

SJF NEWS

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COVID-19 Update

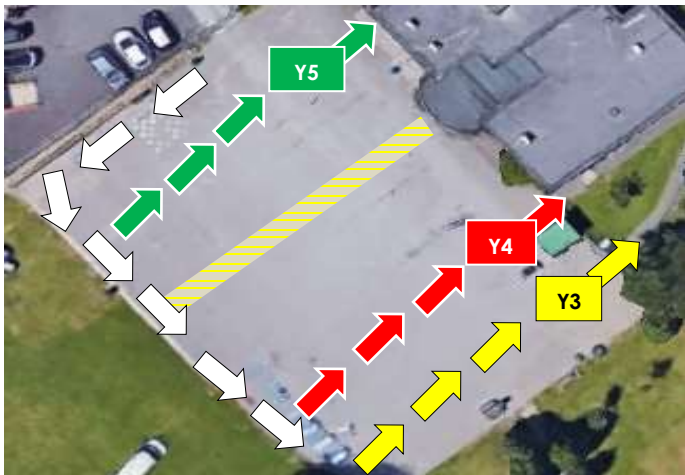
It has been fantastic to see the children in school again and there is such a positive buzz around the place as we all reconnect with school life and one another. Some things have had to change, at least for the time-being, but in spite of it all everyone is working extremely hard to help make school feel like the happy and welcoming place that it always was. Thank you for your support, it is hugely appreciated by us all.

Change to Morning Routine (Years 3-5)

In response to the Prime Minister's announcement this week we have altered the morning routine slightly for children in Years **3-5** to reduce the number of people entering our grounds in the. So from Monday:

- ✓ the older siblings of children in Bubble A will continue to enter school at **8.40am** and go straight to class
- ✓ **Y6** children (without Bubble A siblings) will continue to enter the grounds at **8.50am** and go straight to class
- ✓ pupils in **Y3, Y4** and **Y5** (without Bubble A siblings) will continue to enter the grounds at **8.50am** but instead of lining up they will now go straight to class.

Parents/carers of older children are asked to remain with them until staff arrive to supervise entry in to school. Children can be left once the staff members arrive. Parents and carers who feel they really need to walk down to the next gate may do so and will then have to leave immediately via the pedestrian gate.



The SJF Reconnection plan has been updated to reflect the change (please click [here](#) and go to **page 11**). It is also available on our website homepage.

Risk Assessment

Version 8 of our SJF COVID-19 Risk Assessment will be uploaded to our SJF website next week to include the new guidance that was released on Thursday. We anticipate that Version 9 will follow shortly following the Prime-Minister's announcement this week and the introduction of his Rule of Six.

- ✓ click [here](#) for the latest government guidance
- ✓ click [here](#) for information on the 'Rule of Six'

Governorship at SJF

Governors fulfil a vital role in the life of our school. In Catholic academies, like SJF, there are several types of Governor. Our Governing Body is looking for new members with skillsets and experience that will support us e.g. a background in finance, law, human resources, education, health and safety, safeguarding, business the Catholic church etc. If you want to find out more please contact us (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org).

Governor's Name	Current Governors' Designations (September 2020)
• Mrs S Ludlam	Foundation Governor (Chair of the Governing Body)
• Mr M Watters	Foundation Governor (Vice-Chair of the Governing Body)
• Mr J Ball	Foundation Governor
• Mrs H Beatson	Foundation Governor
• Mr D Beever	Foundation Governor
• Mrs C Prestige	Foundation Governor
• vacancy	Foundation Governor
• Mr A Drummond	Parent Governor
• Mr F Barratt	Staff Governor (Headteacher)
• Mrs MM Barrett	Staff Governor (Teachers)
• Mrs A Pickering	Staff Governor (Support Staff)



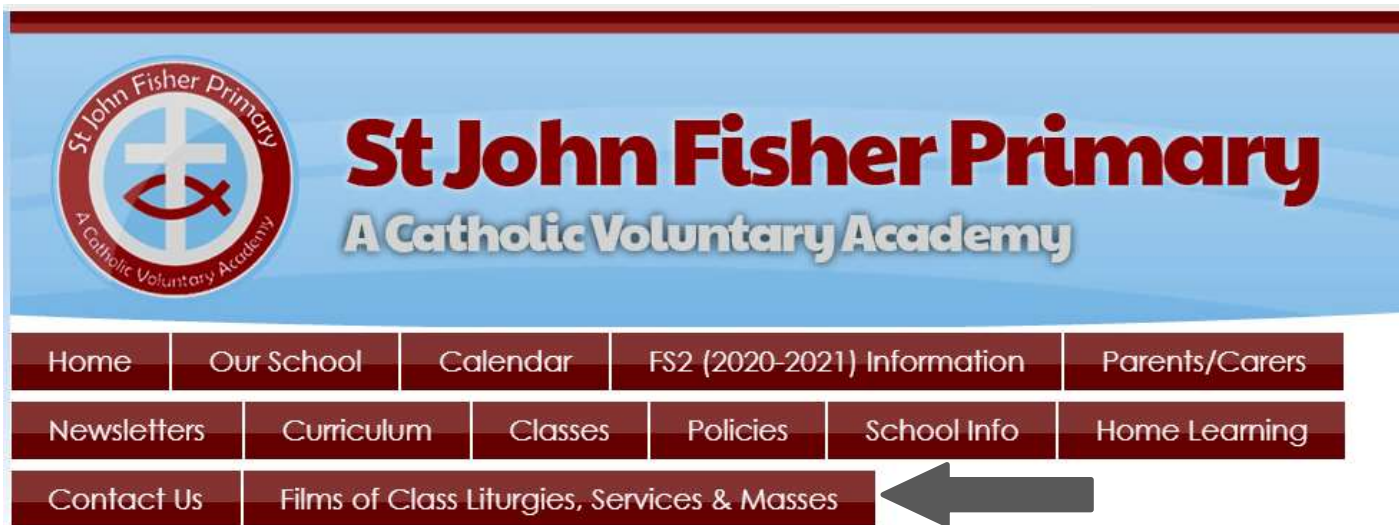
Citizen of the Week & Weekly Awards

As there was no Celebration Assembly today (because the children were watching our start of year Welcome Mass), two awards Citizen awards will be presented next week.

Welcome Mass

I would like to thank Fr Bede for celebrating our annual Welcome Mass during which we ask Jesus to walk with us as a community. This is especially at this challenging time in the life of our nation. I would like to thank the pupils of Y6 for leading the liturgy and Mrs Barrett, Mrs Holloway and Miss Heath for preparing the service and the children. Our new Y6 pupils were wonderful! A real credit to our school in these changed times. Our Mass was a joyful way to start our new school year! I would like to thank Fr Bede sincerely for making Mass so special.

Films of class liturgies, school services and Masses this year will be available to watch via a new section of the SJF website or by clicking [here](#).



The Oasis

We like to thank the PTFA for all they did over the summer holiday to improve and update our outdoor 'Oasis' area. Though the area is used mainly by the young people of Y1 at the moment as they settle back in, it is available to other classes too, for learning and playing.

The area has been enhanced over the summer break with a good post-lockdown tidy up; the planting of shrubs; the addition of an amazing new mural designed by Mrs Cooper and painted by her and Mrs Prestidge. The PTFA has also funded new sand and water trays for Y1 and wooden seating so that a whole class can learn outside.

I would like to thank our amazing PTFA for all their hard work and for funding the wonderful new resources. This year more than ever we really need parents and carers to get involved and support our PTFA if they can.

If you want to find out more or can help in any way please email them (ptfa@st-johnfisher.org). It does not have to be a big commitment and all offers are appreciated. Please think about it. Please help us if you can.



Each fish was created by a Y6 leaver last year



Review & Target-Setting Meetings

The telephone meetings will take place on designated days from Monday. These replace the face-to-face meetings we normally have at the very beginning of the school year. Thank you to everyone who has booked a meeting. There are a few slots left if you have not already booked one. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss how the children have been since March, follow-up on any feedback to the pupil welfare questionnaires completed during lockdown and to discuss issues and targets going forward.

The parents/carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities should also sign up for a telephone meeting with their children's new teacher even though they will be invited to a specific telephone or Zoom meeting with Mrs Hadfield in a couple of weeks to cover matters related their child's specific needs.

SJF Calendar

As there is too much uncertainty regarding the progress and impact of the COVID-19 virus at the moment, and as the guidance and instruction we receive continues to be updated constantly, we have decided NOT to produce a separate paper version of our calendar of events, as it is likely to be subject change, meaning that it could quickly become out of date. We will instead maintain the online SJF school calendar of events, updating events and information as and when required (and keep you all informed as we do). The calendar is available via a tab on the homepage of the SJF website, or by clicking [here](#).

Events Next Week

14-09-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FS2 first full day. The children will need to come to school wearing PE uniform • Y5 pupil progress/achievement/target-setting meetings (pre-booked, via telephone)
15-09-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 pupil progress/achievement/target-setting meetings (pre-booked, via telephone) • Y1 + Y2 PE uniform all day
16-09-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y2 pupil progress/achievement/target-setting meetings (pre-booked, via telephone) • Y3 + Y4 PE uniform all day • Y6 School Council Officers and House Captain elections • Y5 Liturgy of the Word - FILMING
17-09-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4 + Y6 pupil progress/achievement/target-setting meetings (pre-booked, via telephone) • Y5 + Y6 PE uniform all day • Y5 Liturgy of the Word – BROADCAST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ https://www.st-johnfisher.org/films-of-class-liturgies-services-and-masses/ • Reminder to order school lunches for the following week/weeks
18-09-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y3 + Y6 Pupil progress/achievement/target-setting meetings (pre-booked, via telephone) • Celebration Assembly via Zoom to all classes, photographs will be shared in the Class Zone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ https://www.st-johnfisher.org/class-zone/

Term 1 Curriculum Overviews

The Term 1 Curriculum Overviews will be sent out in due course. Please do contact us if you need any help in order to support your children at home or if you can offer help to us. Thank you.

REMINDER: SJF Open Morning 2020

Unfortunately it will not be possible for our annual Open Morning to go ahead this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. Arrangements are being finalised regarding visits for prospective parents/carers. It is likely that they will have to be limited to a telephone or zoom meeting and virtual tour for the time being.

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/> .



School Uniform

Our uniform is important and pupils are expected to wear it and look smart every day. Our uniform is key to our identity and reflects our ethos, standards and high expectations.

Official Uniform Suppliers

We now have two official suppliers and items with the official logo can be bought from either 'Logo Leisurewear' or 'School Trends'. No other company has permission to sell uniform with the SJF official logo.

Here are the links to the SJF pages on the websites of our two official suppliers:

- for **Logo Leisurewear** SJF uniform please click [HERE](#)
- for **School Trends** please click [HERE](#)

School Trends



Parents and carers can also purchase uniform items in the correct colours without a logo from other sources. Please note that our official suppliers are the only organisations permitted to sell SJF uniform with a logo.

PE Uniform

Please that children are expected to come to school wearing their PE uniform on PE days. The official items can be purchased, with logos, from either supplier. If parents/carers opt to source items from elsewhere they must be absolutely plain with no logos, slogans or other embellishments, including designer label like Nike or Adidas etc. The sweatshirt must be plain maroon/burgundy and the bottoms must be plain light grey joggers.

PE Day Reminder

- **Mondays** FS2
- **Tuesdays** Years 1 and 2
- **Wednesdays** Years 3 and 4
- **Thursdays** Years 5 and 6



Earrings and Jewellery

A reminder that children are **not** permitted to wear earrings/studs or any kind of jewellery at school. Sensible watches are permitted.

School Shoes

Whilst trainers/high boots can be worn to/from school e.g. in bad weather or to play football at break-times, pupils are expected to wear proper school shoes in school i.e. NO high boots or trainers (even all black ones).

School Lunches

Please remember that children's lunches must be ordered by midnight each Thursday for the following week. You do have the option to order for more than one week if you choose. Taylor Shaw works with our School Council to set the menus. Please talk to your children about their meal choices to avoid disappointment in school! Please note that from Monday 14th September 2020 we are returning to a full menu.

Pupil Premium Grant

If you are (or have been) in receipt of benefits of one kind or another then your children might be entitled to a **Pupil Premium Grant** and **free school meals**. The grant is also available to children in care and those with parents serving in the UK armed forces.

The grant provides school with additional funding to support vulnerable children. It is therefore very important that you tell us. Please make sure you claim even if your child is in FS2/Y1/Y2 and receives free school meals through a separate arrangement anyway.



Please speak in confidence to Mrs Ramsden or Mrs Birch in order to find out more. Thank you.



Term 1 Smiley Scores & House News

Smiley scores will be published in next week's newsletter. We will not be using tokens in line with our risk assessment. Everything will, instead be done through the 'Class Dojo' website.

Emblem	Head of House	Actual Feast Day	SJF Colour Day	2019/20 Charity
St Andrew	Miss D'Roza	Monday 30 th November 2020	Members' Blue Day: Monday 30 th November 2020	Mission Together
St David	Mrs Raynes	Monday 1 st March 2021	Members' Yellow Day: Monday 1 st March 2021	CAFOD
St Patrick	Mrs Pickering	Wednesday 17 th March 2021	Members' Green Day: Friday 19 th March 2020	The Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal 2020/21
St George	Mr Johnson	Friday 23 rd April 2020	Members' Red Day: Friday 23 rd April 2020	FABLE

What is 'Fable'?

For **A Better Life** with **Epilepsy** or **FABLE** is a sheffield based Epilepsy charity that was established in 1995 by a lady called Sandra Howard and is this year's nominated charity.



Sandra's son suffers from epilepsy and she saw a programme about a revolutionary new surgical procedure for treating severe Epilepsy called Vagus Nerve Stimulation Therapy.

For a better life
with epilepsy.

In 1995 only one operation had been performed in the UK, although a number had been performed in the USA. Unfortunately the National Health Service could not fund the treatment at the time, even though it was agreed that her son was suitable candidate. The £5500 needed for the implant would have to be raised and the NHS agreed to meet the other costs. £5500 is a huge amount but 25 years ago it was worth even more!

With the help of family and friends Sandra raised the money needed so her son could undergo the procedure. Cyberonics Inc. in the USA who manufactured the device heard about Sandra's situation and kindly donated the implant, but with £5500 raised a decision had to be made as to what was going to happen to the money.

Whilst fundraising a number of families contacted Sandra because they were in a similar situation and needed help. It was decided that the money raised should be used to set up a charity that would help fund implants for other children and adults and also offer support.

Today FABLE offers help and support to many families. The charity has developed a patient network and an Epilepsy Centre that provides information and support to those who need it.

Did you know?

- ✓ epilepsy can affect anyone - at any age - at any time, regardless of race, religion or social class
- ✓ epilepsy not only affects those who suffer from it, but the family and loved ones of the sufferer too
- ✓ approximately 25% of people with epilepsy continue to experience seizures despite receiving treatments

School Council Elections 2020

Here is a message from Mr MacInnes, our School Council Coordinator:

Hustings and elections for the Y6 roles 2020-2021 SJF School Council and for House Captains will take place on **Wednesday 16th September 2020.**



Pupils who served on the School Council as class representatives last year will continue in post until the end of Term 2 at Christmas. This is because lockdown cut short their term of office.

To ensure fairness and encourage the widest possible participation, pupils may serve on the School Council for a maximum of two terms as a class representative during their time at SJF, but not in consecutive years.

For the election of Y6 School Council Officers and House Captains, all eligible children can stand for election for one of the four Y6 School Council roles: Chairperson; Vice-Chairperson; Treasurer; and Secretary or as one of the two Captains of each House

On Wednesday the candidates will have an opportunity to present themselves and their ideas to the school via Zoom and take questions from the pupils. They should prepare and think about what they want to say.

All pupils in Years 1 to 6 will have one vote in the election. This year, to maintain the integrity of the bubbles voting will take place in classrooms rather than at the polling station that we would normally set up to enhance the election experience for the candidates and voters.

Voting is secret and the privacy of each voter will be respected so that the democratic process mirrors what happens in real life.

The Y6 candidate receiving the most votes will be able to choose one of the four School Council or eight House Captain roles. The candidate who polls second will then choose from the remaining available roles and so the process will continue until all the positions have been filled.

The successful candidates will then be announced and presented to the school during Celebration Assembly on Friday and all participants will receive our sincere thanks for taking part.

SJF Chaplaincy and Eco Teams

Pupils who were members of either the SJF Chaplaincy or Eco teams will also continue in post until the end of Term 2 and will also meet with coordinators next week.

Appeal for Spare Uniform

We are now desperately short of spare underwear, socks, tights and trousers for younger children who have accidents in school. Unfortunately it appears that spare uniform has not been returned. This means that if we do not have spare uniform we will have no choice but to send children home. If your child comes home wearing spare uniform for whatever reason, please wash and return it so that it is available for other children to use. Thank you.

Label All Items

Please label all items of uniform, including shoes and trainers, lunchboxes and water bottles. We are trying to prevent children handling (or using) other children's property, but this is difficult when the items are identical and not labelled clearly with a child's name. Thank you.

Achievements outside of School

Please share your children's achievements out of school so we can publish them and celebrate their achievements. Please email us remembering to state names and year groups. Thank you.

Catholic Life

September Prayer

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, mother of God, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen

'Coming In' Song

Ubi caritas et amor (Where charity and love are, God is there)
 Ubi caritas, deus ibi est



Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank the children of Y6 for leading our Welcome Mass. Next week the 'Liturgy of the Word' will be led by the children of **Y5**. It will be filmed on Wednesday 16th September and will be available to watch the day after. You can access films via the tab at the top of our website homepage or by clicking [here](#). Sadly it is simply not possible for the families and friends of our Y5 children to join us as they would in normal times.

Celebration Assembly

This will take place on Friday in the classrooms. It will not be recorded. Photographs of the recipients of awards etc. will be published in the Class Zone on the SJF website, which you can reach by clicking [here](#).

Statement to Live By

Our 'statement to live by' next week will be: **"I can say one good thing about myself"**

Time to talk: Sometimes we find it easier to say good things about others than do about ourselves. With someone at home think about all the things that you are good at - your particular skills and talents. List them.

Afterwards think about the qualities that make you special and pick your favourite or favourites. Talk about why it more important to remember all the good things about ourselves rather than the negatives.

Why is it important to always try to see the best in others, rather than focusing on their faults?



Best wishes,
Mr F Barratt

