

## Queen Elizabeth II

As a community we were saddened to learn about the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

We remembered her and her family in our prayers both as a staff at our briefing before school and today as a whole school community at our Welcome Mass. The prayer is also shared on our website and below.



Lord God of all consolation, as we give you thanks for the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, and bring to you our sadness and sorrow; so too we lift before you all the members of the Royal Family. Be with them, O Lord, as they grieve not only for their Queen, but for their beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

May they find great comfort in the promise of the new heaven and the new earth, wherein pain and suffering, grieving and sorrow will be no more and you will wipe away every tear. Surround them with your love, remind them of your presence and encourage them in the sure and certain hope that belongs to all who trust in your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly pray that you would look upon your servant, King Charles. Give to his Majesty, enduring wisdom and faith in the service of the people of this land and of you, his Lord and master.

Grant that his reign may be one of faithful witness and prove to others a source of hope, that they may come to know more fully your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Enrich him with your heavenly grace; prosper him with all happiness; and bring him to your everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

## *Supporting the Children*

On Monday we will have a special assembly to celebrate the long life of Queen Elizabeth and mark her passing. The children will have opportunities to talk, ask any questions they might, especially if recent events trigger something for them. They will also join in with a range of appropriate and related activities on Monday.



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### Welcome!

We have all been really excited to welcome back our children and their families for the start of the new school year. It has been great to catch up with everyone. We are delighted to welcome all our new starters too. Most have joined in FS2 and are settling in brilliantly, but we have also been joined by some older children in other classes who are also settling in well. We welcome their families too and invite them to engage fully in the life of our special community.

We welcome Mrs Goodband who has joined us on a temporary basis to cover FS2 whilst we recruit a permanent replacement for Mrs Darken - who is also back for a few days helping us to complete the statutory baseline assessments on all our new FS2 children. We thank Mrs Goodband and Mrs Prentice for all their hard work in helping our youngest pupils to settle in to school so well.

### Weekly Awards

The usual weekly awards will start next week. This first week has been one of reconnecting and settling back in. There was no Celebration Assembly today because we gathered for our Welcome Mass this morning.

### Pupils' Voice at SJF



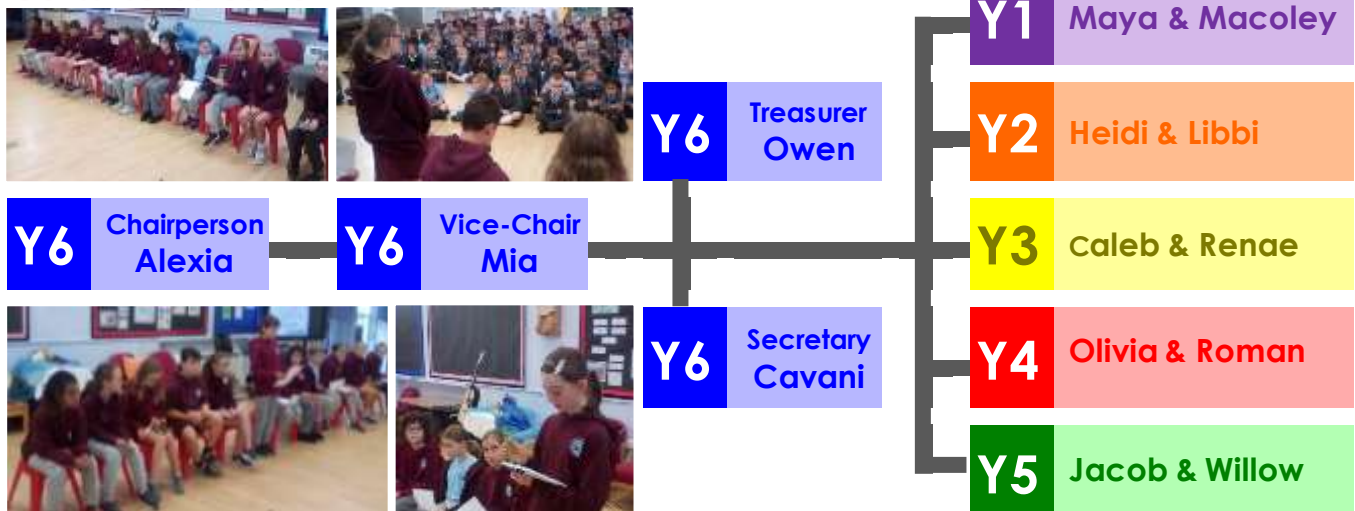
#### *School Council Elections*

This week at St John Fisher we held the hustings that precede the election of the four Y6 Senior Councillors to our School Council. Twelve Y6 children put themselves forward as candidates for the four most senior positions on the council. Every candidate had thought carefully about why they wanted to be a Senior Councillor, making articulate and passionate speeches in which they shared their ideas and motivations with the rest of the children in Years 1 to 6, - who listened intently, before casting their votes.

The children then voted privately for the candidate who had impressed them most. The votes were then counted and the child who received the most votes was allowed to choose the senior role they wanted to do most. The child who received the second highest number of votes then chose from the three remaining roles, and so on, until all the positions had been filled.

Firstly, I would like to thank all our candidates for having the courage and drive to put themselves and take part. They were all wonderful, and I was so proud of them all! Secondly, I would like to congratulate the four children who were elected and wish each of them every success in the year ahead. Next, I would like to congratulate the councillors elected in each of the classes, from Y1 to Y5, at the end of the last academic year, and wish them a happy and successful year on the council too. Finally, I would like to thank Mr MacInnes, who supports the School Council in its important work.

#### *Our SJF School Council 2021- 2020*





### SJF Calendar

Our new 2022-2023 calendar is available on our website by clicking this [link](#).

### State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II

We expecting confirmation of the date of the Queen's state funeral soon, which, if it is to take place on a weekday, will probably be a bank holiday. This means that school will be closed on that day. We will share the information as soon as we have it.

### Confirmation of Final INSET Day

We still await confirmation of the date of one of our staff training (INSET) days for this academic year. I hope the organisation that is delivering the training will be able to confirm the date next week. As soon as they do, we will share it immediately. Though this matter is out of our hands, I apologise for the delay.

### School Uniform

Our uniform is important and pupils are expected to wear it and look smart every day. Our uniform is key to our identity as a school, and reflects our ethos and high standards and expectations. We are grateful to all parents/carers for supporting us. We agree with the government position on supporting families, especially in this time of economic stress, so we will continue to provide support to families who need it. We have a stock of good quality pre-loved school uniform available via our friends from the PTFA and we would be grateful if parents/carers could continue passing on to us good quality items of uniform that their children no longer need so that we can pass it on.



### Official Uniform Suppliers

We do have two official suppliers called 'Logo Leisurewear' and 'School Trends'. These are the only organisations licenced to sell SJF uniform with the school logo on it. No one else is permitted to sell SJF uniform with our logo, including the market at Crystal Peaks. Here are the links to the SJF pages on the websites of our two official suppliers:



**LOGO LEISUREWEAR LTD**

- for **Logo Leisurewear** SJF uniform please click [HERE](#)
- for **School Trends** please click [HERE](#)

Parents and carers can, of course, purchase uniform items without a logo from other sources, as long as they are in the correct school colours.



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### PE Uniform

Please note that children are expected to come to school wearing their PE uniform on PE days. The official items can be purchased, with logos, from either supplier. If parents/carers opt to source items from elsewhere they must be absolutely plain with no logos, slogans or other embellishments. **No designer labels e.g. Nike, Puma or Adidas etc.** The sweatshirt must be plain maroon/burgundy and the bottoms must be **plain light** grey joggers. **No leggings.**

### PE Days 2022-2023 (from 06-09-22)

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



### Earrings and Jewellery

A reminder that children are **not** permitted to wear earrings/studs or any kind of jewellery at school. We ask parents/carers to arrange for their children's ears to be pierced at the beginning of the summer holiday, if this is what they want, so that the holes are healed in time for September. The wearing of sensible analogue watches is encouraged. Smart watches, with connectivity to 4G/social media etc. are not permitted.

### School Shoes

Whilst trainers/high boots **can** be worn to/from school e.g. in bad weather or to play football **at break-times**, pupils are expected to wear proper school shoes in school i.e. **NO** high boots or trainers (even all black ones).



(except on PE days and for break-times)

### Reminders

- no leggings at any time
- no open necked shirts/blouses
- no blue polo shirts – plain/logo'd light blue t-shirts ONLY
- mid-length shorts
- black school shoes not trainers (trainers can be worn on PE days or at break-times to save school shoes)
- white socks with summer dresses (Terms 1, 5 and 6)

### Children's Medication

Parents and carers with children who have medication in school are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that there are sufficient supplies in school and that the medication is in date. Please check at the start of the year and complete/update the care plan if appropriate.

### Wraparound Care

If you would like to find out more about the wraparound care – before and after school – offered by our trusted partners, JPAC, please call Ryan Robertson (**07971 957839**) or click [here](#) for more information. Thank you.



### Term 1 Curriculum Overviews

The Term 1 Curriculum Overviews will be sent out shortly. Please contact us if have any questions of if you need our help to support your children. Thank you.



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### SJF Governors

Governors fulfil such a vital role in the life of our school. In Catholic academies, like ours, there are different sorts of Governor. The majority are Foundation Governors. These are appointed by the Bishop of Hallam on the recommendation of the Parish Priest. Two Governors are elected by parents and carers and there are staff Governors. Please contact us if you are interested in finding out more about becoming an SJF Governor.

Governors' Names	Current Governors' Designations (September 2022)
• Mr D Beever	Foundation Governor ( <b>Chair of Governors</b> )
• Mrs F Nelis	Foundation Governor ( <b>Vice-Chair of Governors</b> )
• Mr J Ball	Foundation Governor
• Mrs S Ludlam	Foundation Governor
• Mrs C Prestige	Foundation Governor
• <b>vacancy</b>	Foundation Governor
• Mr A Drummond	Parent Governor
• <b>vacancy</b>	Parent Governor
• Mr F Barratt	Headteacher
• Mrs MM Barrett	Staff Governor (teaching staff)
• Vacancy	Staff Governor (support staff)



### Pupil Premium Grant





If you are in receipt of income-based benefits of one kind or another then your child(ren) might be entitled to receive a **Pupil Premium Grant (PPG)** which comes to school and **free school meals** for your child(ren) until they leave primary education. The grant is also available to children in care and those with parents serving in the UK armed forces. If you think that you might be entitled to the grant, or want to find out more please speak in confidence to Mrs Ramsden.

It is important to claim the PPG even if your child is in FS2/Y1/Y2 and receives the free school meals funded by the government for children in these classes and Mrs Ramsden can advise you about this too. Thank you.



### Term 1 Smiley Scores & House News

Smiley scores will be published in next week's newsletter and updates will be shared through the Class Dojo website, so please make sure that you sign up and check.

Emblem	Head of House	Actual Feast Day	SJF Colour Day	2022/23 Charities
<b>St Andrew</b> 	Miss D'Roza	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	<b>Members' Blue Day</b> Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	<b>The Bishop of Hallam's Good Shepherd Appeal</b>
<b>St David</b> 	Mrs Raynes	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	<b>Members' Yellow Day</b> Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	<b>Bluebell Wood Hospice</b>
<b>St Patrick</b> 	Mrs Walton	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>Members' Green Day</b> Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>Mission Together</b>
<b>St George</b> 	Mr Johnson	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2023	<b>Members' Red Day</b> Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	<b>CAFOD</b>





### *Our Additional Charity for 2022-23: Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice*

We will again be supporting the Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice which began in 1998, with the vision to help families in this area who wanted an alternative to hospital care. Fundraising started when 11-year-old Richard and his mum wanted him to pass away at home.

In 2004, everyone's support made the dream come true and they began to build the hospice. On 19th September 2008, the doors opened to the first families who needed help.

Since then, the hospice has supported hundreds of children from across South Yorkshire, North Derbyshire, North Nottinghamshire and parts of North Lincolnshire.



*"We've helped tired mums and dads get some much needed me-time; looked after brothers and sisters who are feeling angry, lonely or confused; and been there for families during the last moments of their child's life. Without fundraising, our support over the years just wouldn't have been possible: your donations have paid for every day trip, and funded every session of sensory play. But our life-changing care doesn't stop now. We want to reach even more families, and show them all the fantastic things we can offer."*

Please click [here](#) to find out more. Thank you.

### Our Catholic Life

#### *Welcome Mass*

I would like to thank Fr Bede for celebrating our Welcome Mass. It was a wonderful way to root the year and pray for God's blessings as look forward with hope and optimism. It also gave us an opportunity to pray for the repose of the soul of the Queen and give thanks for her more than seven decades of service to our country and the Commonwealth. We also prayed for her family and for the intentions of our new king. The Y1-Y6 children, sitting with their buddies, were fantastic! They joined in so well with the singing and responses and behaved impeccably. I again received compliments from parishioners impressed by them.

I would like to thank Fr Bede for leading the celebration so joyfully, ensuring that Mass was a positive way to start our new school year! I would like to also thank Mr MacInnes for organising the liturgy and preparing our new Y6 pupils - who were all outstanding! They read and did their various jobs brilliantly, conducting themselves so well and with such maturity. I would like to thank Mrs Barrett and Mr Broadhead for the support they provided to Mr MacInnes and the children. Finally, I would like to thank Mr McGurrin, Mrs Downes and Mr Tandy for leading the music so well. You can reach this area of the website by clicking [here](#).

#### *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

#### *Collective Worship*



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Statement of Belief Assembly</b> (Headteacher)	<b>Virtues Assembly</b> (Class-Based)	<b>Themed Assembly</b> (Teacher-Led)	<b>Weekly Liturgy of the Word</b> (Class-Led)	<b>Celebration Assembly</b> (Headteacher)



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### Welcome Meetings

Welcome meetings take place for all classes start next week, in the Y6 classroom from 3.30pm. Supervised childcare in the Y5 classroom will be available.

<b>Y5</b> <b>Y6</b>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Y1</b> <b>Y2</b>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Y3</b> <b>Y4</b>	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>FS2</b>	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September				

### Achievements outside of School

**William** in **Y3** is a member of the 230<sup>th</sup> Sheffield (Gleadless) Scout Group and recently achieved a very special badge at his Beavers class. Each scout group has just one of these badges to cover beavers, cubs and scouts, which is given out rarely. William received it because when he attended a water event at Rother Valley Country Park with his dad, his father had a huge and sudden hypo and a fit. His dad needed to be looked after and an ambulance needed to be called. William reacted so well and handled the situation brilliantly! What a very brave and sensible young man! We are all very proud of you!

### Reading at SJF

#### *Book Extravaganza*

We invite you to a Book Extravaganza next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022 from 3.30pm until 4.00pm, in the school hall. We invite family and friends to come into the school hall at the end of the day to take home good books we no longer need. There will be no charge for them, though donations will be received, gratefully, and will be used to purchase new books, as we restock our library, Reading Nooks and Book Corners.

We plan to take any unwanted books left at the end of the day to charity shops and would appreciate the support of anyone willing to transport unwanted books to a charity shop. Thanks, in advance, for your support.

#### *The Marie Kerley Library*

With the amazing support of our fantastic PTFA the library has been transformed in honour of Miss Marie Kerley, the former member of staff who left us such a generous legacy to transform the school. Miss Kerley was passionate about books and getting children reading and so the library will be renamed in her honour. The children will be able to start using it next week and it will be opened formally and blessed at a later point. We thank the PTFA and especially Mrs Cooper and Mrs Pattison along with the team at Gripple for their hard work.

### St Clare Catholic Multi-Academy Trust

From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 our school has become a member of the St Clare Catholic Multi-Academy Trust along with almost all of the other Catholic primary and secondary Sheffield schools. For more information please click this [link](#).



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### Operation Encompass



Our school is an **Operation Encompass** school. Operation Encompass is the notification we receive when any of our children has been exposed to, or involved in any form of domestic incident. The notification is usually received at the start of the next school day.

Operation Encompass will ensure that specially trained members of staff on the Safeguarding Team are informed so that they can respond appropriately to support the safety and wellbeing of children and their parents/carers. Where necessary the school may be able to make provisions or adjustments in order to assist the young person and their family. To find out more about Operation Encompass you can click on this [link](#).

At St John Fisher, the Safeguarding Team is:

- **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):** Mr Barratt
- **Designated Safeguarding Deputies (DSDs):** Mrs Barrett, Mrs Hadfield and Mr Smith



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### School Lunches

Please remember that children's lunches must be ordered by **midnight each Thursday** for the following week. You have the option to order for more than one week if you choose.

**Taylor Shaw**  
Seeing food differently

Taylor Shaw will work with our School Council to in order to design and set the menus. Please talk to your children about their meal choices to avoid disappointment in school!

### Our Term 1 Learning Value

Our value for this term is '**Determination**'. Being determined is having the ability to keep going, even when there are setbacks. It's accepting that things don't always work out the way you expect them to, but continuing to set new goals that help you to grow as a person. Believing in yourself, being patient, and being the best that you can be are all important parts of determination!

#### *What does determination look like to you?*

- ✓ you can say "Yes I can!"
- ✓ you can set yourself your own challenging goals
- ✓ you have confidence to keep going, even when it is tough

#### *If you have determination, what do you realise?*

- ✓ never, ever, ever give up
- ✓ you can reach your potential if you believe in yourself
- ✓ your confidence gives you the strength to carry on

#### *How can you can show determination?*

- ✓ having a positive and determined mind-set
- ✓ setting challenging goals and having the courage to try
- ✓ be a superhero
- ✓ say "Yes I can!"

### Statement to Live By

Our 'Statement of Belief' next week is: "**We are all special**"

**Time to talk:** To know we are special is to know that we are loved.

We are all amazing - created to be unique and special by a God who knows us and loves us. We all have gifts and talents, those special things which make us unique. What makes you special? What makes your friends special? What about those you live with and love?

Remember that God created us to be brilliant and to shine every day. When we feel a bit down or doubt ourselves it is important that we try to remember this because we are *all* special.



Your talent is Gods  
gift to you  
What you do with it is  
your gift back to God



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