

# SJF NEWS

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## ★ Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Scarlet Cook** in **Y4** who understands why it is important to say how she feels. Scarlet sets a fantastic example in two ways. Firstly, she knows that she can always share how she feels, and that if she does then she will be listened to with complete respect. Secondly (and because she is very kind) she is excellent at listening actively to others who want to share how they feel with her. Congratulations Scarlet, what a great example you are! We are all very proud of you!

## Parent Support and Advice Sessions

Sue Bernarde, our Parent Support worker from the MAST team will be in school from 8.30am – 9.30am on the following dates:

- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

If you would like to meet with Sue in order to discuss any issue affecting you and your family, please call into the library (via the playground) on any of the above dates and Sue will be happy to help you with any issue that is affecting you or your family.

Advice and support  
for children and  
families



Contact MAST when  
your family needs  
some extra help

## Y3 Viking Adventure

Here is report about our The Y4 Viking adventure!

*"We had a fantastic day when we went to the Yorkshire Farming Museum. The day began in the Great Hall where we found out about the history of the Vikings.*

*We discovered that they did not just steal but were: raiders, settlers, farmers, sailors, craftsmen and traders!*

*We then got into the spirit of the day and dressed up as Vikings, and made our way to our village.*

*Once there we were put to work making bread, becoming guards, collecting wood, making clay oil lamps and farming. We also saw a Viking long ship.*

*We had a feast at lunchtime with our Viking chief and we entertained each other with jokes and stories.*

*We also dealt out Viking justice by putting one of our slaves in the stocks! Our warrior skills were called into action when an Anglo-Saxon warrior chanced upon our village and we had to chase him off!*

*Our day finished around the hearth in the great hall- keeping warm and listening to stories.*

*A great day was had by all!"*





I would like to thank my colleagues for organising the visit as well as all the parent/carer volunteers who were able to support us. Special days like this would be very difficult to organise without your help.



### Harvest Festival 2017

Our annual Harvest Festival Mass is approaching fast. As in previous years, we would be grateful if you would donate food to school which we will then pass on to the St Wilfred's Centre in Sheffield.

It is important that the food you donate is non-perishable, i.e. not fresh, so the items which are particularly useful are: tins of meat, fish, soup, vegetables and fruit; packets of cereals, 'Pot Noodle'-type products, biscuits, drinking chocolate, instant mashed potato, pasta, rice and dried noodles. Items which are tinned or dried are perfect.

All donations will be received gratefully. Donations can be deposited in the box outside the Y6 classroom. Thank you again for your generosity and support.



**SJF**  
**Harvest**  
**2017**

### SJF Open Morning 2017

Our Opening Morning is tomorrow (**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017**). If you know anyone who might be interested in looking around school or finding out more about our community please let them know and encourage them to contact us.

We are especially interested in welcoming the parents and carers of children who are due to start school next September.

The Open Morning will provide an excellent opportunity for visitors to meet children, staff, Governors and members of the PTFA. Thank you





### Plastic Computer Chairs for Sale

We have refurbished the Y5 classroom and are looking to dispose of the plastic computer chairs. These are swivel chairs with adjustable heights and are suitable for adults and children. We are offering them for a contribution of just £5+. The money raised from the sale of the chairs will be put towards covering the cost of buying a brand new bike/scooter shelter for the children to store the bikes and scooters they ride to school. The School Council asked for this last year.

If you would like a chair, all you have to do is sign the list in the foyer by the School Office. The chairs are similar to the one pictured here and there are 27 available and they will be sold on a first come first served basis. Please sign up if you want one. Thank you.



### Term 1 Smiley Scores

<p><b>St Andrew's House</b></p>  <p><b>413</b></p>	<p><b>St David's House</b></p>  <p><b>390</b></p>	<p><b>St Patrick's House</b></p>  <p><b>375</b></p>	<p><b>St George's House</b></p>  <p><b>364</b></p>
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### Writing Champions

All children's writing in Years 2-6 is displayed in 'Writers' Corner'. The idea is that the children can change their writing each time they produce another piece which demonstrates that they have achieved writing targets in order to produce their best piece of work. The Y1 writing is displayed in and around the Y1 classroom and FS2 children will develop their writing skills throughout the year.

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
Elliana Kamolli	Bella Walton	Charlie Emmett	Daniel Hill	Jia Robinson	At Kingswood	Lily Sanders

### Golden Children

<b>FS2</b>	<b>All the children</b> for enjoying their learning and for being so good this week! We are so proud of the great start you are all making!
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Paige Tough</b> for working amazingly hard in Mathematics! We are all very proud of you!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Isabel Stoeman</b> for just being a super Y2 pupil! She has tried her hardest in everything and is always determined to succeed!
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Eleanor Checkley</b> for offering enthusiastic questions and answers and for responding positively to all members of our class!
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Lily Peters</b> for being an amazing member of the class and for always trying her best in all she does!
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>All of Y5</b> whether they were in school or attended the residential at Kingswood for being amazing!
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Sam Orbell</b> for working hard and for making great improvements in his spelling scores each week! What a superstar!



### Achievements Outside of School

- **Bella Walton** in **Y1** and **Poppy Walton** in **Y6** took part in a 'Memory Walk' in support of the Alzheimer's Society. Well done girls, what a fantastic thing to do, well done!
- **Leon Chudzinski** in **Y3** received the 'Judo player of the Week' award at his British Judo class recently! Well done Leon, everyone is very, very proud of you!
- **Jason Goddard** in **Y3** was awarded a certificate for achieving both the Angelfish 2 standard and the 25m distance award in swimming recently! Congratulations, we are all very proud of you!

Attendance this Week		
FS2	95.3%	
Year 1	96.3%	
Year 2	<b>99.3%</b>	Brenda Bear will be visiting next week
Year 3	<b>99.6%</b>	Bobby Bear will be visiting next week
Year 4	<b>98.4%</b>	
Year 5	<b>99.1%</b>	Elvis the Owl will be visiting next week
Year 6	<b>99.2%</b>	
<b>Target</b>	<b>97.5%</b>	<b>This week's average attendance: 97.4%</b>

Overall attendance has improved and we almost managed to beat our 97.5% target, thank you.

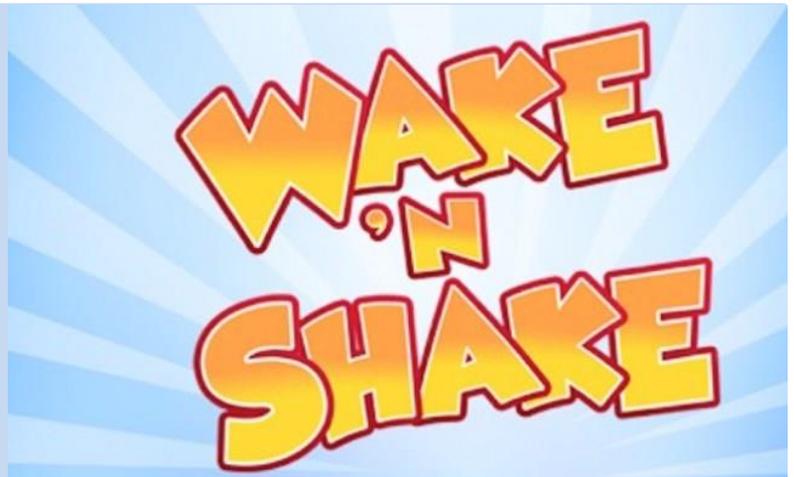
### Wake & Shake

Here is a message from Mrs Broadhead:

**Wake and Shakers, have you got what it takes to participate as a whole class community?**

Next week the 'Wake and Shake' leaders will be demonstrating the morning activity but then it is up to the particular class and parents/carers to repeat the task afterwards.

There will be a tally of participants each day. The class with the most participant, children and adults will be the winners. They will be rewarded with an extra break time with some music to accompany them.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y6	Y5	Y4	Y3	Y1

### Collective Worship

#### Harvest Mass

You are all invited to join us for our Harvest Mass on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** at 9.30am at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. It will be led by the young people of Y5.

#### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Thank you to the children of Y1 for leading yesterday's liturgy. Next week there will be no liturgy because of the Harvest Mass on Friday, nor the week after that because it is our first assessment point of the year.

#### Celebration Assembly

We invite the family and friends of our **Y2** children to join us for our Celebration Assembly next **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017** in the School Hall at 2.55pm.

### PTFA News

The next 'Bags2School' collection will be on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October**.

Please bring in all your unwanted clothing items so that the PTFA can exchange them to raise money for school. Please use your own plastic bags if you do not have the official ones.





### **Be Safe – Be Happy Week**

The first week of Term 2 (straight after the forthcoming holiday) will be 'Be Safe-Be Happy Week'. The week is an extended version of the national UK Anti-Bullying Week taking place later in November. Our focus will be on pupil wellbeing. During the week the children will explore a wide range of issues linked to being safe and happy.

There will be a special focus in each class exploring why it is important to be kind, accepting and supportive of others; considering the different forms of bullying. The children will also reflect on what they need to do if they witness or experience bullying.

Though we have an ongoing focus on online safety throughout the year, the children will think about how to be safe online and what to do if they feel unsure, unsafe or bullied online. We are also looking to run more parent/carer sessions after school during the week.

There will be:

- a special road Safety day coordinated by our partners from Gist; and
- information shared by South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue (who, unfortunately, cannot visit school)

There will be class talks and assemblies led by:

- South Yorkshire Police on a range of issues including 'stranger danger' and nuisance behaviour;
- Yorkshire Water on safety near rivers, canals and open water;
- Network Rail/British Transport Police on safety near railways; and
- a building company representative about safety near building sites

There will be a 'Fun & Fitness Day' led by our partners from LINKS and a skipping workshop for all classes on another day

We are also waiting to confirm talks on the following:

- the school nurses regarding basic first aid for most children, and for the oldest children a talk about the dangers of smoking, alcohol and drugs;
- the school dental service about oral health and hygiene; and
- 'The National Grid' about being safe around electricity in the home and electricity pylons and substations

We will publish the final programme once everything has been confirmed. Please look out for it as the children will be asked to wear their PE kits on the days of 'Fun & Fitness' and skipping workshop days.

### **Community Service of Remembrance 2017**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017 our community will come together to mark Armistice Day 2017. Our service will be at 10.30am at Our Lady Lourdes Catholic Church and will incorporate a minute's silence in honour of the fallen and those who love(d) them.

If you, a relative or someone you know is a serving or retired member of the armed services and would like to play a small part in our service (placing a wreath created by the children at the foot of a cross), please let us know.

Also we are looking for serving and/or retired service personnel who would be willing to visit school in order to speak to the children about why Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday is so important to them. Again if you can help, please get in touch.

### **Statement to Live By**

Next week's statement to live by is: "I can laugh and have fun."

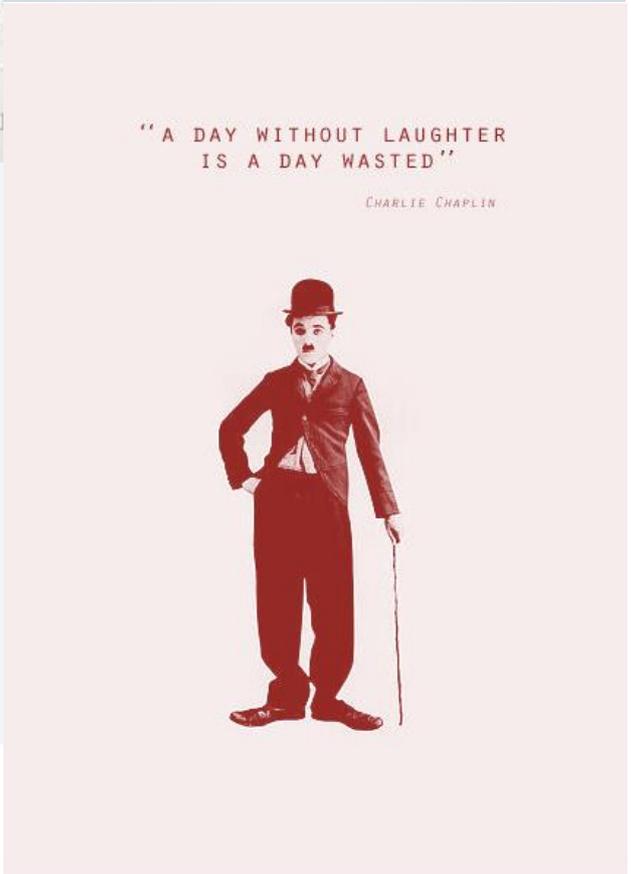
**Time to talk:** Together remember times when you had fun; those special times when you laughed so much that nothing could make you stop, and your sides ached, and you could barely stand up. What made these times so special? Who were you with? Why is it so important to laugh and have fun? What would life be like without fun and laughter? What really makes you laugh?





laughter  
sparkles like a splash  
of water in sunlight

“NO ONE LOOKS  
STUPID WHEN  
THEY’RE HAVING  
FUN”  
-AMY POEHLER-



Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt