



# St John Fisher News

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## Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Daisy Green** (Y3) for standing up for others (without hurting others) in line with this week's 'Statement to Live By'. Daisy is a very thoughtful young lady who already shows a willingness to put others first. When they find something hard she tries to help. She has been particularly thoughtful and kind to children who have recently joined her class; helping them to feel welcome, happy, safe and loved!

## FS2 Welcome Assembly

I would like to thank Mrs Darken and Mrs Prentice for preparing yesterday's special Welcome Assembly. I would like to thank Father Paul for joining us in order to present all the children who have SJF joined us this year with a special bookmark. Our children receive a bookmark when they join the community and also when they leave at the end of Y6. I would like to thank the Y4 buddies for supporting the FS2 children so marvellously. Thank you to all the parents, carers and friends of our FS2 children for joining us, but most of all I would like to thank the new starters of FS2 and other classes for making such a positive start and for really enriching our community with their presence.

## 50p Friday

Today began our new *monthly* House Charity collections which we are calling '**50p Friday**'. This is a voluntary collection of 50p from each child on the last Friday of the month in order for the House Teams to raise money for their specific House charities. The House Captains will collect the money and each month will total up the amount they have raised. At the end of the year we will be able to offer the money, hopefully in person, to a member of the relevant charities.

If you forgot and would like to be part of this, you can send in a contribution after the holiday in an envelope marked '**50p Friday**' with your child's House name/colour written on it. Thank you for your support.

### *House Charities 2014-15*

- **St Andrew**      **CAFOD** (Catholic Charity – worldwide focus)
- **St David**      **Good Shepherd** (Catholic Diocesan charities – local focus)
- **St Patrick**      **Mission Together** (Catholic Diocesan charity – worldwide focus on young people)
- **St George**      **Teenage Cancer Trust (Weston Park)** (local focus on young people)

## House News

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			
<b>297</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>272</b>

These are the final scores for Term 1, which means that **St Andrew's House are the Term 1 winners!** Today members were rewarded with extra play time. I would like to congratulate everyone in St Andrew's House! If your child forgot to hand in their smileys for counting they will be carried forward to next term instead.

### *Blue Day: St Andrew's Feast Day*

I would like to remind you that **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November** is the feast of St Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland. To celebrate the feast, the members of St Andrew's House (only) do not have to wear school uniform on that day. Instead, they can come to school wearing something blue and in the afternoon they will get together to do some special activities organised by Miss D'Roza, their Head of House.

**All children who are members of other classes are expected to wear their school uniform on that day.**

## Remembrance

At St John Fisher we believe strongly that it is important to honour Remembrance Day and the sacrifice made by our soldiers and their families through the years to the present day. All children will spend time leading up to Armistice Day reflecting on the origins of Remembrance Day and why it is so important. We will also pray for peace and remember all who are (or have been) affected by war.



On 11<sup>th</sup> of November we hold our annual Community Service of Remembrance at Our Lady of Lourdes church at 10.30am and you are all invited. We also invite anyone from our community who would like to join us, particularly current or ex-service personnel and their families. So please pass on this invitation to them

If they would like to take part in the service, by simply taking the class wreaths from some children and laying them at the foot of a cross we would really appreciate it and ask that you pass us their details so that we can get in touch. I would also like to hear from any former or current members of the armed services who would be prepared to come into school to talk to the children about why Remembrance Day is important to them. Opportunities like this can really help the children's understanding.

Poppies will be on sale after the holiday (from 2<sup>nd</sup> November), so we ask that children bring in a contribution for the Royal British Legion if they would like one. Thank you.

## SJF Black History Week

This week the children have been learning about the lives and contributions of significant black and Asian people through history. This work is part of a wider national/international initiative and compliments the history we teach and have always taught. It also supports the work we already do to promote tolerance, understanding and community cohesion. Below are messages from our council and Prime Minister about the initiative. Some of our work will be shared at the exhibition **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 9.00am-10.00am**).



*Events to mark Black History Month have been held in Sheffield since 1997.*

*Black History Month provides an ideal opportunity for students, parents, teachers and the whole community to learn about Black History and to celebrate the diversity in modern day society.*

*Black History Month activities play a vital role in promoting racial equality and community cohesion by breaking down barriers and increasing knowledge of local communities and society*

*By highlighting their stories, we are able to reveal the vital role those individuals have played in shaping our society.*

*But Black History Month is not just about learning from the past, but also a time to unlock tomorrow's opportunities.*

*Over generations, we have built something extraordinary in Britain – where people can come with nothing and in one or two generations can rise as high as their talent allows.*

*The African and Caribbean community embodies that spirit. Members of the community are at the top of every field in Britain; from leaders of multi-million-pound businesses, to sportsmen and Members of Parliament and Government Ministers like Sam Gyimah in the Government I lead.*



## Be Safe - Be Happy Week

When we return from the break it will be our third special curriculum week of the school year so far:



The children will explore a range of different issues including: bullying, fire safety, road safety, e-safety, stranger danger, basic first aid, 'bikeability' and safeguarding. Our work will be shared at our exhibition on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 9.00am-10.00am**). Mr Broadhead, our computing and technology lead, is also planning e-safety presentations for parents and carers keen for more information about the range of potential threats our children face when they use the internet, especially unsupervised, and the steps that can be taken to protect them. Details about these sessions will follow shortly, thank you.

### Top Table

This week's winning family - chosen by Mrs Bower and our lunchtime supervisors - is the Dove family! Congratulations to Matthew, Joseph, Ellie, Evie, Joel, Matthew, Jack S and Marcus! Well done, we are all proud of you!

### Achievements Outside of School

- **Erin Gent** in **Y2** not only achieved the British Gymnastics Proficiency Level 2 Award but she also managed to achieve the National Ice Skating Association Level 2 Award as well! What incredible achievements, well done Erin!
- **Abigael Collins** in **Y6** won a competition for decorating her tent in a 'Bill and Ben' theme in the Sheffield District Association Feast of lanterns event! For this she received a beautiful trophy. Congratulations!

### Term 1 Reading Awards

The children who have achieved a Reading Award for Term 1 will receive certificates next term and will be named in the first newsletter of Term 2.

### Assemblies

#### *Weekly Liturgy of the Word*

I would like to thank the young people and staff of Y1 for leading this week's beautiful liturgy, as well as the family and friends who supported them. When we return from the break the liturgy on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November** will be led by the young people of **Y6** and we invite their family and friends to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am on that day. Thank you.

#### *Celebration Assembly*

Congratulations to all the children mentioned in today's assembly. Thank you also to everyone who joined us, it was really nice to see you. The next celebration assembly will be on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November** and the parents, carers, family and friends of our **Y4** pupils are invited to join us at 3.00pm in the school hall.

### Y4 Kingswood

The young people of Y4 have enjoyed a two day 'bush craft' residential at the Dearne Valley Kingswood Centre, Conisbrough. I would like to thank the children for being so polite and positive; the Kingswood staff and my colleagues; Mr Smith, Mrs Miller and Mrs Scott for all their hard work in supporting the children.

There will be a report in the first newsletter of the new term. Thank you.

### Head Lice

Please remember to check your children's hair regularly and treat it in line with the guidance letter sent out recently if you discover anything. Thank you.

### Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Charlie Emmet	Jacob Nelson	Sophie Harwood	Jack Oadley	Ben Forgo	Imogen Cranston	Faye Curtis

Please look out for their fantastic work in the school hall!



## Golden Children

This week's Golden Children are:

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Filip Dworak</b> for having a really improved attitude to learning. Filip has really impressed with his reading and writing. Well done Filip!
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Chloe Msungi</b> for always trying her best in <i>everything</i> she does! Well done!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Molly Peckham</b> for making such a fantastic start since joining SJF! She is a wonderful friend and a positive role-model!
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Christian Adusei</b> for having a positive attitude to learning and everything he does! Well done!
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>The whole class</b> for being so positive and for engaging so well during their residential to the Dearne Valley Kingswood Centre this week!
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Abdullah Al-Rammahi</b> for writing an amazing 'I have a dream...' speech in the style of the Reverend Martin Luther King!
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Jack Harwood</b> for working so hard this term. He has risen to every challenge that he has been set and demonstrated an amazingly positive attitude!

## Attendance This Week

<b>FS2</b>	99.6%	Elvis Owl will visit in Term 2!	93.6% Term 1 Average	Year 1 will enjoy some 'Golden Time' at the beginning of Term 2 as a reward for their efforts this term
<b>Year 1</b>	97.6%		98.5% Term 1 Average	
<b>Year 2</b>	100%	Bobby Bear will visit in Term 2!	98.1% Term 1 Average	
<b>Year 3</b>	96.6%		95.9% Term 1 Average	
<b>Year 4</b>	99.7%	Brenda Bear will visit in Term 2!	96.9% Term 1 Average	
<b>Year 5</b>	96.6%		97.5% Term 1 Average	
<b>Year 6</b>	97.7%		97.0% Term 1 Average	
<b>Weekly Target</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>This week's Average Attendance</b>	<b>98.2%</b>	<b>96.9% Term 1 Average</b>

## Attendance This Week









### Here is a message from Mrs Darken

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents that came to the FS2 literacy event. It was a pleasure to welcome you in to our classroom and share some of our learning.

The parents and children explored a variety of books and activities. It was fantastic to really see the excitement and enthusiasm reading can bring. We really hope you enjoyed it.

The literacy event is part of a project run through many Sheffield schools to help support Raising Early Attainment in Literacy (REAL). If you would like any more information about the project please see me.

This event was aimed at highlighting the importance of books to progress in literacy and the amazing influence reading to and with you children can have.

Here is a short video that shows some ideas when reading with young children (press control and left click).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6QVfbYvPaAM>

Our next literacy event for FS2 children and parents is on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 9-12.30. We really hope that you can come.

### Determination Awards

This term we have focused on the school value '*determination*'. The young leaders have led lunchtime activities for the whole school with a focus on being determined. It has been a fun term and very busy.

Each week they have nominated a child from each year group for a determination award and here are the children who have shown most determination during the young leader activities:

- **FS2** Kessy Higiro
- **Y1** Jacob Genita
- **Y2** Phoebe Kilbride
- **Y3** Jack Oadley
- **Y4** Isabelle Walton-Hall
- **Y5** Julia Kepinska
- **Y6** Hannah Moomba

The teachers have also been looking out for the class who has shown the most determination in their learning this term. It was a really tough choice, but the winning class for the 'Determination Trophy' this term is **FS2**! Congratulations to Mrs Darken and Mrs Prentice, your class have done you proud!

### Pet Club

I would like to congratulate all the children who have been part of the PDSA Pet Club in Term 1. Well done to Emily Cowlinshaw, Harry Cawthorne, Lily Peters, Isla Thompson, Jack Swain, Max Peckham, Charlie Ogden, Millie Taylor, Joel Broadhead, Ellie Cope, Ruby Molloy and Ruby Hayward. The first sessions of Pet Club have now finished and these children will be presented with their 'Bronze Award' certificates at the first Celebration Assembly next term.

Mrs Asquith would like to say a special thank you to the children and parents who came and showed their pet and gave the children valuable information to support their learning. Thank you to Vinny Ambrose and 'Lionel' for coming and showing us how important it is to train your dog and make sure that they display the right behaviours.

Thank you to Louis and Finlay Mappin and 'Tuck' and 'Roll' for coming and showing us how important it is to have the right food and environment for hamsters and how to ensure they get plenty of exercise. Finally thank you to Oliver and Lily Peters and 'Jake' for providing information about Geckos and showing how you have to be really careful and gentle with pets.

### October Rosary

We have now completed all the mysteries of the Rosary at our Friday Prayer Group. Thank you to all the children who brought Rosary beads, candles and pictures to help us think more carefully about the special times in Jesus life.

### November Remembrance

In November we are asked to pray for all our family and friends who have died. If you have a photo of someone you would like us to pray for we will place them in our Remembrance Garden in the newly developed Sacred Space. Please make sure you have the person's name and the name of your child on the back as we will return them to you at the end of November. Each person will be named and prayed for during our assemblies throughout November.

### Thank You

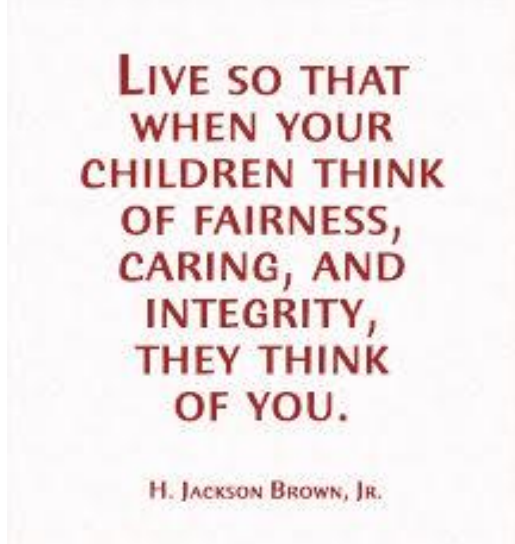
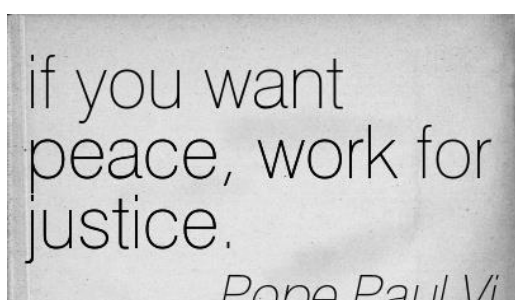
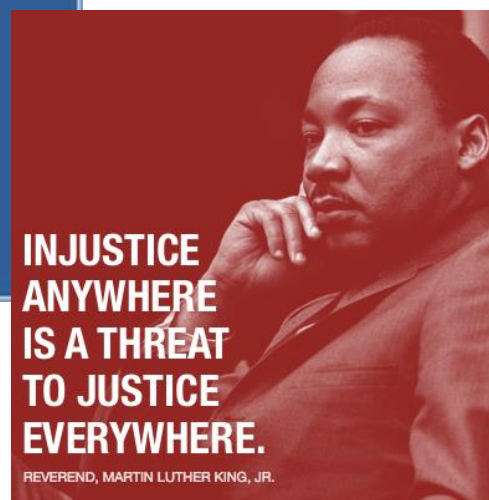
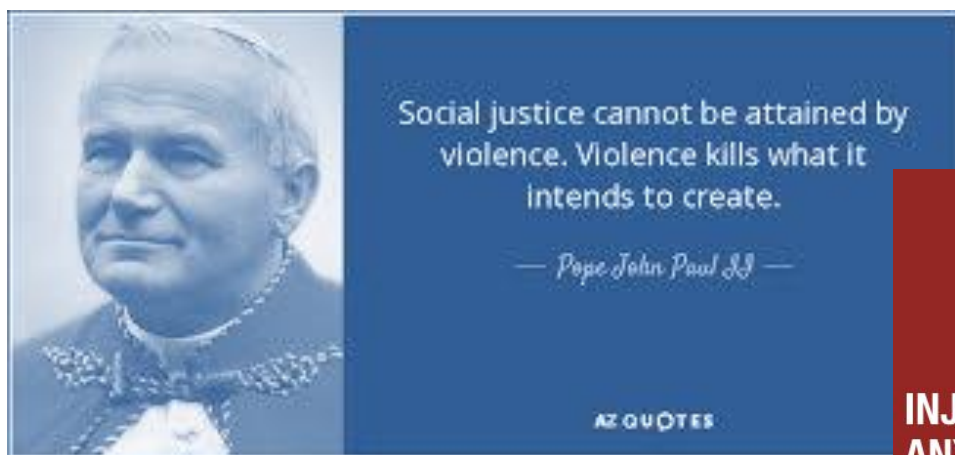
I would like to thank Mrs Prentice for all her hard work in organising the Christmas cards. All money raised will be given to the Student Council to spend on their projects.

### Statement to Live By

When we return our 'statement to live by' will be **"I try to be just and fair!"**

**Time to talk:** Together you could think about the word 'just' and what it means when we talk about being 'just' and fair. Why do you think it is important to be treated fairly? What does it feel like to be treated unfairly? Can you think of a time when you treated someone in a just and fair way? Can you think of a time when you didn't? If you see someone not being treated justly and fairly what should you do? Who can you tell?

Remember, everyone in our community has the right to feel happy, safe and loved every day. Have a great



Have a very relaxing, safe and happy holiday,  
Best wishes  
Mr Barratt