

SJF NEWS

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★ Citizen of the Week (07-06-24)

★ Last week's citizenship award went to **Ivy** in **Y3** who understands that we are all the same and different, in line with last week's Statement of Belief. Children like to work and play with Ivy, because she can be incredibly kind and helpful! She knows that though we are all different, we are equally special, and share many things in terms of needs, hopes and aspirations. Congratulations, Ivy, and thank you for your wonderful example!

★ Citizen of the Week (14-06-24)

★ This week our citizenship award goes to **Eliana-Joyce** in **Y1** who knows what human dignity means and how we can all show respect for the dignity of others, in line with this week's Statement of Belief! Eliana-Joyce is so kind and friendly, and reaches out to others, building and maintaining relationships with friends and peers. Always quietly, always gently – every day. In doing so, she shows others that they matter, and have dignity.

Our Term 6 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
 233	 211	 234	 209
3294	3299	3357	3261

Our Catholic Life



Weekly Celebration of the Word

Thank you to the young people of **FS2** supported by **Y4** buddies for leading this week's Celebration of the Word. Our next 'Celebration of the Word' will not take place until **Thursday 27th June 2024**, because we have our SJF Feast Day Mass next week. The next Celebration of the Word will be led by the young people of **Y2** and we invite their families and friends to join us. Previous recordings are available to view [here](#).



Diocese of Hallam

Our lady of Lourdes Parish News

Important information regarding parish and Diocesan life, including Mass times and sacramental preparation can be found [here](#). To view the latest newsletter, please click [here](#). Thank you.

Our Virtues to Live By

Our current SJF virtues of focus are **honesty** and **service** in class assemblies and broader learning.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Citizenship Statement of Belief Assembly (Headteacher) Chaplains' Celebrations (Years 5 and 6)	'Virtues to Live By' Class Assembly (Teachers & Chaplains)	Themed Assembly (Teacher-Led)	Weekly Celebration of the Word (Class-Led)	Celebration Assembly (School Leaders) Chaplains' Celebrations (Years 1, 2, 3 and 4) Story Circle (FS2)



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Our June Gathering Song

**I believe in God, the Father -
I believe in God, the Son!
I believe in God, the Spirit!
God is three – and God is one.**



Virtues to Live By

Our SJF virtue of focus is **service.**



Our June Prayer: 'The Gloria'

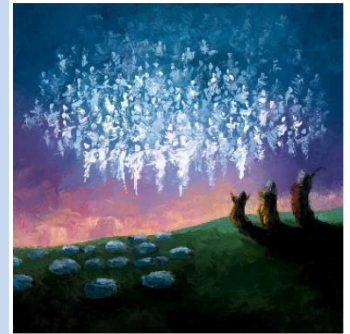
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will

We praise you,
We bless you,
We adore you,
We glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
Have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father.
Amen.



First Holy Communion & Confirmation

We pray for those receiving holy communion for the first time tomorrow at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. We also think of their families, as they continue their spiritual journeys.

We also pray for the Y6 pupils who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Friday. We pray for their intentions in this year of such change for them in terms of their own academic and spiritual journeys.

We thank Fr Bede, Sal Robinson-Oates and our parish all our friends for preparing the children so they are ready to receive the Sacraments, and will share pictures in next week's newsletter.

Our Annual SJF Feast Day Mass

Wednesday 19th June 2024 is our Mass to celebrate the feast of St John Fisher (which is on the 22nd June). It is a special day when we will come together as a community in order to mark the feast of our patron, St John Fisher. We will recall his life; his deep faith; his commitment to education and learning; and his example of quiet humility. We also celebrate those things that make our school such a special and unique place. We will give thanks for our amazing children, families, staff, Governors and friends from the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, including Fr Bede, our Parish Priest.

Our special Mass of Thanksgiving will be led by the children of **Y3**, starting at **10.00am** at **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**. All SJF children who have made their First Holy Communion during this academic year are invited, if they want, to wear the special clothes they wore when they received communion for the first time.



As Mass is later, our communicants should come to school wearing their school uniform, and bring their special clothes with them. They will be given private spaces and time to get changed, with staff close by to help if needed. Alternatively, one parents/carer can come in to school from 9.20am to help their child get ready. They can also come back in to school after Mass to help their children change back in to uniform and take their special clothes back with them. Everyone else is expected to look smart in their school uniform as usual.

Who was St John Fisher?

John Fisher was born in Yorkshire, in 1469, the son of a simple cloth dealer who was ambitious for him. John Fisher loved learning and when he was 14 years of age, he left home and started studying at Cambridge University. He worked hard and did well. Eventually he became a distinguished scholar!



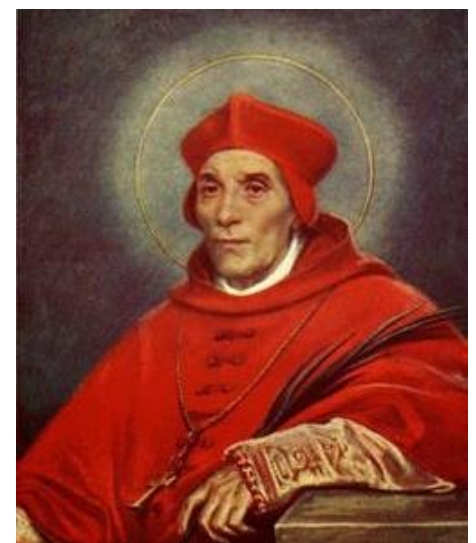
When he was 22 (in 1491) he became a priest and carried on working at the university. He rose through the ranks to become vice-chancellor, ten years later. John Fisher did lots to improve the university, and in 1504 he became its chancellor. He was also appointed as the new Catholic Bishop of Rochester in the same year.

Many liked his ideas for improving education and were impressed by his passionate preaching. Bishop John Fisher loved reading and collected lots of books. In fact, it was said, by some at the time, that this humble son of a Yorkshire cloth dealer, had one of the finest private libraries in the whole of Europe!

Bishop Fisher was chaplain to Lady Margaret Beaufort, Henry VIII's grandmother, and was probably, for a time, one of Henry's teachers when he was a boy. King Henry VIII had once been an enthusiastic Catholic but a while after becoming King, he fell out with the Pope over plans to divorce Queen Catherine so that he could marry Anne Boleyn. The king therefore started to make plans to set up a Church of England, separate to the Pope, that would support his plans. This worried Bishop John Fisher who tried hard to change the king's mind. Unfortunately, the king was very determined and so the two argued. Bishop John Fisher defended the traditional Catholic teachings against Henry's new ideas and Protestant reformers in other universities.

Bishop Fisher was so against the King's plans to divorce Queen that he became one of Queen Catherine's most trusted friends and advisors. The things that Bishop John Fisher was saying really angered the King who never forgave him. Bishop John Fisher spoke against the king's plans to divorce Queen Catherine; to establish a Church of England; and attack the Catholic church, in the House of Lords, which again infuriated the King.

When Pope Clement VII refused to support the King's plans to end his marriage to Queen Catherine, Henry declared himself Head of the Church of England, instead of the Pope, ending the Pope's authority in England. Now that he was in charge, the King declared that his marriage to Queen Catherine was over.



When Bishop Fisher refused to support the changes or promise to accept the King as the new head of the Church in England, he was arrested and sent to the Tower of London, where he stayed for over a year. The conditions were terrible, and John Fisher suffered terribly during his imprisonment there.

Whilst was in prison the new Pope decided to make Bishop Fisher a Cardinal. He hoped that this would mean that Henry would be kinder to him. Sadly, it had the opposite effect, making King Henry very angry.



Cardinal Fisher was put on trial for treason, found guilty and condemned to death. On June 22, 1535 he was taken from his cell (in the Bell Tower) to be executed. He was so weak that he had to be helped. As he climbed the scaffold, still holding a copy of the Bible, he prayed for his country and for king Henry VIII...

“Christian people, I am come hither to die for the faith of Christ’s Catholic Church... Wherefore I desire you to help me, and assist me with your prayers, that at the very point and instant of death’s stroke, and in the very moment of my death, I then faint not in any point of the faith. And I pray, God save the king and the realm.”

It is reported that Cardinal Fisher met death calmly, with dignity and courage. Many who watched were impressed. Above is a painting of St John Fisher dressed as a cardinal. He never actually wore the red clothes of a Cardinal, because he was in a freezing and filthy cell, starved, sick and surrounded by rats. He is a **martyr** because he died for his faith and became a saint in 1935. As a community we are proud that he is our patron.

Our own school was established by the Jesuits of Spinkhill in 1956, when the area was part of Derbyshire. The foundation stone was moved and is visible in the playground. School opened in September 1957, looking very different to today. I was appointed in 2012 as the fifth Headteacher. I am grateful to all my predecessors, but especially to Mr McGurrin, our third Headteacher, who served for twenty-five years, until 2007. He continues to offer us such tremendous support, and remains a very valued and special friend of our school community.



Feast Day - Non-Uniform Day

There will be a non-uniform day on **Friday 21st June 2024**, to mark St John Fisher's feast day, as a special thank you to the children for all they do to make our school the very special and welcoming place that it is.

Golden Children! (07-06-24)

- FS2** **April** for becoming very independent at school, especially with her learning, and for trying really hard with any new activities! What a star!
- Y1** **Rowan** for his effort to make the right choices. Well done, Rowan!
- Y2** **Ava S** for trying her best to listen well in class to all instructions, and for working very hard during learning tasks!
- Y3** **Igor** for being a helpful and considerate member of our school community!
- Y4** **Eddie** for showing being more focused and ready to learn since start of Term 6. Well done, Eddie! Keep up the good work.
- Y5** **Sanaya** for always working so hard in our lessons. She listens well and then tries very hard to meet the objectives and her personal targets. Well done, Sanaya!
- Y6** **Seb** for the excellent work in all of his workbooks this year. His hard work and attention to detail really is evident on every page of his workbooks. Well done!



Golden Children (14-06-24)

- FS2** **Ellis** for always being ready to help others. She is a very kind and caring member of the class!
- Y1** **Zach** for being so mature and for making the right choices! He is such a super role-model for the rest of the class. Well done, Zach!
- Y2** **Violet** is always such a kind and caring member of **Y2**. She is a beautiful role-model to her peers.
- Y3** **Felicity** for having a positive week in terms of her behaviour for learning meaning that she has really been pushing herself to succeed in our lessons. Well done!
- Y4** **Archie** for working very hard this week. His 'Pop-Art' inspired work has been fantastic! Keep up the good work, Archie!
- Y5** **Jenson** for having a go, even when he finds something more difficult. He is really trying to apply his knowledge, to solve problems.
- Y6** **Willow** for the sense of humour, positivity and energy that she brings to the **Y6** classroom every day.

Writing Champions! (07-06-24)

- FS2** **Lucy** for her fantastic independent writing in which she has tried hard to use and apply her phonics knowledge!
- Y1** **Vilma** for trying so hard with all her writing. She is now such a good independent writer!
- Y2** **Abigail** for putting in lots of effort this week to improve her writing stamina. She has shown more determination to finish her work. Well done!
- Y3** **Seren** for making some fabulous vocabulary choices for the poem she wrote!
- Y4** **Archie** for working very hard on his writing this week, completing his first extended writing exposition with great care and effort. Keep up the good work, Archie!
- Y5** **Roman** for trying hard to include several of the key elements of 'The Highwayman' poem that we have been learning, in his own version. Well done!
- Y6** **Eliana** for the wonderful presentation of all of her work, including her outstanding handwriting!

Writing Champions! (14-06-24)

- FS2** **Zuzanna** for fantastic writing using her new phonics sounds!
- Y1** **Lexi** for trying to include in her writing, the things she has been taught and practised in our lessons. She has also been trying very hard on her beautiful handwriting and presentation of work. Well done!
- Y2** **Harley** for generally writing with increasing independence and confidence.
- Y3** **Movean** for writing a fabulously descriptive poem this week.
- Y4** **James** has worked very hard this week in English as we have started to explore poetry. He has had some great ideas, employing his super imagination! Well done, James!
- Y5** **Jack** for trying really hard to expand and grow his sentences, using commas and colons, to join clauses and add detail. Well done!
- Y6** **Alana** for the excellent dialogue that she wrote in her most recent piece of writing.



Maths Champions! (07-06-24)

- FS2** **Thadeus** for great work on odd and even numbers to 10. Well done!
- Y1** **Rosa** for participating so well in our measuring lessons that focused on mass. She did so well to weigh different objects using cubes. Well done, Rosa!
- Y2** **Kali** for showing determination to know the key addition and subtraction facts up to 10. Well done!
- Y3** **Othniel** for using his knowledge to try and find some tricky 3D shapes, describing their features.
- Y4** **Anjie** for working particularly hard this week as we have continued to explore decimals. She has shown great resilience in her learning and persevered. Well done, Anjie!
- Y5** **Dominic** for the impressive confidence and determination he is showing as the year has progressed. This is particularly evident in his reasoning. Great work Dominic!
- Y6** **Ava** for the excellent progress that she has made in her mathematical reasoning since the beginning of the year. Well done!

Maths Champions! (14-06-24)

- FS2** **Loughlin** for the great effort he has made to share objects equally between two. Well done!
- Y1** **Macarius** for completing some excellent work to do with place value, investigating number bonds to 100, using multiples of 10.
- Y2** **Mila** for being so enthusiastic and for always wanting to share her maths knowledge and learning with classmates.
- Y3** **Heidi** for great mathematical scale work.
- Y4** **Freya** for always trying her very best in maths and for working hard. She has shown great resilience when learning about decimals recently, even with trickier questions! Well done, Freya!
- Y5** **Max** for excellent reasoning and for offering mathematical explanations to demonstrate his thought process and understanding.
- Y6** **Zayd** for the fantastic work ethic that he shows in all lessons, but especially in mathematics, this year!

Reading for Pleasure: Our Latest Feature Books of the Week



READING FOR PLEASURE

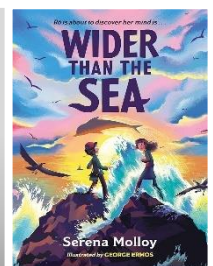
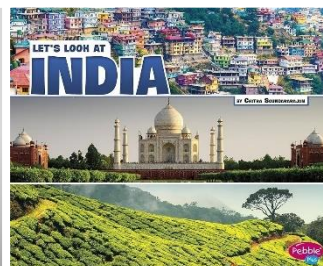
“The more you **read** the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn** the more **places** you’ll go.”
-Dr. Seuss

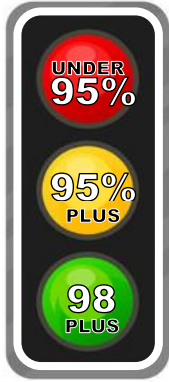
Please click [here](#) to view our full 2023-24 SJF Book List.

These are our latest feature books:

- **Let's Look at India - Let's Look at Countries**
 - Chitra Soundararajan
- **Wider than the Sea**
 - Serena Molloy

Please click [here](#) for the Waterstones book reviews.





Weekly Attendance			
1 st	Y4	99.7%	A visit from Bobby Bear
1 st	Y5	99.7%	A visit from Bobby Bear
3 rd	Y6	98.1%	A visit from Brenda Bear
4 th	FS2	96.2%	A visit from Elvis Owl
5 th	Y1	94.0%	A visit from Billy Bear
6 th	Y2	93.0%	
7 th	Y3	91.6%	
Target = 98.0%		Average Attendance = 96.1%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y6	86%
2 nd	Y2	82%
3 rd	Y4	81%
4 th	FS2	80%
4 th	Y5	80%
5 th	Y1	78%
6 th	Y3	65%
Average = 79%		



House Fund Raising: St George's House

Over the next two weeks, the members of St George's House invite everyone to enter their amazing 'Paper Plane' competition, helping to raise money for the Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice charity. Members have decided how the fundraiser will work. They have decorated posters and have even created their own, brilliant, "How to..." videos.

- **Aim:** The aim of their fundraiser is to first create and decorate paper planes at home.
- **Cost:** The cost of entry is **50p per plane**, which will be donated to the House charity.
- **Deadline:** Wednesday the 26th of June.

Paper Plane Race

There will also be a race that every child who enters can join in with. They will throw their planes for their House teams: St George, St David, St Andrew and St Patrick, earning points for their own Houses, with the House team with the most points overall winning smileys for their House team. Planes will gain points based on where they land, with 1, 5 or a huge 10 points up for grabs with every plane thrown. This year's smiley competition is very close, and with just five weeks left every Smiley really will count.

How to Make Paper Planes

If you are unsure about how to create a paper plane, please see our tutorial videos that show how to make a simple paper plane, or a slightly more intricate design if you are up for a challenge. These videos were created by two of Y6 amazing members of St George's House, and we say a huge 'thank you' to Sam and Luca for their brilliant work.



Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice

Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice opened in 1998, with the vision to help families in our area who wanted an alternative to hospital care for their children.

Since then, fundraising has helped to support hundreds of children from across South Yorkshire, north Derbyshire, north Nottinghamshire and parts of Lincolnshire.

The charity has been there for families during the most difficult times of their lives, offering support to exhausted parents so they can get some much-needed time to rest. It has also looked after brothers and sisters who might be feeling confused, upset, angry or lonely.

The charity can only do their amazing work with charitable donations, which funds every day trip, and sensory play sessions.



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ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

Our Latest Beat Your Best Challenge!

A different sort of fun activity this week. Our latest 'Beat Your Best' has been designed by Bella and Poppy. They have created a dance to a Meghan Trainor song which they cannot wait to demonstrate.

How many dance moves do you think you will master this week? Will you beat your best? Are there any moves you want add to the dance to make it more your own? We can't wait to find out! Good luck! Please click [here](#) to view a demonstration of the dance. Thank you.

Reminder: SJF Transition Days 2024

A reminder that the children will have three transition days this year, to coincide with the Y6 to Y7 transition days organised by All Saints Catholic High School. Our three SJF transition days will be from **Monday 1st July 2024** until **Wednesday 3rd July 2024**. There is always a huge focus on preparing and supporting our children, and especially those who struggle with change. As part of this some children will benefit from 'drop ins' before the transition days. On the Friday 28th June all children will be shown where to go on their first transition day.

Y6 Pupils

This year most pupils transferring to All Saints Catholic High School have **two** transition days (Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd July 2024). This means that on Monday 1st July 2024, all will attend our school as usual. **Y6** pupils *not* transferring to All Saints Catholic High School must attend school on all three days, and will be released to attend transition days at their new schools, when they are scheduled. The **Y6** pupils remaining with us will undertake a range of academic and pastoral activities designed to help and support them through transition.

On the first transition day (01-07-24), after 'Wake Up Shake Up', the children will be guided by staff to the new classrooms where they will be based for their transition days. Staff and **Y6** pupils will be on hand to help any children who forget where to go, or who might need a little extra support and encouragement.

Please note that on the transition days, the times of staggered lunchtimes and the children's PE days will be the same as the children's current classes, so for PE, please see below:

- Monday 1st July 2024 **FS2** children who are moving to **Y1** in September 2024
- Tuesday 2nd July 2024 **Y1** and **Y2** children who will be moving to **Y2** and **Y3** in September 2024
- Wednesday 3rd July 2024 **Y3** and **Y4** children who will be moving to **Y4** and **Y5** in September 2024

SJF Class Teachers 2024-2025

FS2 (2024-25) Mrs V Barratt	Y1 (2024-25) Mrs I Hadfield Mrs S Sambrook	Y2 (2024-25) Miss P Lockham	Y3 (2024-25) Mrs A Broadhead
Y4 (2024-25) Mrs A Hambleton	Y5 (2024-25) Mrs MM Barrett Recruitment process underway	Y6 (2024-25) Mr MacInnes	



Reminder: Our SJF Sports Day 2024

Rescheduled events take place on **Thursday 20th June 2024**. We ask that children come to school wearing PE uniform, with sun hats or baseball caps if it is sunny. All arrangements are the same and can be viewed by clicking this [link](#). Please note that if the event is cancelled a second time, because of the weather it cannot be rescheduled. Thank you.



Reminder: The PTFA Friday 2024



Here is an important message from our PTFA committee:

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, the PTFA Friday Fayre will be happening on Friday June 28th after school and runs from 3:30-5:30pm. There will be the usual fun, games, stalls, food and drink. The day will feature performances from various groups and stalls from the wonderful Y5 pupils "Enterprise Challenge". A lot of thought and effort goes into making this day a wonderful event for the whole school community. If there is anything you can do to offer support, please get in touch with the PTFA committee via email (ptfa@st-johnfisher.org).

Ways you can help:

- ✓ We are very keen to hear from volunteers who may be able to help run a stall on the day, or help to set up or clean up afterwards.
- ✓ We are hunting for raffle prizes for the raffle which will be held on the day. Perhaps you know a business, or work for a company that may be willing to donate a prize? Things like vouchers, alcohol etc. all go down very well!
- ✓ We are collecting donations of pre-loved teddies in good condition for our "Ready Teddy Roll" game. Please could these be dropped off in reception if you have any you're willing to part with.

Please do get in touch if you can help at all. Many thanks

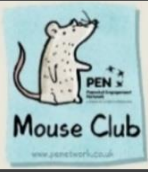
The PTFA Committee: Catherine Cooper, Jess Pattison, Lauren Howarth, Cat Ball, Swathi Paul, Lucy Wells, Jenine Crapper

Achievements outside of School

You are invited to share details of your children's achievements outside of school with us via email (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org). Regardless of whether achievements are big or small, we are happy to share and celebrate our children's good news!

- **Margot** in **Y1** took part in a multi-disciplined gymnastics competition recently, competing on the floor, the bars and the vault. She did very well, ending up with three gold medals and a bronze! Fantastic, Margot!
- **Henry** in **Y2** Henry was again awarded the "Student of the week" award at Kickboxing for his perseverance and continued improvement. Great news, Henry, well done!
- **Scarlett** in **Y3** competed in her first competition at Ponds Forge as part of the Mini-Olympics Swimming competition. She represented Graves Leisure Centre, competing against other Sheffield swimming schools. A fantastic achievement, Scarlett, well done!
- **Aureilia** in **Y5** was received the award for 'Junior Performance for 2024' at her dance academy presentation night recently. Excellent, achievement, Aureilia, congratulations!





Weekly FS2 Mouse Club Newsletter

Please click [here](#) to access the latest edition of our Mouse Club newsletter.

Please do not forget to use 'Tapestry' to share what you do, especially photographs and video clips. Thank you.

SEND INFORMATION EVENT

Attend Sheffield City Council's SEND Information Event to discover a range of education, health and social care services that can support babies, children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, and their families.

Thursday 11th July

Sharrow Community Forum
The Old Junior School, S View Rd, Sharrow, Sheffield S7 1DB

4:30-6:30pm

Scan our QR Code to register your attendance or visit the **Sheffield SEND Facebook Group** for further information.

FROM BIRTH TO AGE 25

Statement of Belief

Our next 'Statement of Belief' is: **"I try to forgive people 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 hard to forgive those who hurt us or let us down? Why does Jesus challenge us to try to forgive others when they hurt us? Can you remember a time when you showed someone forgiveness and when someone showed you forgiveness too? How does it feel after you have offered or received forgiveness? How can offering the gift of forgiveness help make our world a better place?

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered;
FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish motives;
BE KIND ANYWAY.
If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;
SUCCEED ANYWAY.
If you are honest & sincere, people may deceive you;
BE HONEST AND SINCERE ANYWAY.
What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;
BUILD ANYWAY.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;
BE HAPPY ANYWAY.
The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;
DO GOOD ANYWAY.
Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough;
GIVE THEM YOUR BEST ANYWAY.
In the final analysis, it is between you and God;
IT NEVER WAS BETWEEN YOU AND THEM ANYWAY.
justequotes.com
-Mother Teresa



Create your own

Paper plane

to raise money for

Supporting
**Bluebell
Wood**
CHILDREN'S HOSPICE



With St George's House Team!

To enter, please design and create your paper plane, then land them in school by

Wednesday 25th June

Race your plane for your House Team! The House with the furthest distance will win!

PLUS!

A prize for Best Decorated Plane!

50p entry!

(Please tape your coin to your plane upon entry)

All money raised will be donated to our House Charity

