

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Sami** in **Y4** who understands why it is important to accept forgiveness in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Sami has grown so much this year, in terms of his attitudes, learning behaviours and maturity. Congratulations Sami, you are a star, and we are all very proud of you!

Term 6 Smiley Scores



Attendance this week			
1 st	Y5	97.8%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y2	97.3%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y4	96.6%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
3 rd	Y6	95.0%	
5 th	FS2	94.1%	
6 th	Y3	93.9%	
7 th	Y1	92.7%	
Target = 97.5%		Average Attendance = 95.4% ↓	



Get Set, GO!			
1 st	Y6	92%	
2 nd	Y2	90%	
3 rd	Y3	89%	
4 th	Y4	82%	
4 th	Y1	79%	
6 th	FS2	77%	
7 th	Y5	73%	
Average = 71%		↓	

Catholic Life of the School

FS2 Graduation & Liturgy of the Word

On **Thursday 19th July 2018** our liturgy will be led by the young people of **FS2** who will also go through a simple graduation ceremony to mark the end of their first year as part of our special SJF family. We invite the family and friends of our FS2 children to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

Leavers' Liturgy

Our special Leavers' Liturgy takes place on **Thursday 19th July** at **7.00pm** in Our Lady of Lourdes church. The service will include the presentation of four special awards for citizenship, sporting achievement, endeavour and academic achievement. All are welcome!

End of Year Mass

Everyone is invited to our end of year thanksgiving Mass on **Friday 21st July 2017** at 9.30am at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Immediately after Mass there will a presentation of individual attendance certificates and the best attending class(es) for the year, the term and the week will be announced!

Term Dates & Holidays

The term dates and holidays are now available for both next year (2018/19) and the year after (2019/20). We have also uploaded the **events calendar** for next year. This has been emailed to parents/carers and is available to download via the 'Parents/Carers' tab under 'Calendar 2018-2019' and this link:

<http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents-and-carers-zone/2018-2019-calendar/>

The calendar contains details of all school events in the new academic year and has been sent out now to give you plenty of notice about everything that is coming up next year. Please understand that changes might be forced on us by unforeseen circumstances. We hope that you find it useful. Thank you.



Achievements outside of School

- **Alana** in **FS2** and **Alexia** in **Y1** raised a fantastic **£763** for school through their own raffle and a stall at the Friday Fayre last week. They thought of this themselves and have been working very hard to raise money for school! Such a generous thing to do! Well done girls, we really appreciate your kindness and dedication!
- **Owen** in **Y1** has achieved his 'Green Stripe' belt in martial arts! Well done superstar, a fantastic achievement!
- **Bella** in **Y1** has been awarded her 'Purple Tag' belt in martial arts. An amazing achievement, well done!
- **Tamzin** in **Y4** has received her 'Seal' 3, 4 and 5 certificates from the STA Junior Lifeguard Academy has now almost completed all her lifeguarding lessons! Well done Tamzin, a fantastic achievement!

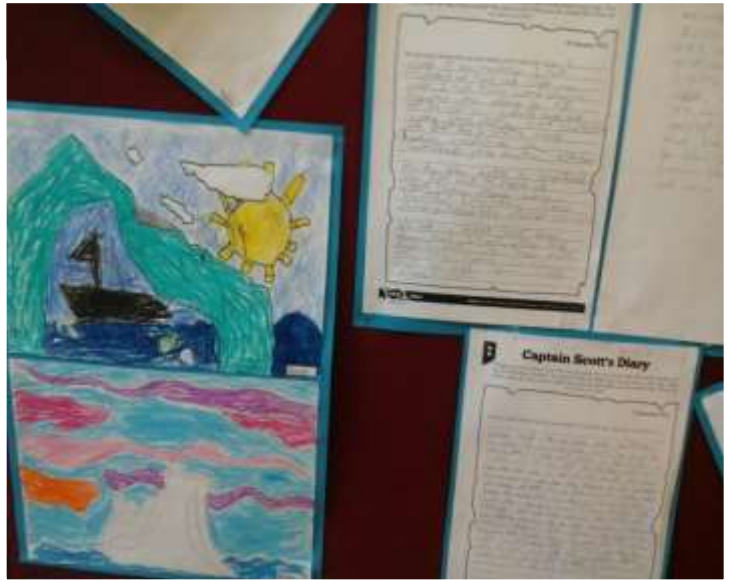
School Library

• Mondays and Tuesdays	KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)	12.45pm to 1.15pm
• Wednesdays	FS2 (Reception)	12.30pm to 12.50pm
• Thursdays and Fridays	KS1 (Years 1 and 2)	12.30pm to 12.50pm

Curriculum Exhibition

Our final exhibition of the year took place today with a showcase of fantastic work. Some of our young people acted as curators to share the work and explain to our visitors what they had been learning and discovering. Thank you to those who were able to come along to support us.





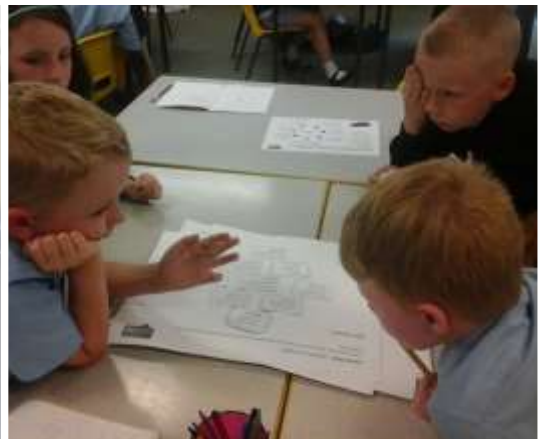


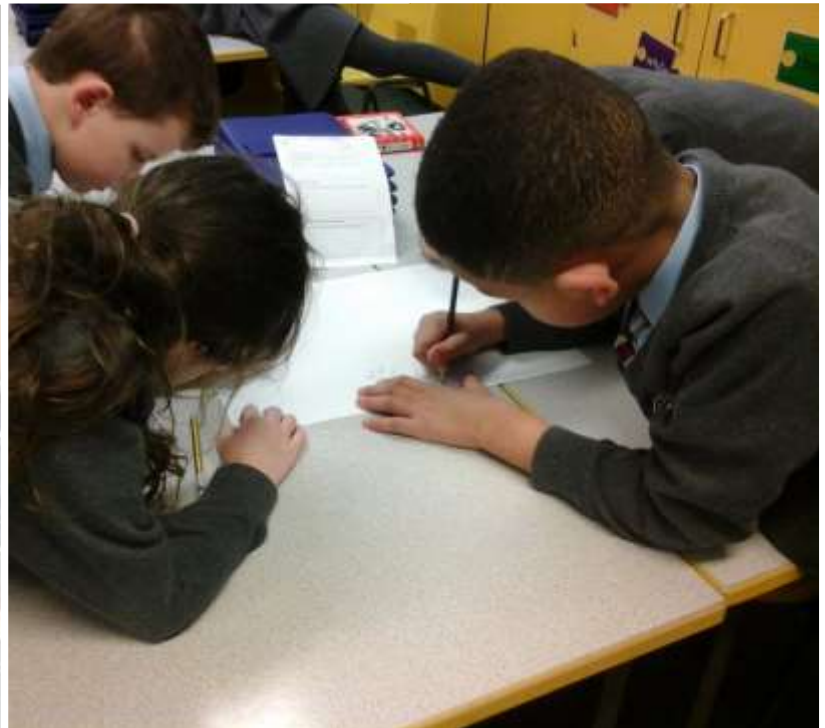
The exhibition showcased some of the work completed since Easter (Terms 5 and 6).

Pictures are also available on the individual class pages on our website accessible via this link: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/class-zone/>

International Week

The children have really enjoyed their learning during International Week. They have been exploring different countries of the world and investigating different aspects of life there. There are more pictures in the individual class pages accessible via this link: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/class-zone/>





Special Award

On Monday four Y6 pupils Sports Leaders accompanied by Mrs Broadhead (our Lead for PE & Sport) and Mrs Ludlam (our Chair of Governors) attended a special city-wide school sports awards ceremony at the English Institute of Sport (EIS) on behalf of our school. Schools from right across the city were also represented.

Our school was nominated for the prestigious 'Active Girls Award' along with several others. We were all very excited and I am delighted to tell that we won and received a special glass trophy and a certificate!

Naturally, everyone is really happy. I would like to thank Mrs Broadhead for all her hard work; our friends from 'LINKS' for their partnership; and most importantly all our children, including our Sports Leaders, for working extremely hard to earn us this award! LINKS have already been in this week to work with our Y5 pupils, some of whom will be Sports Leaders

Save Birley Spa Bath House!

As you may know the site of the Birley Spa Bath House is under threat of being sold and developed. It is a Grade II listed Victorian building in beautiful grounds, which are rich in wildlife. In fact the origins of the site can be traced back to Roman times! Over the years the site has been used for many different community activities and events and it would be sad to let it go.

If you are interested in finding out more or would like to help preserve this site for the community, please join 'The Friends of Birley Spa' via their Facebook page. Thank you.



Reports

These will be emailed out next week. As usual, there will be Progress and Target-Setting meetings on the first two days in September to discuss your child(ren)'s progress and attainment this year and discuss targets for the beginning of the new academic year. Thank you to those who responded to say that they wanted an appointment.

South Yorkshire Schools' Orienteering Final!

On Tuesday twelve SJF pupils represented our school at the South Yorkshire County Orienteering Finals at Graves Park! Our team of pupils from Years 3-6 competed against the best orienteering teams from schools from right across South Yorkshire, including Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and, of course, Sheffield.

It was an excellent event, really well run. Everyone had lots of fun and teamwork from everyone was superb! Our children were amazing - and very determined. Mrs Broadhead thought that each and every one of them was a credit to our school. We are all incredibly proud of them. My thanks to Mrs Broadhead, Mr Cross and all the volunteers who supported us!



Book Returns

Please return all your school reading books and anything belonging to school as soon as possible. Please bring in any reading records. Reading awards, including special 'Platinum Awards' for those who have received a gold award every term this year, will be awarded next week.

Summer Reading

There is no summer reading record normally over the summer and so school books can be checked etc. ready for next year. Over the summer please focus on reading for pleasure and discovering new stories and different books. The **2018 Summer Reading Challenge** is entitled 'Mischievous Makers'. We ask anyone who does it to let us know in September so we can reward you with a mention in the newsletter and smileys. Please consider joining your local library and checking out what is available. Happy Reading! Here are the links:

- ✓ <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>
- ✓ <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/content/sheffield/home/libraries-archives/our-libraries.html>



The SJF Weekly Personal Challenge!

This week the Sports Leaders set a **'Box Race'** challenge! Well done to everyone who participated.

The leaders would like to congratulate everyone who took part and give a special 'shout out' to Molly, Faith, Joel, Calum, Owen, Jacob G, Mia, Ruby A, Phoenix, Christian, Lorenzo, Fraser and Phoebe K for beating their best!

SJF Uniform Orders for 2018/19

Whilst the final day for school uniform orders being delivered to school has passed, uniform orders can still be placed online and delivered to your home address.

So that you are guaranteed to receive your orders before the first day back next September, 'School Trends' recommend that orders are made **before 12th August 2018**.

Please note that all children must wear proper black school shoes. All black trainers are not acceptable. Thank you for your support.



Parent & Carer Support

If you are concerned that you will need support over the summer holiday and would like advice or even an appointment to meet our MAST Support Worker, please speak to Mrs Pickering, someone in the School Office or email (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org). Our MAST worker is there to support all parents and carers; to listen first and to offer helpful advice on a wide range of matters. She can also signpost you to other services and liaise with my team here at SJF so that together we can ensure that you feel supported

Statement to Live By

This is the last 'statement to live by' of the year and it is: **"We are all special"**

Time to talk: This statement is the same one that we start each year with, and it is probably the most important one of all.

To know we are special is to know that we are loved.

To know that we are loved is to know that God is present in our lives.

We all amazing; created to be unique and special.

We all have our own gifts and talents which make us unique.

What makes you special?

What makes your friends special?

What about your parents, brothers and sisters, cousins, uncles and aunts?

Remember that God created each of us in the palm of His hand to be brilliant and to shine brightly. When we are feeling down on ourselves (or others) it is important that we try to remember this first, and then try to refocus because we are all special.



Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

