

# SJF NEWS

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## Update

Information is still being shared by the government and the latest model for a September risk assessment has just been released. We also expect some further guidance to be released towards the end of the summer holiday when the government has a clearer idea of how the COVID-19 pandemic is progressing. We will release a revised plan before school starts which will detail all the arrangements for the children's return.

## September 2020: The First Days

A reminder that when the children first return in September they will be returning to *this* year's classroom so that they can spend their first three days with *this* year's class teacher. In doing this our aim is to help our children reconnect with school and each other as gently as possible, which we think will be particularly important for those who have not attended since lockdown.

We know that everyone's experience of lockdown, and the period of easing that has followed, has been very different. Some of you, thankfully, have been largely unaffected. For a number of you however, the experience has been challenging in many different ways.

At SJF the wellbeing of all members of our community remains a key priority for me, and so as a team of staff and Governors, we want to be ready to support each every child who needs it - and their families. Therefore, during the first three days there will be a huge focus on pupil wellbeing for everyone. Any children requiring additional support will also be picked up. The support offered will continue for as long as it is needed.

In order to target the right children with the support they need we will use the feedback from pupil and parents/carers surveys. We will also use the intelligence we gather from observing and listening to the children. Parents/carers can support us by getting in touch if they feel their children have struggled (or are struggling) in any way, especially if anything has happened recently, since the surveys were sent out. Updates can be shared with us via email ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)).

## Y6 Leavers

A reminder that all Y6 pupils, in school and at home are invited to join in with a simple leavers' liturgy on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 10.00am**. The liturgy will take place via 'Zoom' and joining details will be shared in due course. The liturgy will be recorded and uploaded to the website, so that it can be watched it later.

A number of our Y6 children are yet to respond to the emailed invitation sent out last week. If you have not already done so, please email Mrs Holloway and Mrs Barrett via [year6@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:year6@st-johnfisher.org) to confirm whether your child wants to be part of it or not. It would be a huge shame for them to miss out.

We hope that it will be possible to welcome back our Y6 leavers during the in the autumn term so that they can catch up with each other and staff for a very *much* delayed last day. If it is possible to go ahead the children will be invited bring an old SJF school shirt with them to get signed. Even though leavers' events that we had planned cannot go ahead as we hoped, we will do all we can to make things as special as possible.

## FS2 Welcome Videos

Welcome videos for the parents/carers of children joining FS2 in September 2020 are available via this link:

[www.st-johnfisher.org/fs2-2020-2021/](http://www.st-johnfisher.org/fs2-2020-2021/)

The videos are available in a new area of the SJF website. Additional information will be uploaded.





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**Returning Home Learning Books**

Colleagues continue to go through the home learning books that have been returned and have told me how impressed they have been by the children's work. If you have returned a book for teachers to review please contact the School Office in order to arrange a time to collect it. Thank you.

**Returning Reading Books**

Please return all reading books and laptops before the end of the school year. Please leave school books in the box in the foyer. Laptops can be left with my colleagues in the School Office. Thank you.

**SJF Virtual Sports Day 2020**

Please follow the link for a video presentation of children taking part in this year's special 'Virtual Sports Day':

<https://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/virtual-sport-day/>.



Huge thanks to Mrs Broadhead, our partners from LINKS and SJF staff for all they did to make this event such a success.

**PTFA Message: Pre-Loved Uniform**

Unfortunately, we are unable to run any stalls to sell the pre-owned school uniform due to the COVID pandemic, however, we do still have a lot of good quality secondhand uniform available, including trousers (girls and boys), jumpers, shirts, cardigans, skirts, pinafore dresses, summer dresses, some PE kit and anoraks/fleeces. We also have quite a lot of fancy dress items especially useful for themed 'dress up' days.

Anyone looking for specific items should email Mrs Cox ([christinecox20@gmail.com](mailto:christinecox20@gmail.com)) stating their children's ages, sizes/measurements. Mrs Cox will then let you know what is available and arrange collection.

Most items, including fancy dress cost just £1.00 each or £2.50 for 3 items. Shirts are just 75p or 2 for £1. PE shorts and T shirts are 50p each. All the money raised will be used by the PTFA to benefit SJF children in various ways.

**COVID-19 Precautions**

None of the clothes have been worn recently. Most have already been washed, but could be washed again when you get home, as a precaution. Some of the fancy dress clothes are not washable, but could be quarantined for a few days, similar to what is carried out in clothing retailers.

Thank you for your continued support.  
PTFA Committee

**Reports & Thank You Letters**

Reports and letters from staff to children will be sent out next week.



### Dress Down Day

The final day of the school year (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020) will be a non-uniform dress-down day in school.

### End of School Year Gifts

A reminder that the advice of Public Health England is that gifts and cards should be discouraged because of the risk and potential for virus transmission. If you would like to show your appreciation to any member of staff perhaps you could consider sending them a virtual card or email instead. I know these will be appreciated very much by my colleagues.

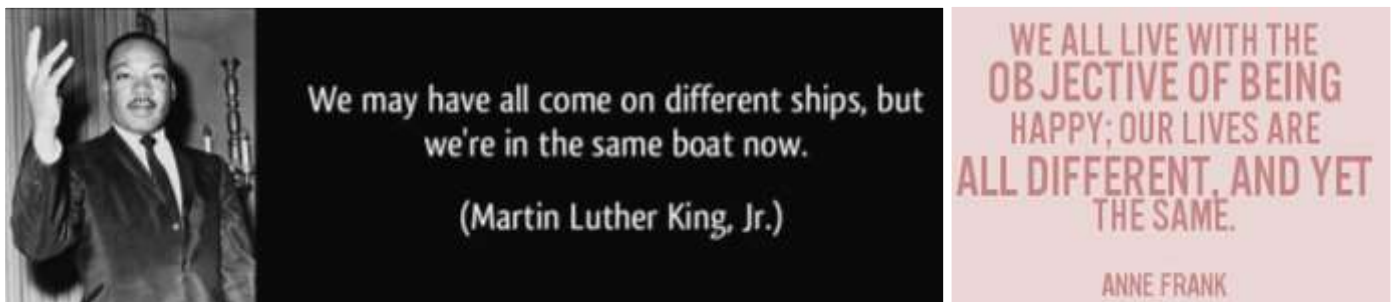
### Statement to Live By

As we are in the middle of our SJF International Fortnight our last 'statement to live by' of the year will be: **"I notice that we are the same and we are different"**

**Time to think:** St John Fisher is a rich community made up of different people each with different backgrounds. We celebrate our diversity and give thanks for the way it enriches our school, our lives and our experiences.

We know that it is important to show respect for one another, because we are all children of God, and we know that He loves us all equally. So, it is important to remember the many things that we have in common – those things that unite us.

It is also important to remember that these things will always be greater than that which separates and divides us. Besides differences enrich our world, our city and our school community. They are to be understood and not feared.



Have a great weekend,

Mr Barratt

