

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Zuza Jasicka** in **Y5** who knows why it is important to share kind words which make the world a better place in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Zuza is such a positive child who is always ready to share happiness - through her words and actions - so that others can also feel positive and happy. Thank you for being such a positive role-model Zuza, we are all very proud of you!

Term 3 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House



660

St David's House




523

St Patrick's House



625

St George's House



711

Term 3 House Champions!

Congratulations to the members of St George's House, our Term 3 champions! They enjoyed 'Golden Time' today as a reward for earning the most smileys in Term 3.

Smiley Awards

The following children achieved Smiley Awards this week: Alan Chudnowski, Charlie Emmett, Lexi Gascoigne, Kessy Higiro, Lacey-Lou Lockey, Olivia Moomba, Max Oadley, Faye Ramos, Olivia Whitely and Mike Masuka.

Yellow Day!

The feast of St David, the Patron Saint of Wales, is on Thursday 1st March. The members of St David's House will enjoy their 'Yellow Day' on Friday 2nd March. This means that members of St David's House ONLY are allowed to come to school wearing something yellow instead of our usual school uniform. This means that the children in the other three Houses must therefore wear full school uniform on that day. Thank you.



Collective Worship

Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday our school community came together for our Ash Wednesday Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. I would like to thank Mrs Holloway and the young people of Y5 for preparing and leading the liturgy so beautifully. I would like to thank Fr Paul for his support in the preparation of the liturgy and for celebrating Mass. I would like to thank the children for their fantastic behaviour and to all our families and friends, from the school and parish communities who were able to join us.

Lent

Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, a time of preparation for Easter - the greatest Christian feast. Lent ends with Holy Week which recalls events leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection. Lent lasts for six weeks or forty days and does not include Sundays. It is a special time when Christians reflect on the direction of their lives and decide whether there are things they need to change. It is also a time when Christians think of others and think about doing more, or fasting and giving something up. All of these actions are about making changes for the better so that we can be the best we can be and in doing so, grow closer to God.

Good Shepherd Lenten Appeal - The SJF Penny War!

During Lent we will be collecting for St Patrick's House charity, 'The Good Shepherd Appeal'. We will have a penny war! During a penny war we invite the children to collect pennies and two-pennies. These can be placed in a class collecting tins at the beginning of the school day. A penny is worth **1** point and a two-pence coin is worth **2** points.



Sabotage!

Silver coins can also be used to sabotage the efforts of another class! Any Silver coins added to the tin of another class will reduce the amount of points in that tin:

- 5p will reduce the total in the tin by 5 points
- 10p will reduce the total in the tin by 10 points
- 20p will reduce the total in the tin by 20 points etc.

The class tins will be placed in the School Hall each lunchtime for the children to add their silver coins (if they have them) to a tin of their choice. The aim is to add silver coins to the tins which look the most full.

At the end of the Term 4, the class tins will be opened and all the coins counted and points added up. The silver coins in each tin will also be counted and the necessary deductions will then be made from the final total. The class which has collected the most will receive a Golden Time for a whole afternoon, as a reward.

Our Penny War will begin the first week of Term 4.

All money raised will be donated to support the Bishop's annual 'Good Shepherd' appeal which supports the vital work of small Diocesan charities and support services. These help people all over the Diocese (which covers South Yorkshire, north Derbyshire and north Nottinghamshire).



Diocese of Hallam

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next liturgy will be led by the young people of **Y3** on **Thursday 1st March**. It is also World Book Day, but the children may still dress up as their favourite costumes if they would like to. The family and friends of our Y3 children are invited to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

Celebration Assembly

We invite the family and friends of our **Y4** pupils to join us for our next Celebration Assembly on **Friday 2nd March 2018**, which takes place in the School Hall and starts at 2.55pm. Thank you.

March/Lent Prayer

When we return for the start of Term 4 our prayer will be 'The Confiteor'. It is a prayer which is shared towards the beginning of Mass. We acknowledge our sins and ask for help to be (and do) better next time:

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault.

Therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.



Attendance this Week		
FS2	97.3%	Elvis the owl will visit next week
Year 1	96.7%	
Year 2	96.0%	
Year 3	96.1%	
Year 4	95.9%	
Year 5	97.5%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
Year 6	97.5%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
Target	97.5%	This week's average attendance: 97.2%

The overall attendance is just below our 97.5% target this week. Please ensure that pupils attend school if they are well enough to.

Congratulations to all the children in the two classes above target this week!

Assessment Point 3

This week has been the third assessment week of the academic year. The results are being collated and outcomes will be shared in the children's next interim report during the parent/carers pupil progress and achievement meetings which take place on 19th and 20th March 2018.



Golden Children

FS2	Willow Marsden for always trying her best and listening well in teaching tasks.
Y1	Ellie Beever for super behaviour, always paying attention and loving learning!
Y2	Tyler Hague for a positive attitude and resilience to his writing work.
Y3	Tiarnan McKeown for an improving attitude to his work, producing fantastic writing with excellent handwriting! Well done!
Y4	Hibah Javid for a great attitude to tasks, quiet and determined concentration in class and working independently in her work!
Y5	Lorenzo Dizon For a great attitude to his work and for being so polite! Keep it up Lorenzo!
Y6	Lily Sanders for wonderful improvement in her mathematics. Excellent work!

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Zayd Din	Charlie Morgan	Olivia Whiteley & Olivia Moomba	Mia Whitehead	Amelia Denham	Millie Turner	Nedas Bagdonas

Make Learn Share!

Last week the young people of Y5 enjoyed a fantastic 'Make Learn Share' event organized by our special friends from All Saints Catholic High School. They were supported some talented students from Years 8 and 9 who worked with our children and who taught them how to program robots to move. The children then moved them in squares and even held relay races! It was great fun! Our children were fantastic ambassadors of our school. Their manners were impeccable and they joined in with everything so enthusiastically. Members of the public who were on the tram also commented to Mrs Holloway about how well our children behaved and how amazing their manners were! This is not the first time we have received such unsolicited feedback regarding the engagement, behavior and manners of our children when they are offsite, and I could not be more proud of them. I would like to thank Mr Pender and his fantastic team for providing us with this great opportunity.



Reading Allowed



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After the holiday we will restart our 'Reading Allowed' programme in which young people in Years 5 and 6 share stories with younger children regularly to promote a love of books.

Book Week

A reminder that the first week back after the holiday will be 'Book Week'. To mark the centenary of women starting to get the right to vote we will focus on female authors and books with female characters. The children in FS2 and KS1 will be visited by Sue Wilkins, a Derbyshire author, on the first day back (Tuesday 27th March), who will read her books and answer questions about being an author.

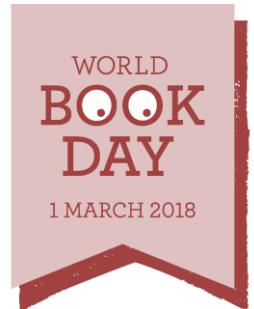
World Book Day

Thursday 1st March is World Book Day. As it is a special day, children and staff are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We would appreciate a £1 voluntary contribution per child to dress up. Thank you for your support.

Extreme Reading Challenge

Between now and 1st March think of the weirdest, strangest and funniest place to read a book and take a picture and email it in to us via our general email address: enquiries@st-johnfisher.org. All we ask is that no risks are taken and children come to no harm in the process of taking photographs! The winners will receive Book Vouchers. Parents and carers can join in too! Here are some suggestions:

Extreme reading



You can also send in funny pictures which have been photo-shopped to show reading in strange places!



When you email the pictures please confirm that you are happy for them to be posted on the website (**no** children's names will be added to photographs posted on the website). If you do not want images posted please say when you email in the photographs. We will also check the standing consent list before uploading any images. Thank you.



Sports Leaders

Our learning value for Term 3 has been 'Respect' and the class that, as a whole has demonstrated this value is FS2! I would like to congratulate the children of **FS2** and their teaching and learning team for securing this special award! The individual winners are:

Term 3 Respect Champions		
FS2		Aalia Reuver
Y1		Oscar Nelson
Y2		Finlay Paige
Y3		Philemon Asumadu
Y4		Daisy Parkin
Y5		Rowan Lodge
Y6		Matthew Ford



Term 4 Value

Next term's learning value is 'passion' and there will be a special assembly dedicated to this key learning value when we return. Having passion for what we do drives us to do more and be more than is required. It pushes us forward; to ask questions of others and ourselves; to build a knowledge that is deeper and an understanding which is more complete. Passion is therefore a key learning value because it requires us to be more independent and not do things just because they are required, but because we are inspired; because we are interested and because something really matters to us.



The Oasis

During the holiday work on the new outdoor learning area begins. It is scheduled to take two weeks. This means that the area will not be accessible in the first week of Term 4.

	Start of Day
FS2	FS2 entrance
Y1	Y6 entrance (entrance nearest the gate)
Y2	Y6 entrance
Y3	Library entrance
Y4	Library entrance
Y5	Y5 class entrance
Y6	Y6 class entrance

	End of Day
	FS2 entrance
	Y6 entrance
	Y6 entrance
	Library entrance
	Library entrance
	Y6 entrance (entrance nearest the gate)
	Y6 class entrance

Times Tables

You may have seen in the news that the government is intending to introduce an annual nationwide screening of multiplication tables for children in Y4. A pilot is being rolled out currently. One of the key ways to help our children learn is to make it fun. We are therefore re-launching our existing Times Tables Rock Stars programme.

Great news! You can support your children's learning at home by downloading the 'TT Rock Stars' app (free) from the following app stores:

- ✓ Android App on Google Play
- ✓ Download on App Store
- ✓ Available from Amazon
- ✓ Available from LearnPad

So there are more ways your child can access fun games and learn their times tables.



INSET Day Reminder

I would like to remind you that school will be closed on Monday 26th February (the first Monday back after next week's holiday) because it is an INSET day. School opens for the start of Term 4 on Tuesday 27th February.



Term 4 Curriculum Overviews

Curriculum Overviews detailing for Term 4 will be shared in the first week. They will include information on how to support your children's learning at home. Remember, if you have any questions, need any help, or can support us in any way, please get in touch. Thank you.

Get Set, GO!

When we return for the start of Term 4 (27-02-18) there will be significant changes to the start of the school day. We are introducing our new daily 'Get Set, GO!' sessions which are designed to engage the children in learning at the very start of the day with a range of fun and motivating Mathematics and English activities and challenges.

Wake Up & Shake Up!

Our popular daily 'Wake Up & Shake Up' session will now take place on the playground every day at **8.40am**. The children will then go straight into class from 8.45am in order to join in with the 'Get Set, GO!' challenges.

Please note that this means there will be no more lining up before school.

The start of the school day will remain the same but all children will be encouraged to arrive at school to take part in the 'Get, Set, GO!' sessions if they can. We are very confident that the sessions will help, giving all children a vital learning boost to set them up for the day.

This means that children will only receive a late mark if they are late for the official start of school (and not if they do not arrive in time to take part in the 'Get Set, GO!' session). Children who miss the 'Get Set, GO!' session but arrive in time for the official start of the school day will also go straight to class. Staff will continue to monitor the gate as soon it is unlocked, as we do currently.

Bad Weather

In the event of poor weather before school everyone will continue to go straight into the School Hall, as we do currently. The children will then go to their classrooms from 8.45am for their 'Get Set, GO!' sessions. Pupils arriving after 8.45am when the weather is bad will go straight to their classes via the School Hall.

Achievements Outside of School

- **Bella Walton** in **FS2** recently achieved her 50m swimming award! A super achievement Bella, congratulations!
- **Alhamzah Al-Rammahi** in **Y3** was chosen to be the best player for his 'Young Owls' football team! Congratulations Alhamzah!
- **Maya DeSousa** in **Y4** achieved her 5m swimming award and also achieved the Level 3 swimming standard! Fantastic achievements Maya, well done!
- **Tamzin Samba** in **Y4** was selected for a full day's modelling shoot with E.on. She has also started piano lessons. Well done Tamzin we are all very proud of you!

Statement to Live By

Our next 'statement to live by' will be **'I try to appreciate the beauty and wonder in the world around me'**

Time to talk: Why not take time to be still and silent in your garden, in the park, the woods or countryside? What can you hear? What can you see? What can you smell? How do you feel? Can you take photographs or draw pictures of things you come across close up? Leaves, sticks, and flowers? What is your special place? Why? Where would you go if you could travel anywhere in the world? Why?



Finally

I would like to thank all the children for their hard work this term and for all they have each contributed to the rich life of our special community. I would like to thank my colleagues for all their hard work too and for the commitment and dedication they have shown this term. I would like to thank the Governors for the vital work they do to support school - often invisible and unknown - but incredibly important. I would like to thank our volunteers who give of their time so generously in order to support with things like reading and activities in class. I would like to thank Fr Paul for his constant support. Finally, I would like to thank all our parents, carers and friends for supporting us in so many different ways this term.

Have a wonderful holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 27th February** for the start of Term 4.

Best wishes,

Mr Barratt

