

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Giovanni** in **Y2** who understands that we are all the same and all different in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Giovanni likes everyone and involves them in his games and includes them in class and group activities. He does not leave people out. He respects those who are different – and just treats everybody the same, and sees them as his friends and classmates! Congratulations Giovanni! We are all very proud of you for being such a positive role-model to others! Keep it up!

Term 6 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House  209	St David's House  283	St Patrick's House  259	St George's House  288
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Changes to SJF Out of Hours School Care

We are extremely proud of our links with KIDZONE and of the strong partnership that we have developed over the past few years to ensure that quality on-site care is available before and after school, as well as during the holidays (when there is no building work going on).

We know that many of our families have come to rely on our after-school provision so when KIDZONE recently signalled their wish to stop running the after-school club I had no choice but to set about identifying potential new partners.

Though the Governors and I were very sad that things would have to change, we were more anxious that our children might be left without an after-school club. All options were therefore explored and we quickly realised that it would not be practical to have two separate providers operating before and after school for many reasons - and not least because parents/carers would have to deal with two separate organisations.

We also wanted to ensure that a new provider would operate in line with our ethos and values; would provide a quality and efficient service to its customers; would ensure compliance with all legal obligations; and would operate to the highest standards in terms of their operational practice. We wanted a new partner to come to us already with a good reputation – and ideally rated highly by OFSTED.

We were therefore delighted when we identified an organisation that we felt ticked all of these boxes.

From September 2018 both our before and after-school care will be provided by a company called 'JPAC', which already operates in several local schools. JPAC will take over operations in September 2018 and will retain the services of current staff, which we hope will ease the transition for all those who rely on the club.

JPAC Ltd is a professional childcare provider. Established in Nottinghamshire in 2000, it is a not-for-profit company which aims to offer quality provision at an affordable price. It is a fully inclusive company, providing childcare across its sites for children aged 3 to 14. It is Ofsted-registered and aims to deliver an exceptional service for children, parents/carers and schools. JPAC is able to accept childcare vouchers because it is OFSTED registered. Its services include breakfast, after-school and holiday clubs for primary schools.

You can find out more by checking out their website: <http://jpacschoolclubs.co.uk/>. Information packs will be sent home to everyone on Monday which will include a welcome letter (detailing services), enquiry form and a voucher for one free trial childcare session.

The Governors and I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Kalyata for being our partners and for all the support KIDZONE has given to the children they have looked after over the years. We wish them well for the future.





ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

Beat Your Best!

The SJF Weekly Personal Challenge!

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

The leaders want to give a huge shout out to the following children for beating their best: Jacob, Molly, Kayla, Owen Jack, Kai, Cavani! Congratulations to all the children and especially those who have already appeared on the 'Beat Your Best!' list more than once!

Writing Champions

FS2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Eva	Ellie	Azaan	Leon	Maks	Filip & Joseph	Nadia

Golden Children

- FS2** **Zayd** for some amazing descriptive talking! He gave a great explanation of how he celebrated Eid and used some very ambitious vocabulary! Well done!
- Y1** **Isabelle** for being a super role-model! Her behaviour is excellent and she is always ready to listen when we are sitting on the carpet!
- Y2** **Lexi** for being a fabulous friend to everyone this week and for looking after her peers!
- Y3** **Lottie** for making a fantastic effort and for having a really improved attitude towards her work! We are all very proud of her!
- Y4** **Emily C** for concentrating hard in lessons! It really has made a huge and positive difference! Keep it up!
- Y5** **Cole** and **George** for working really hard in Mathematic lessons, using 'Base 10' equipment in order to complete calculations!
- Y6** **May** for always trying to live up to our 'Statement to Live By', so supporting our ethos in order to be a wonderful student and friend to others!

Attendance this week			
1st	Y4	99.4%	Bobby Bear will visit next time
2nd	FS2	98.3%	Brenda Bear will visit next time
3rd	Y2	97.3%	Elvis Owl will visit next time
4th	Y5	96.9%	
5th	Y1	96.0%	
6th	Y3	95.7%	
7th	Y6	94.4%	
Target = 97.5%		Average Attendance = 96.9% ↓	



Get Set, GO!			
1st	Y1	97%	
2nd	FS2	96%	
2nd	Y2	96%	
4th	Y4	92%	
5th	Y3	91%	
6th	Y5	89%	
6th	Y6	89%	
		Average = 93% ↑	

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

Sports Day 2018

Next Friday is Sport Day and we would like all the children to come to school wearing their **SJF PE uniform**. Children should also have sun hats to wear and sun cream applied at home, before school if it is sunny.

After Celebration Assembly (at 9.05am) the children will take part in a 'round robin' of activities throughout the morning in groups. The children will then enjoy an earlier lunch so that we can accommodate both the FS2/Key Stage 1 competition at 1.00pm and the Key Stage 2 at 2.00pm.



As usual we warmly welcome family and friends to join us in order to support and encourage all the children.

FS2 & Key Stage 1 (Years 1-2) Competition

- The races for children in FS2 and Years 1 and 2 start at 1.00pm.
- The gate will be opened (and supervised) at 12.50pm - and remain open until 1.05pm.
- Once the gate is locked, visitors are asked to report to the School Office to gain entry into school.
- After the races the younger children will return to class.
- The younger children can be taken home early, but only if parents and carers are leaving school and are not staying for the races involving the older children. Please follow the children to their classroom if you want to leave early. You will exit via the School entrance.
- Parents staying for the Key Stage 2 competition are requested to leave their younger children in class until the end of the day.

Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) Competition

- The races for children in Key Stage 2 start at 2.00pm.
- The gate will be opened (and supervised) at 1.50pm - and remain open until 2.05pm.
- Once the gate is locked, visitors are asked to report to the School Office to gain entry into school.
- After the races guests are asked to remain on the playground until the children are released.
- The gate will be opened/supervised and children will be released to go home in the usual way as soon as they are ready.

Bad Weather

In the event of bad weather a text will be sent out late morning advising parent/carers that the event is either going ahead or is cancelled. If the event has to be cancelled then it will be rescheduled for **Tuesday 3rd July**, and the same arrangements will apply. Unfortunately it cannot be rescheduled for a second time if it does not go ahead on 03-07-18, so we are praying for good weather!

Achievements outside of School

- **Jack** in **Y5** received the Manager's Player of the Year award for his team, Beighton Magpies! A fantastic achievement! a special certificate for swimming 25m! Congratulations superstar! In addition, Jack and his brother **Max** in **Y2** together raised over £150 for Cancer research UK recently when they took place in the 'Race For Life' at Graves Park. They both sprinted the full 5km, negotiating muddy obstacles as they went, up and down hills, leaving their parents in their wake! A great achievement for a very special cause!

Catholic Life of the School

The Feast of St John Fisher

I would like to thank everyone who joined us for our special Mass to celebrate the feast of our patron, St John Fisher. I would like to thank Mrs Barrett and the young people of Y3 for preparing and leading the liturgy and music. I would like to thank Fr Paul for celebrating Mass; Jared and Alex for serving; the readers and all those who had special roles. I would like say a special 'thank you' to all the children who recently received the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time, and who came to school dressed in their special clothes. They all looked fantastic! The children were Emilia, Marisa, Olivia, Leon, Jacob, William, Tiarnan, Daniel, Jason, Lottie, Vilius, Oscar and Phoebe. We are so proud of you all!

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

There will be no liturgy next week as it is the fifth and final assessment point of the academic year. The next liturgy will therefore be on **Thursday 5th July 2018** and will be led by the young people of **Y1** and we invite the family and friends of our Y1 children to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

Celebration Assembly

Our next Celebration Assembly is on **Friday 29th June** just after 9.00am, before our Sports Day morning activities begin. We invite the family and friends of our **Y6** pupils to join us. Thank you.

Parent & Carer Support

If you would like 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.



Term 5 Reading Awards

Receiving a Bronze Award for having a go and reading most weeks are:

FS2	
Y1	Cavani, Freddie, Oscar, Connor and Emily
Y2	Marika
Y3	Mia
Y4	
Y5	
Y6	

Receiving a Silver Award for reading three or four times per week are:

FS2	Connie and Jacob
Y1	Hannah, Daniel, Finn, Lydia and Isabelle
Y2	Stefania, Kiya, Maya, Caleb and Faye
Y3	Freddie and Leon
Y4	Emily C and Emily M
Y5	
Y6	

Receiving a Gold Award for reading at least five times per week are:

FS2	Aalia, Alana, Alfie, Amelie, Ava, Bella-Rae, Bruno, Dominique, Eliana, Erin, Hugo, Isaac, Katie, Luca, Poppy, Preston, Samuel, Sebastian, William and Willow
Y1	Priscilla, Mia, Katy, Ellie, James, Lola, Alexia, Logan, Mateusz, Zack, Charlie, Lily, Edie-Mae, Bella, Bronte and Lena
Y2	Lacey-Lou, Riley, Charlie, Emily, Max, Dylan, Olivia M, Isobel, Olivia W and Kessy
Y3	Alhamzah, Phil, Marisa, William, Oscar, Jason, Daisy, Caitlin, Sophie, Daniel, Summer, Mike, Emilia, Ethan Y
Y4	Phoebe A, Sophie B, Bethany, Mitchell, Amelia, Hibah, Freya, Phoebe K, Alex, Daisy, Molly, Tamzin, Archie, Oscar
Y5	Rafal, Lorenzo, Lola, Fraser, Max, Jack S, Odette, Millie, Laurie, Willis, Lola and Amna
Y6	

SJF Martial Arts Day

On Tuesday 19th of June the whole school took part in an amazing martial arts class ran by the Castle Martial Arts team which consisted of three experienced black-belt holders. The main focus was to share with the children what it means to be a Black Belt Leader – to have a positive attitude - not just in sport but also in life generally – meaning that everyone should work incredibly hard at everything they do.

Another key objective of the sessions was for the children to have lots of fun, because we all know that everyone performs much better when they are enjoying themselves. The black belt leaders definitely made the session enjoyable and there were lots of smiles and laughing as the children learned some new skills.



At the start of the sessions the leaders performed some amazing stunts with swords. They even did flips in the air - which left everyone excited to start the session and amazed at the talents of the team's talents!

Everyone had a go at showing great black belt leadership qualities as they worked hard and supported each other during the activities. Well done to everyone who took part and a huge thank you to Mrs Houghton, who



“Common-sense before self-defence!”



Taster Days

We welcome our new starters for the first of their taster days next week! We look forward to meeting them!



Assessment Point 5

Next week is the final assessment point of the year for children in all classes except Y2 and Y6. Please ensure that all children try to attend school every day for the assessments please. Thank you for your support.

STEM Week

The Y6 children have been investigating the impact of oil pollution on the oceans this week and the disastrous impact on marine ecology around the world. The children decided to focus on reducing the amount of oil leaking into the sea and set about engineering their own transport ships.

The aim was to investigate how to increase the cargo capacity in order to reduce the number of ships needed to transport materials around the world. They planned, designed, built and tested their ships to see if they would float firstly and then tested them to see how much weight they could carry.



Y1 STEM Week Investigations

The young people of Y1 joined the children of Y6 and all the other classes this week to consider the importance of water to our world and investigating why water means life. Please check out the various class pages on the SJF website for more pictures. You can also use this link:

<http://www.st-johnfisher.org/class-zone/>

Children will conclude their STEM investigations this week.



Fantastic News!

I am delighted to inform you that our school has won Sheffield Schools' Active Girls Award after nominations were considered from many schools across Sheffield! We have been invited to a special awards evening to receive our award.

I am absolutely delighted and would like to thank Mrs Broadhead for all her hard work. She will be attending the awards ceremony at the English Institute of Sport (EIS), Sheffield, alongside some of our fantastic Y6 Sports leaders, who really have done an excellent job this year, Kayla, Poppy, Alex and William. More information to follow in due course.

Staff News

I am really pleased to inform you that Miss Pendlebury gave birth to baby Oscar weighing a healthy 7lb 3oz! Both mother and son are doing very well! We send our congratulations and prayers to Miss Pendlebury, Oscar and their family!

Miss Pendlebury also works in the Music Department at St Mary's Catholic High School in Chesterfield. I am delighted to inform you that she was promoted recently to Head of Department there. It is a full-time position which means that when her maternity leave finishes she will sadly not return to our school, though she will help out with the Leavers' service at the end of this year.

We thank Miss Pendlebury for her service and dedication over the past five years and we wish her every happiness and success in her new leadership role!



Statement to Live By

Next week our 'Statement to Live By' will be **"I try to be accepting of others"**

Time to talk: Why is it very important to be accepting of others? Why is it important for others to be accepting of us? How would you feel if people did not accept you or judged you all the time? Why does Jesus call us to be accepting, kind and welcoming rather than judgemental and critical? If everyone is respectful and accepting of everyone else what kind of community will we have? What kind of world would we have? What would be different? What would be the same?

The true way and the sure way to friendship is through humility-being open to each other, accepting each other just as we are, knowing each other.

— Mother Teresa —

AZ QUOTES

BE SOMEBODY WHO MAKES EVERYBODY FEEL LIKE A SOMEBODY.

“When you can accept yourself as you are and accept others as they are, you will finally have PEACE..”

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

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