

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

 The first recipient of this special award was **Oscar Diaz** (Y4) who has made a great start to the new school year and impressed everyone with his fantastically positive attitude. He understands that it is very important to be positive about ourselves and so can say positive things about himself (and others) in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Congratulations Oscar, thoroughly deserved! We are all very proud of you!

Uniform

School Trends

I met with Jayne Burgess, a Regional Sales Manager from School Trends, this week in order to discuss the various problems faced by some of our parents and carers. It was a positive meeting during which the issues which had led to severe delays in the supply of uniform (already paid for); missed delivery dates; the lack of accurate information; the difficulties faced by parents/carers trying to speak to someone; the quality of some items; problems with the logo and frustrations that the shop had closed were all acknowledged. Ms Burgess apologised for the upset and annoyance caused and explained that there had been a major problem with the supply process which led to orders not being processed and a significant backlog developing. She assured me that everyone at School Trends and their suppliers were working hard to rectify things.

I then shared all the emails sent to me by parents/carers and I asked that they be responded to individually and Ms Burgess has committed to do this. Please let me know if you do not hear from School Trends and I will follow it up. The 'rogue' logo has been deleted so no garments should be produced with it from now on. Anyone who purchased items with the wrong logo can have them replaced. Please email us via our main email address (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) listing the items and the sizes required - and we will pass them on

Logo Leisurewear

I have pressed ahead with plans to have more than one official SJF supplier. This week I met with a representative of 'Logo Leisurewear', a company with a strong reputation who supply many local schools including Barlborough Hall, Mount St Mary's, St Wilfrid's and Sacred Heart. I also worked with them in my previous school. The company is local, based near 'Direct Cars', and they welcome parents and carers to their offices who want to inspect garments and/or want their children to try garments them on before ordering them. I was very impressed with the representative and have heard only positive things from Headteacher colleagues in the other schools they supply when I took soundings. I have decided to engage them and there will be a launch event in school soon so that parents and carers can view items and order them if they choose.

PTFA Information Evening

You are invited to the PTFA information evening on **Monday 24th September 2018** in the school hall. Refreshments from 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start.

It is a great opportunity to meet PTFA members and find out what they do. It is also a good way to meet people and make new friends, especially if you are new to our community.

The PTFA is always looking for new members to develop new ideas for events that will bring our community together and raise much-needed funds for our children. Please try to come along, thank you.



Curriculum Overviews

The Term 1 Curriculum Overviews for Years 1-6 have been sent out. The FS2 overview will be sent out shortly. They are available on the website via this link:

<http://www.st-johnfisher.org/curriculum/curriculum-overviews--2017-2018/2018---2019-curriculum-termly-overviews/>

Please do contact us if you need any help and advice or if you can offer help to us. Thank you.



Welcome Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended this week's Welcome Meetings. If you were not able to attend, but have questions please speak to the class teachers or use the class email and we will help in any way we can. I would like to thank my colleagues and the Taylor Shaw representative who attended some of the meetings.

Mathematics Workshop for Parents/Carers

You are all invited to a special workshop in the School Hall on **Tuesday 18th September**. The workshop will be led by Mrs Holloway and Mrs Broadhead. If you would like to find out more about how Mathematics is taught in every year group, so all parents and carers are invited. There will also be tips and ideas supporting children at home and advice if you struggle with aspects of Mathematics. Please come along. Children will be supervised by staff nearby.

Other Workshops

We also have a number of other workshops lined up aimed at helping parents and carers to support their children at home. The details are:

Tuesday 18 th September	3.30pm	Mathematics Workshop: SJF Curriculum & Approach	School Hall
Monday 24 th September	3.30pm	Mathematics Workshop: Addition & Subtraction	All Classrooms
Thursday 27 th September	3.30pm	FS2 Phonics & Reading Workshop (1)	FS2 Classroom
Thursday 11 th October	3.30pm	Y1 Reading and Spelling Workshop	Y1 Classroom
Thursday 25 th October	3.30pm	FS2 Phonics & Reading Workshop (2)	FS2 Classroom
Monday 12 th November	3.30pm	Mathematics Workshop: Multiplication & Division	All Classrooms
Thursday 29 th November	3.30pm	FS2 Phonics & Reading Workshop (3)	FS2 Classroom

Forthcoming Events

Please refer to the **SJF calendar** which was sent home before the holidays and available via this link:

<http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents-and-carers-zone/calendar/>

It contains details of planned events in the academic year ahead so that you can plan and prepare for them. Below is a summary of what is coming up:

18-09-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent/Carer Mathematics Workshop (3.30pm in the Hall) – children will be supervised
20-09-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y2 'Liturgy of the Word' (9.05am in the Hall) – family/friends of Y2 children invited FS2 Welcome Meeting (3.30pm in the FS2 classroom) – children will be supervised
21-09-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebration Assembly (9.05am in the Hall) – family/friends of Y5 children invited
22-09-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Day – All Saints
24-09-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Castle Martial Arts Day Mathematics Workshop: Addition & Subtraction – all year groups (3.30pm) PTFA Information Evening (6.00pm for a 6.30pm start)
25-09-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oakes Residential Information Evening for parents/carers of children in Y4 currently
26-09-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hollowford Information Evening for parents and carers of children in Y5 currently
27-09-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FS2 'Liturgy of the Word' (9.05am in the Hall) – family/friends of FS2 children invited FS2 Phonics & Reading Workshop in the FS2 classroom (3.30pm)
28-09-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebration Assembly in the School Hall (Y2 family and friends invited) (9.00am) Y3 & Y4 Visit to the Yorkshire Farming Museum



SJF Open Morning 2016

Our next Opening Morning will be on **Saturday 6th October 2018**. If you know anyone who might be interested in finding out more about our special school community please let them know and encourage them to come along.

We are especially interested in welcoming the parents and carers of children who are due to start school next September. It will be a good opportunity to meet children, staff, Governors and members of the PTFA.



All Saints Open Morning

The young people of Y6 class and their families are invited to attend a special open morning at All Saints Catholic High School on **Saturday 22nd September 2018** (10.00am-12.00pm). All Saints Catholic High School is a very special place with strong links to our school community. Further information about the school is available via this link: <http://www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/>



All Saints Catholic High School is a Christian community within the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church, working in the spirit of gospel values.

Within this tradition our school mission is to:

- ✓ share a common philosophy of life
- ✓ teach the truths of our faith and the principles of Christian morality
- ✓ encourage our members to fulfil their intellectual, spiritual and physical potential
- ✓ prepare each person for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life

Sean Pender
Headteacher

We aim to work in partnership with the home, our churches and local communities in delivering a high quality education for all. These relationships provide the foundation for developing lifelong wholeness and integrity.

Golden Children

FS2	The whole class for making a fantastic start!
Y1	Erin for always setting a great example by sitting quietly on the carpet even when she is waiting for classmates!
Y2	Mateusz for being a superstar this week and for listening and participating well in all activities!
Y3	Finley for making a great effort in English and Mathematics this week! Well done superstar!
Y4	Daisy for having a positive attitude towards everything and for trying her best every time!
Y5	Tyler for having a fantastic attitude to learning and for always having a big smile on his face! Keep it up!
Y6	Oliver for working hard and remembering how to write an excellent opening paragraph to his most recent story! Well done!

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Next Week	Katie	Paige	Caleb	Sophie H	Freya	Oliver

School Lunches

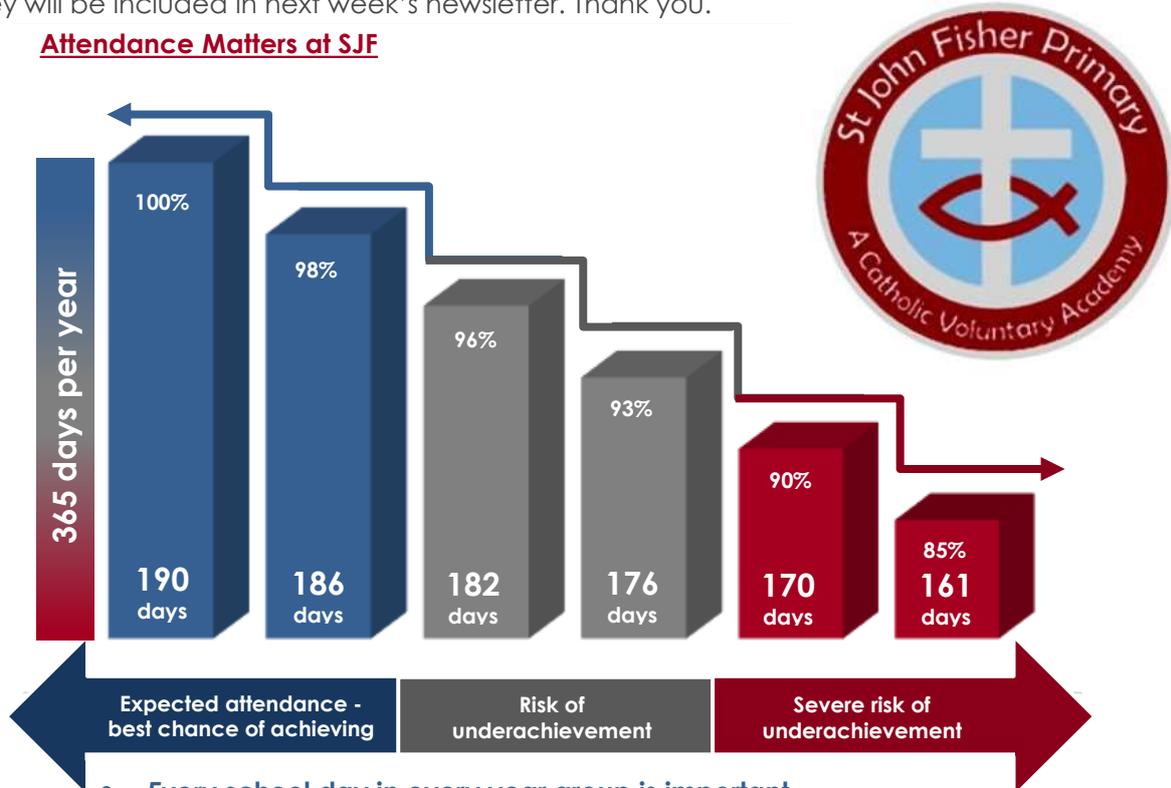
Please remember that children's lunches must be ordered by midnight each Thursday for the following week. You can order for more than one week if you choose. Thank you.



Achievements outside of School

My apologies for not including this week's achievements. Please re-send them (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) and they will be included in next week's newsletter. Thank you.

Attendance Matters at SJF



- Every school day in every year group is important
- Holidays in term-time can have an impact on children and their progress
- 98%+ attendance is the target (186+ days) this year
- Try to have no more than 4 days off in a year
- There are 175 non-school days for holidays and appointments (where there is flexibility)
- Good attenders tend to feel more happy and secure in school, and achieve well

Attendance this week		
1 st	FS2	100% Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y3	99.4% Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y4	99.3% Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y6	98.1%
5 th	Y5	97.1%
6 th	Y1	96.1%
7 th	Y2	96.0%
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 97.8%



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	FS2	100%
2 nd	Y2	92%
3 rd	Y4	92%
4 th	Y5	92%
4 th	Y6	90%
6 th	Y1	86%
7 th	Y3	85%
		Average = 91%

Term 1 Smiley Scores

House	Smiley Score
St Andrew's House	52
St David's House	55
St Patrick's House	40
St George's House	63

House Captains 2018-2019

Oliver & Diana Jack, Finlay & Kacper Lorenzo & Reuben Millie & Rafal



Our Sport & Learning Value for Term 1

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 in yourself to keep going, even when things get tough

If you have determination what do you realise?

- ✓ never, ever, ever give up
- ✓ you can reach your potential if you believe in yourself
- ✓ confidence gives you the strength to carry on when it's really hard

How can you 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!"

Sports Majors

Here is a message from our fantastic new Sports Majors:

Hi, we are the new Sports Majors - Fraser, Odette, Marcus and Eesaa.

This year we are hoping to make all of the children in St John Fisher even more happy, safe, loved and active with the amazing activities that the sports leaders will be doing at break-times.

We will also pick people who demonstrate the value we are focusing on each term. Whoever gets picked will get five smilies and a chance of being nominated for a prize at the end of each term. Also, the class showing the most determination in the activities could win the Class Determination Award.

If you ever win this amazing prize then you receive a wrist band and if your class wins the class prize then your class will receive a trophy!

Wishing you all the best of luck!

Fraser, Odette, Marcus and Eesaa

Wake UP! Shake Up!

The wake and shake leaders have been running the morning exercise for a couple of weeks. They are trying really hard and are looking for more participants to join in each morning. Please feel free to come and join in. The tune of the term is 'Summer' and you can access it via the link below if you wish to learn the moves <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rlmCYe8bZfc>



Beat Your Best!

The SJF Weekly Personal Challenge!

This week was the first week of beat your best ran by our new sports leaders. The beat your best challenge this week was the **basketball shootout**.

Our new 'Sports Majors' did a great job setting up the challenge and encouraging people to take part. We would like to say a huge congratulations to these pupils who did beat their best this week. These people are;

- Molly Peckham (Y5)
- Finlay Jones (Y6)
- Joseph Kandare (Y6)
- Marcus Mckernan (Y6)
- Evie Ramsden (Y6)



Student Councillors & Chaplains

Following elections across school for the Student Council and a selection process for the new Chaplaincy Team I am delighted to share with you the names of our new councillors and chaplains. I would like to thank every child who took part in the process whether or not they

	School Council 2018-2019	Chaplaincy Team 2019-2019
FS2		• Lottie and Rebecca
Y1	• Sebastian and Aalia	• Alana and Isaac
Y2	• Alexia and Oscar	• Priscilla and Mateausz
Y3	• Max and Mia	• Stefania and Filip
Y4	• Faith and Leon	• William, Sophie and Alex
Y5	• Sami and Bethany	• Isla, Maya, Tyler and Oscar
Y6	• Laurie (Chair) • Israel (Vice-Chair) • Lola (Treasurer) • Fraser (Secretary)	• Lorenzo, Amna, Filip, Rowan and Evie

Spare Clothes

Children of all ages sometimes require clean clothes when their school clothes become dirty in school. We are running short of stock in some sizes and we need 1 or 2 items of clothing if you have any old clothes in reasonable condition in these sizes we would be grateful of donations. We really need:

- ✓ Boys' trousers (aged 9-11+ years)
- ✓ Girls' trousers, skirts and shirts (aged 9-11+ years)
- ✓ Girls' skirts (aged 4-6 years)
- ✓ PE shorts and jogging bottoms (all sizes)

If you have any uniform in these sizes to donate please label them spare clothes and hand them in to your child's class teacher. Many thanks for your generosity.

Lost Property

The lost property box is full! If you are missing items of uniform please check the box. Please make sure that all uniform is labelled clearly with children's names. Labelled items can then be reunited with their owners when they are found. Thank you for your support.

Collective Worship

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank the children of Y4 for leading yesterday's liturgy. Next week the 'Liturgy of the Word' will be led by the children of **Y2** supported by some of our older children, and the family and friends of our Y2 children are invited to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am.

Celebration Assembly

We invite the family and friends of our **Y5** children to join us for our Celebration Assembly next **Friday 6th October 2017** in the School Hall at 2.55pm.

October Prayers

In September we pray to Mary, patron of our parish. The words of her special are:

*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,
Mothe of God,
Pray for us, sinners , NOW and at the hour of our death.*

Amen



Parish News

Information about parish and Diocesan life including the times of Masses and Confession and sacramental preparation is available via this link to the parish website: <http://www.ourladyoflourdessheffield.org.uk/> .

Communion & Confirmation 2019

Registration forms for First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2019 are now available from Our Lady of Lourdes Church and St. Anthony's Church.

Catholic children who are in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 - from September 2018 - are eligible for First Holy Communion. Catholic children in Y6 (or above) - from September 2018 - are eligible for Confirmation.

For further details of the preparation course and parental commitments please see Fr. Paul.

Reading Allowed Experts 2018-2019

This year's expert partners are:

- Odette (Y6)
- Rafal (Y6)
- Lola (Y6)
- Israel (Y6)
- Eesaa (Y6)
- Kacper (Y6)
- Lorenzo (Y6)
- Emily (Y5)
- Evan (Y5)
- Sophie B (Y5)
- Bethany (Y5)
- Mitchell (Y5)
- Hibah (Y5)

Reading Allowed



Statement to Live By

Our 'statement to live by' next week will be: **"I try to forgive others when they hurt me"**

Time to talk: Together you could think about what the word *forgiveness* means. Why is it so important? Why is it difficult sometimes? Why does Jesus challenge us to forgive others when they hurt us? Can you remember a time when you offered forgiveness or when someone showed you forgiveness? How does it feel after forgiveness is shared? How can offering a gift of forgiveness help make our world a better place?



Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

