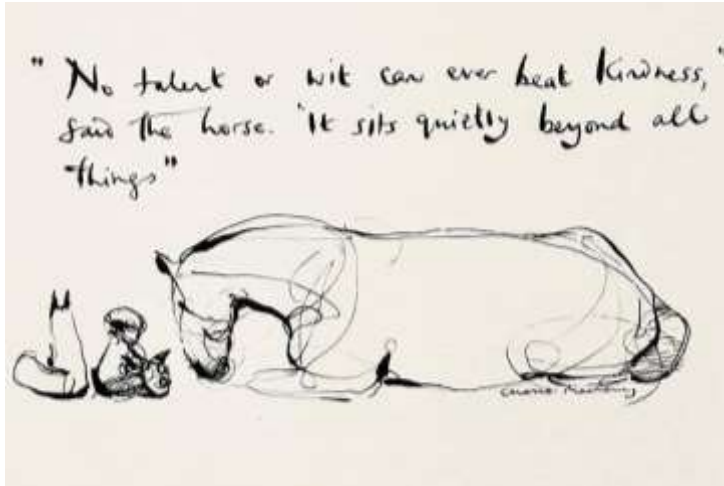
Time to talk: Humility is a quality that people demonstrate when they have a modest or low sense of their own importance. It is a quality demonstrated by the life and example of Jesus Christ.



It is a trait of all the Saints who came to know and love God and whose lives are examples to us.

To show humility is not to diminish yourself in any way, but rather to lift others up by your words and actions.

Why is it important to show humility? What difference can it make? What would the world be like if more people showed humility, especially those in powerful positions?



Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.

C.S. LEWIS

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

