

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

The week's recipient is **Daniel** in **Y3** who understands the importance of justice and fairness in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Daniel is extremely thoughtful and shows kindness to other children and grownups in school. He knows what is right and fair and will always speak up and tell the truth if he does not think something is right. Well done Daniel, everyone is extremely proud of you!

Remembrance 2019

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Community Service of Remembrance

On Monday, Armistice Day, our community came together as a mark of remembrance for the dead and injured of the First World War and of all conflicts since.

Our Community Service of Remembrance was led by the young people of Y6 who together shared readings, poems and provided a commentary on the origins of Remembrance Day. They also led special prayers to honour the memory of all those affected by war, including those killed or injured in the service of our nation. We also prayed for their families and all civilian victims of war around the world, especially all the children.

The Service opened with an introduction and a welcome followed by an invitation for every child and adult to stand still for a minute's silence. Even our very youngest children managed this brilliantly.

Later in the service, representatives of each class, led by one of our parents, Mr Hardy, a Major in the Army Reserve, who also wore full ceremonial uniform, took part in a simple procession in which wreaths of paper poppies made by the children, were laid at the foot of a simple wooden cross on the Sanctuary.

As 'The Last Post' was played everything was still as we all took time to reflect and offer prayers for peace.

I would like to thank young people and staff of Y6 for leading the Service; Mr Hardy for volunteering to be part of the liturgy; everyone who was able to join us on the day; and Fr Paul for allowing us to use the church.



Remembrance Day Lessons

In preparation for Armistice Day, the children learned about the origins of Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day and why both are so important to everyone in our country. They learned about The Great War and its impact, not just on soldiers, but also their families at home. They learned that since its inception Remembrance Sunday is now a focal point for also remembering the dead and injured of all conflicts since.



*They shall not grow old,
As we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun,
And in the morning –
We shall remember them.*



Above centre: Corporal Liam Riley, from Killamarsh, who served in the 3rd Battalion, The Yorkshire Regiment, was killed in Afghanistan in February 2010 when he stepped on a roadside bomb as he tried to save a friend who had stepped on a similar device just moments before. He was aged just 21 years when he died. (Source: The Sheffield Star). **Above left:** an image from 'They Shall Not Grow Old' (Peter Jackson, 2018)



Term 2 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House  198	St David's House  191	St Patrick's House  183	St George's House  187
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Golden Children

FS2	James for using good sentences this week! What a star you are!
Y1	Rebecca for always trying her best with everything that is asked of her! Keep being a superstar!
Y2	Amelie for being kind as demonstrated when she offered to swap her part (as a narrator) in the forthcoming nativity play with another who had not been a narrator before. Amazingly generous!
Y3	Cavani for being a fantastic role-model because he is consistently and effortlessly kind, honest and helpful! What a star!
Y4	Polly for having a fabulous week and for persevering when she has encountered difficulties and challenges with her work! What a great example you are!
Y5	Alana for making such a fantastic start to life at SJF! she has settled, made new friends, worked hard and maintained a marvellously positive attitude throughout!
Y6	Isla T for having a great attitude to her work! A great example to others, well done!

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Natalie	Florence	Bruno	Lily	Ruby	Mike	Isla A

Calendar Reminders

- <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents-and-carers-zone/calendar/>
- [http://www.st-johnfisher.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/doclett-20180713194822-9030/SJF%20CALENDAR%20%20\(2018-2019\).pdf](http://www.st-johnfisher.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/doclett-20180713194822-9030/SJF%20CALENDAR%20%20(2018-2019).pdf)

18-11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refurbishment of the FS2 classroom begins Assessment Point 1 (Day 1)
19-11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Point 1 (Day 2)
20-11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Point 1 (Day 3) Parenting Support (4.00pm-6.15pm at school) – Dealing with Disobedience (Refreshments)
21-11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Point 1 (Day 4) No Liturgy
22-11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y2 Celebration Assembly (9.05am, School Hall) – the family/friends of our Y2 pupils invited Assessment Point 1 (Day 5)
28-11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Liturgy
29-11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y4 Advent Wreath Blessing (2.30pm, Hall) – the family and friends of our Y4 pupils invited
02-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue Day for the members of St Andrew's House ONLY
03-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupil Review Meetings (2.00pm-5.00pm, School Hall) PTFA Monthly Meeting ALL INVITED (6.30pm, School Hall) – please come along
04-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupil Review Meetings (5.00pm-7.00pm, School Hall)
05-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y4 Liturgy of the Word (9.05, School Hall) – the family and friends of our Y4 pupils invited
06-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTFA Santa in School (non-uniform day children can wear Christmas jumpers/party clothes)
10-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panto Day (Lyceum Theatre, Sheffield) – later return, details to follow (full school uniform)
11-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FS2 Nativity Play (dress rehearsal for school) Christmas Dinner Day 2019! (a non-uniform - Christmas jumper/party clothes - day)
12-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y3 Liturgy (9.05am, School Hall) – the family and friends of our Y3 pupils invited FS2 Nativity Play (2.15pm, School Hall) – there will be a raffle to raise funds
13-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum Showcase (8.45am-9.45am, School Hall) – all welcome!
16-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS1 Nativity Play (dress rehearsal for school)
17-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS1 Nativity Play (2.15pm, School Hall) – there will be a raffle to raise funds
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19-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS2 (Years 3-6) Community Carol Service (2.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes) - all welcome!
20-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Term 2 & Non-Uniform Day (Christmas jumper/party clothes)

School Christmas Holiday (23-12-19 to 03-01-20)

06-01-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> INSET Day (school closed to pupils for staff training)
07-01-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start of Term 3 (School reopens to pupils with Wake Up Shake Up at 8.40am)

Attendance this week			
1 st	Y4	98.4%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y1	98.0%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y5	97.6%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
3 rd	Y2	97.2%	
4 th	FS2	96.8%	
5 th	Y3	96.1%	
6 th	Y6	95.8%	
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 97.1%	



Get Set, GO! (8.40am)		
1 st	FS2	87%
2 nd	Y3	83%
3 rd	Y1	81%
4 th	Y6	81%
5 th	Y5	78%
6 th	Y4	75%
6 th	Y2	70%
Average = 79.3%		



COMPLAINT: Parking around School

We have received several complaints from our neighbours about the inconsiderate way they say that some of our parents/carers are parking at either end of the school day. We have received complaints that people's drives have been blocked and grass verges churned up because people are parking on them. Please park considerately and safely. Neighbours have also informed the local Police and Council who will be checking.

Catholic Life

November Prayer

During November we remember all those who have died and pray for the repose of their souls. We also remember the dead of war. Our prayer is:

***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
And let perpetual light shine upon them,
May they rest in peace. Amen.***



Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next 'Liturgy of the Word' will be on **Thursday 5th December 2019**, and will be led by the young people of **Y2**. We invite their family and friends to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am.

Celebration Assembly

Our next Celebration Assembly will be on **Friday 22nd November 2019** just after 9.00am in the School Hall. The family and friends of our **Y2** pupils are invited to join us there.

Advent Wreath Blessing Liturgy

Our annual liturgy is on **Friday 29th November 2019** at 2.30pm in the School Hall. The liturgy will be led by the young people of Y4, and the so the family and friends of our **Y4** pupils are invited to join us.

Advent & The Daily Advent Class Reflections

Our daily Advent class reflections will start on Monday **2nd December 2019** and then every day throughout Advent apart from PE days. The season of Advent is all about getting ready, spiritually, for the birth of Jesus. As mentioned there will be reflections in each class every day *except* PE days, Santa in school day and the day of the whole-school visit to the Lyceum visit. Parents, carers, family and friends are invited to join us on the following days-

- **FS2:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- **Y1 & Y2:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- **Y3 & Y4:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- **Y5 & Y6:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday



Spaces should be booked on the day through the School Office if you wish to attend. If you are attending, please arrive at 3.00pm so you are on time for a 3.10pm start as we will not interrupt the liturgies for late arrivals. Thank you for your understanding.

Parenting Support: Dealing with Disobedience

Please join us on Wednesday 20th November 2019, from 4.00pm – 6.15pm. There will be refreshments available for an informative discussion focused on dealing with disobedience! The aim of this session is to provide helpful skills to support your parenting.

There are limited places so please book your place with Mrs Pickering.

We look forward to seeing you!

Achievements Outside of School

At St John Fisher we celebrate all achievements in and out of school. Whether achievements are big or small we love to publish and celebrate them if they are important to our children. Please pass on details of any achievement outside of school so that we can share and celebrate it (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org). Thank you.



Beat Your Best

The SJF Weekly Personal Challenge!

Here is a message from Mr Johnson and his team of fantastic Sports Majors: This week we played 'Fox and Rabbit', a fun game that anyone can enjoy. Firstly the 'rabbits' wearing tag rugby belts with tags attached have to avoid the 'fox' who has one minute to snatch as many of the rabbits' tags as possible.

Foxes had a number of goes and their scores were recorded as they tried hard to improve each time throughout the week. The game was loads of fun and challenged our students in many different ways. The students developed:

- ✓ team skills as the rabbits worked together to keep away from the fox
- ✓ coordination skills as they were challenged to operate in small spaces whilst watching out for others playing the game
- ✓ confidence working against the clock as the fox had to remain calm under pressure and manage time effectively.



Well done to everyone who took part! The following did an excellent job and beat their best:

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Caleb Hector	Eddie	Isaac	Daniel	Alan	Ethan	Bethany



PTFA News!

BBC Children In Need Appeal 2019

An impressive **£320** was raised by our community in support of this year's 'Children In Need' appeal from the dress down contributions and the cake sale organised by the PTFA! I would like to thank our PTFA for all their hard work!

PTFA: Santa in School 2019

Thank you to everyone who came in this week in order to help prepare for Santa's special annual visit which this year is on **Friday 6th December 2019**.

Please speak to a member of the PTFA or contact them via their email address (ptfa@st-johnfisher.org) if you are able to help them set up the venue in readiness for Santa's visit on **Thursday 5th December 2019**. Thank you.

On **Santa in School Day** the children can wear Christmas jumpers or party clothes instead of school uniform.

PTFA: Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas Fayre

The St John Fisher PTFA is organising a toy stall for the Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas Fayre. They are asking for donations of loved but usable toys for the stall.

PTFA: KS2 Community Carol Concert 2019

Straight after our annual carol concert on Thursday 19th December 2019 you are all invited back to the School Hall for refreshments, mince pies/cakes and the obligatory raffle!

If you would like to help set up the hall and/or serve refreshments please contact the PTFA via their email address and leave your name and contact details (ptfa@st-johnfisher.org).

Alternatively, please speak to a member of the committee on the playground. All offers of help are greatly appreciated, especially at this busy and exciting time of year!



Refurbishment of FS2

The refurbishment of FS2 begins on Monday and is scheduled to last a maximum of four weeks. On Monday both the parish and school car parks will be out of action in the morning and there may be times when the parish car park is unavailable during the works. The project is focusing on electrics and lighting and there will be some redecoration.

Unfortunately we did not get all the funding we bid for, but we are remaining positive and will submit a new bid in 2020.

During the works the children will relocate to The Ark and the Fisher Room and the spaces linking them. They will also work out of the library. Staff are working incredibly hard to minimise the impact on the children and their learning.

Mrs Prentice will keep you all updated with photographs and the contractors are hopeful they will bring the project in on time.



BSBHW 2019 We were delighted to welcome back our friends from GIST who completed their road safety sessions with the classes after they were rained off last week! Here is Y6 after their session with their GIST gifts!



Statement to Live By

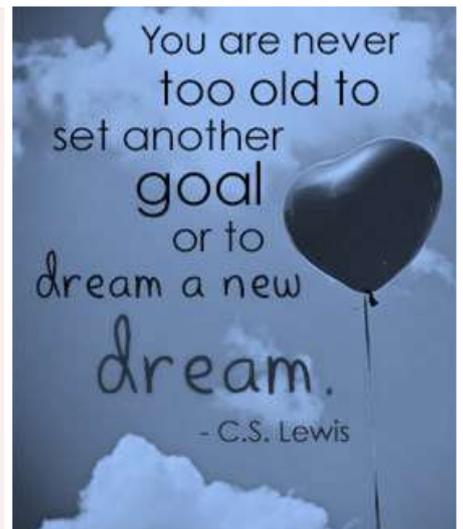
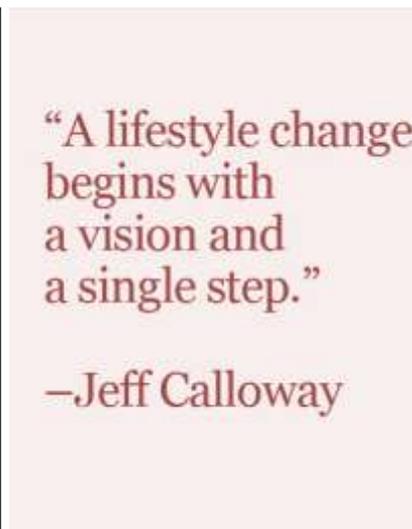
Our statement next week will be 'I can tell you how I look after myself'.

Time to talk: Together you could think about all the ways we can look after ourselves. You could try hard to eat healthily and exercise more regularly. You could try hard to play in the fresh air rather than stay inside all the time. You could go for walks in the woods or play in the park with your parents or grandparents. You could talk to someone if you have a 'worry ball'. What will you do?

What should you do if anyone or anything makes you feel uneasy or unhappy?

What should you do if you see someone who needs looking after in some way?

Who can you tell?



Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

