

# SJF NEWS

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## Welcome!

We have all been so excited to welcome all our children and families back to school. It has been wonderful catching up with the children and all of you. Most children, I am very pleased to report, returned happily, and for those who found the adjustment more challenging, we have been quick to offer the help, reassurances and support they need in order to settle and feel happy, safe and loved.

We have been delighted to welcome all our new starters. Most have joined in FS2 and are settling in beautifully. We have also been joined by a number of older children who have joined other classes too. They have also made a great start and I am so proud of how they have been welcomed by our children.

We welcome Mr Smith, our new Learning Mentor, who has already been extremely busy getting to know the children and supporting those needing extra help and Mrs Morris who re-joins us in FS2 on Mondays this term.

## Welcome Mass

I would like to thank Fr Bede for celebrating our Welcome Mass. It was truly wonderful to return to church as a whole-school community for the first time since March 2020.

The children, who were back sitting with their buddies as they had done previously, behaved beautifully! They joined in with the responses and sang really well. It was so moving to hear the children filling the church with song again, after such a long time when communal singing had been forbidden.

Our Mass was a wonderful way to root the year and focus on what is really important. We gave thanks to God for bringing us all back together safely and offered up our hopes and prayers for the year ahead.

I would like to thank Fr Bede for ensuring that Mass was such a joyful and positive way to start our new school year! I would like to also thank Mrs Barrett and Mr MacInnes for organising the liturgy and preparing our new Y6 pupils - who were outstanding! They read brilliantly and conducted themselves with such maturity. We all felt so proud of them because they were an absolute credit to our school.

We very much look forward to a time when we can again be joined in church by family and friends but until then recordings of Masses, class liturgies and other services will continue to be uploaded to our SJF website and made available for you to watch. You can reach this area of the website by clicking [here](#).

## Important Reminders

### COVID-19

A reminder that whilst many restrictions have been relaxed or lifted by the government and public health authorities, the virus remains a clear a threat that demands us all to be careful and remain vigilant. Please support us by sticking to the plan that has been shared with you.

Our website contains all sorts of information that you might find useful including the following:

- please click [here](#) to link to the Sheffield City Council risk assessment that we are using
- please click [here](#) to link to our updated SJF Connection Plan

A reminder that our plans will change if public health guidance is updated. This could result in our current plan might being eased or restrictions being reimposed.



### 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. We are grateful to parents and carers for supporting us.

We have two official suppliers and items with the official logo can be bought from either 'Logo Leisurewear' or 'School Trends'. No one else, including the market at Crystal Peaks, 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](#)



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 note 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. **No designer labels e.g. Nike, Puma or Adidas etc.** The sweatshirt must be plain maroon/burgundy and the bottoms must be **plain light** grey joggers. **No leggings.**

### PE Days 2021-2022 (from 07-09-21)

- **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. The wearing of sensible watches is encouraged.

### 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).



(except on PE days and for break-times)

### Medication

No medication will be given to children unless a full care plan has been completed first. Only once the care plan has been completed will designated staff administer medicine to children, in line with the instructions printed on the medication. We will require an official note from a health professional (acting in an official capacity) that details any changes to the care plan so that we know that we are acting in strict accordance with medical instruction. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that the medicines supplied to school for their children are in date. This includes liquid medication, tablets, asthma inhalers and epi-pens. Please contact us and speak to Mr Smith (our Learning Mentor) if you would like to check or you have any questions.

### Pupil Premium Grant

If you are (or have been) in receipt of benefits of one kind or another then your child(ren) 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.



### SJF Governors

Governors fulfil such a vital role in the life of our school. In Catholic academies, like ours, there are different Governors. Foundation Governors are appointed by the Bishop of Hallam on the recommendation of the Parish Priest; there are Governors elected by parents and carers; and there are staff Governors. Please contact us if you are interested in finding out more about the Foundation Governor vacancy.

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





### Citizen of the Week & Weekly Awards

As there was no Celebration Assembly today (because the children attended our start of the year Welcome Mass our system of weekly awards will be begin next week.

### The PTFA

The PTFA is so important to our school. It brings parents/carers together who share a passion for our school and want to do something positive to support us so that our children have the best possible opportunities and as many special treats and extras that we would otherwise struggle to provide.

The PTFA sort fantastic events like Santa in School Day; coaches for our annual visit to the pantomime; they raise money to pay for other extras like presents for parents/carers and support for Children in Need and World Book Day. In pre-COVID times they arranged many discos, fayres and social events for families or parents and carers only.



The organising team is still very small but this has never got in the way its ambition and all they have managed to achieve. They are now looking desperately for more people to get involved. Obviously the more of you who get involved, the less there will be for everyone to do. Why not join with a friend or friends?

It would be a huge shame if PTFA activities have to be cut back or dropped altogether because there are not enough people able to organise or run them. The committee is always looking for new ideas for events and for different ways of generating funds that can be spent on nice things for our children.

Being part of the PTFA is also a great way to meet new people so please think seriously about volunteering and supporting the PTFA and helping our school in a very special way. For more information, please email the committee ([ptfa@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:ptfa@st-johnfisher.org)). Thank you.

### PTFA AGM

With this in mind you are all invited to a virtual AGM on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021**. It will start at 4.00pm via Zoom so that you have time to get home first, and usually last about 30-40 minutes. Please try an attend if you can and find out about their ideas and plans for the year ahead. Thank you.

### Review & Target-Setting Meetings

A reminder that the first round of review and target-setting meetings of the new school year begin next Monday. They will again be done over the telephone as we have been advised against hosting face-to-face meetings as we had hoped. If you have not already booked a slot please contact the School Office.

<b>Y5</b> Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Y1</b> Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Y3</b> Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Y2</b> Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Y4</b> Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Y6</b> Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September

### FS2 Meetings Review & Target-Setting Meetings

Information about meetings for the parents/carers of our new FS2 children, which are taking place later in the term, will be shared in due course.

### SJF Calendar

For information about forthcoming events please check out our online SJF calendar on the homepage of the SJF website, or by clicking [here](#).

### Term 1 Curriculum Overviews

The Term 1 Curriculum Overviews will be sent out shortly. Please contact us if have any questions of if you need our help to support your children. Thank you.



### SJF Open Morning 2021

We have again been advised to suspend plans for our annual Open Morning until Term 2, after the next holiday.

### Term 1 Smiley Scores & House News

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

Emblem	Head of House	Actual Feast Day	SJF Colour Day	2021/22 Charities
	Miss D'Roza	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	<b>Members' Blue Day</b> Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	<b>Bluebell Wood Hospice Appeal</b>
	Mrs Raynes	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	<b>Members' Yellow Day</b> Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	<b>Mission Together</b>
	Mrs Walton	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	<b>Members' Green Day</b> Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	<b>CAFOD Appeal</b>
	Mr Johnson	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020	<b>Members' Red Day</b> Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2022	<b>Good Shepherd Appeal 2021/22</b>

### *Our Additional Charity for 2021-2022: Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice*

The dream of Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice began in 1998, with the vision to help families in this area who wanted an alternative to hospital care. Fundraising started when 11-year-old Richard and his mum wanted him to pass away at home.

In 2004, everyone's support made the dream come true and they began to build the hospice. On 19th September 2008, the doors opened to the first families who needed help.

Since then, the hospice has supported hundreds of children from across South Yorkshire, North Derbyshire, North Nottinghamshire and parts of North Lincolnshire.



*"We've helped tired mums and dads get some much needed me-time; looked after brothers and sisters who are feeling angry, lonely or confused; and been there for families during the last moments of their child's life. Without fundraising, our support over the years just wouldn't have been possible: your donations have paid for every day trip, and funded every session of sensory play. But our life-changing care doesn't stop now. We want to reach even more families, and show them all the fantastic things we can offer."*

Please click [here](#) to find out more. Thank you.

### School Lunches

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

Taylor Shaw will work with our School Council to in order to design and set the menus. Please talk to your children about their meal choices to avoid disappointment in school!



**Our 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

*Collective Worship*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Statement of Belief Assembly (Headteacher)	Virtues Assembly (Class-Based)	Themed Assembly (Teacher-Led)	Weekly Liturgy of the Word (Class-Led)	Celebration Assembly (Headteacher)

**Statement to Live By**

Our 'Statement of Belief' next week is: **"We are all special"**

**Time to talk:** To know we are special is to know that we are loved.

We are all amazing - created to be unique and special by a God who knows us and loves us.

We all have gifts and talents, those special things which make us unique.

What makes you special?

What makes your friends special?

What about those you live with and love?

Remember that God created us to be brilliant and to shine every day. When we feel a bit down or doubt ourselves it is important that we try to remember this because we are *all* special.

Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt

Your talent is God's  
gift to you  
What you do with it is  
your gift back to God

