

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Alfie Saxton-Clayton** in **Y6** who understands that it is ok to make mistakes in our learning in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Alfie is quietly developing an increasingly positive attitude to learning and is willing to have a go at anything. As a result he is developing greater self-belief and resilience, because he understands that if you keep doing your best and never give up you can achieve anything you want to! This has been particularly evident in Mathematics this year. In doing these things, Alfie also sets a fantastic example to others, and we are all so very proud of him for it! What a star you are Alfie!

Staff News

We welcome Mrs Mappin, Mrs Walton and Mrs Buckthorpe who are supporting teaching and learning in and out of the classroom until the end of the academic year. We are delighted to have them on board!

Term 4 Smiley Scores

House	Smiley Score
St Andrew's House	164
St David's House	113
St Patrick's House	165
St George's House	145

Smiley Awards

Congratulations to the following children who achieved 'Smiley Awards' this week: Alfie Marsden, Caleb McAulay, Filip Dworak, Giovani Mukendi, Kiya Griffiths, Phoenix Schmelz, Stefania Jankowska, Alex Turner, Olivia Wood and Lorenzo Dizon, Logan Howells, Cavani Alvaranga, Priscilla Asumadu, Paige Tough and Connor Whitehead

Yellow Day!

The children in St David's house looked fantastic dressed in yellow today for our rescheduled 'Yellow Day'. Members all came together this afternoon with Mrs Raynes, the new Head of House, for some Golden Time in which they had the opportunity to have a go at various crafts, including creating daffodils. Everyone had a wonderful time, and my thanks go to Mrs Raynes for organising everything.

Green Day!

The feast of St Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland, is on Saturday 17th March 2018. The members of St Patrick's House will enjoy their 'Green Day' next Friday 16th March. This means that members of St Patrick's House ONLY are allowed to come to school wearing something green instead of their usual school uniform. The children in the other three Houses must therefore wear full school uniform on that day. Thank you.

Catholic Life of the School

Lenten Class Liturgies

You are all invited to join us for our Lenten class liturgies. They will be on Mondays for children in Years 3-6 and on Tuesdays for children in FS2 and Years 1 and 2. Please note that the last liturgy of this year's Lenten season will be on Tuesday 20th March. This means there will be no liturgies in the last week of Term 4 (Holy Week). As with our class Advent liturgies before Christmas, the Lenten liturgies will start at 3pm so please arrive by 2.55pm and sign in. Thank you.



'Good Shepherd' Lenten Appeal – The SJF Penny War!

During Lent we will be collecting for St Patrick's House charity, 'The Good Shepherd Appeal'. During a penny war classes collect as many pennies and two-pennies as they can. The aim is to fill their class collecting tin. A penny is worth **1** point and each two-pence is worth **2** points. The winning class will be the one which collects



the most points. Children can add silver coins to the collecting tins of other classes in order reduce their point total. 5p will reduce a class total by 5 points, 10p will reduce the total by 10 points and so on.



Diocese of Hallam

At the end of the Term 4, the class tins will be opened and all the coins counted and points added up. The silver coins in each tin will also be counted and the points taken off to leave us with a final total. The class which collects the most will receive a Golden Time treat for a whole afternoon, as a reward.

The money raised will then be donated to the Bishop's 'Good Shepherd' appeal - which supports the vital work of small Diocesan charities across Sheffield, South Yorkshire, north Derbyshire and north Nottinghamshire.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank Mrs Broadhead and that young people of Y2 for leading yesterday's Liturgy of the Word. Our next liturgy will be led by the young people of **Y1** on **Thursday 15th March 2018** and we would like to invite the family and friends of our Y1 children are invited to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

Celebration Assembly

We invite the family and friends of our **Y2** pupils to join us for our next Celebration Assembly on **Friday 16th March 2018**, which takes place in the School Hall and starts at 2.55pm. Thank you.

Our Lenten Prayer: 'The Confiteor'

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.



Golden Children

- FS2** **Noah Molloy** for being really helpful this week and for recognising if and when help is needed! Thank you Noah!
- Y1** **Lydia Prestidge** for always being so happy coming in to school with a big smile; for making the right choices and doing the right thing; and for being a pleasure to have in the class!
- Y2** **Courtney Nyamande** for improved listening and for completing tasks on time! What a star you are!
- Y3** **Mia Whitehead** for having a greatly improved attitude to her work and for showing real progress! What a superstar!
- Y4** **Ava Jones** for having more self-belief and for producing some really good work this week! We all very proud of her!
- Y5** **Jack Swain** for having a great attitude to school life generally and for being helpful and kind at all times!
- Y6** **Matthew Ford** for working really hard and for making fantastic progress in Mathematics! Matthew is showing great determination and resilience and we are all very proud of him! Keep it up!

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jacob Reaney	Mateusz Kepinski	Phoenix Scmelz	Ethan Usher	Bethany Beatson	Keira Ambrose	May Woodhouse

Assessment Point 3

The results will be shared in the children's next interim report at the next pupil progress/achievement review meetings on 19th and 20th March 2018. Please ensure that you have made appointments. Thank you.

Term 4 Curriculum Overviews

Overviews were emailed out this week and are available via our website. Remember, if you have any questions, need any help, or can support us in any way, do please get in touch. Thank you.



KIDZONE Easter Holiday Club

KIDZONE will be running a holiday club during the forthcoming Easter holidays. The club will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week:

- Week 1 (3rd, 4th and 5th April 2018)
- Week 2 (10th, 11th and 12th April 2018)

There will be two sessions per day.

Here are the charges for the **first** child:

- 08:00 hours – 12:30 hours = £12
- 12:30 hours – 17:00 hours = £12
- Full Day = £24

Here are the charges for the **second** child:

- 08:00 hours – 12:30 hours = £10
- 12:30 hours – 17:00 hours = £10
- Full Day = £20

To find out more or book a place please contact Mrs Kalyata

- **mobile:** 07476049907
- **email:** kidzoneclub2013@gmail.com



THE KIDZONE

Reading at SJF!

Reading Allowed

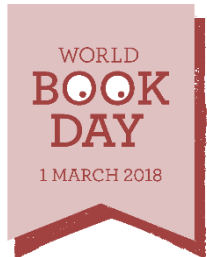


Reading Allowed!

Our Reading Buddies from Years 5 and 6 have now been trained and the story sessions with younger children will begin next week and then continue on a weekly basis.

World Book Day

Everyone had great fun during our rescheduled World Book Day yesterday. Children and staff entered into the spirit of the day and looked fantastic dressed as their favourite book characters! Though our Book Week was severely disrupted last week due to the weather, colleagues have worked hard to ensure that the children have not missed out. I would like to thank our fantastic PTFA and everyone who donated.



Extreme Reading Challenge

Thank you to everyone who has sent photographs, they are fantastic! If you would like to see them please follow the link below:

<http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/extreme-reading-2018/>

Keep sending your pictures in via our general school email address: enquiries@st-johnfisher.org, and be sure to let us know if you do not want them published on the website! The entries will be judged next week and the winners will receive Book Vouchers at next week's Celebration Assembly. Here are just some of the fantastic entries received so far:

Extreme reading



Author Visit to Y1



Our Term 4 Learning Value

The Sports Leaders asked if the learning value for Term 4 could be changed to 'Self-Belief'. They felt that it was more appropriate because of the Winter Olympics and Winter Paralympics, and because we are beginning the run up to the statutory assessment period which will see many of our pupils completing statutory assessments in Y1 (Phonics), Y2 and Y6.

Self-belief is about:

- ✓ trusting your abilities
- ✓ setting yourself challenging goals
- ✓ gaining confidence

The following words come to mind when we think of self-belief: courage, determination, spirit, assurance, tenacity, faith, confidence and strength of mind.

What does self-belief look like to you?

- ✓ you can trust your abilities
- ✓ you can set yourself challenging goals
- ✓ you have confidence in yourself

If you have self-belief what do you realise?

- ✓ you can reach your potential if you believe in yourself
- ✓ you should set more challenging goals to help stay motivated
- ✓ gaining confidence gives you the strength to carry on – even when it's really hard

How can you show self-belief?

- ✓ having a positive and determined mind set
- ✓ setting challenging goals and having the courage to try (and keep trying) to achieve them
- ✓ really believing that you can reach your potential

During Term 4, the children will try to demonstrate this value and gain the class and/or individual awards.

Achievements Outside of School

- **Alexia Houghton** recently achieved the required standard and was awarded the White/Purple Belt by 'The Castle Black Belt Academy'! Congratulations Alexia, we are all very proud of you!
- **Bruno Chudzinski** recently passed Stage 1 and has been moved on to Stage 2 in his swimming lessons! A fantastic achievement Bruno, well done!



School Review

On Tuesday we welcome back Mr Jamie Kilner. He will spend a day with us observing teaching and learning, talking to the children and staff and reviewing school performance across a number of areas.

Attendance this Week		
FS2	97.3%	
Year 1	99.3%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
Year 2	98.7%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
Year 3	98.2%	Elvis the owl will visit next week
Year 4	97.2%	
Year 5	94.7%	
Year 6	97.8%	
Target	97.5%	This week's average attendance: 97.6%
Attendance in Term 3		
FS2	97.5%	
Year 1	94.7%	
Year 2	95.2%	
Year 3	98.2%	
Year 4	98.0%	
Year 5	97.7%	
Year 6	95.4%	
Target	97.5%	Term 4 average attendance: 96.7%
Attendance Terms 1-3		
FS2	96.5%	
Year 1	95.6%	
Year 2	96.0%	
Year 3	97.4%	
Year 4	97.1%	
Year 5	96.6%	
Year 6	96.4%	
Target	97.5%	2017-18 average so far: 96.5%

The attendance has been strong this week with all but one class achieving our school target. Thank you for your support.

Attendance in Terms 2 and 3 was impacted greatly by a number of nasty viruses. We are seen as a school with normally consistently strong attendance by the Local Authority. However, the drop has alerted them and an Attendance Officer has been analysing our data and working with us to support families where attendance is (or might be) an issue.

We understand that there are many factors which can impact on attendance, and we really want to help. So, if you are concerned about this please speak to Mrs Pickering, our Learning Mentor, as soon as possible – and ideally before the local authority intervenes directly. Thank you.

Before School Routine

Wake Up & Shake Up!

Each day will start with our popular routine at **8.40am**, usually in the playground, but we will try to do it in the hall if the weather is poor. We invite all our children and families to join in with our fantastic Y4 Wake & Shakers!

Get Set, GO!

As soon as Wake & Shake is finished the children will make their own way straight into class where their teachers will be waiting. There will be staff on the playground to help and support any children who need it. As teachers will be busy in class you are invited to share **non-urgent** messages with staff on the playground, the school gate or the School Office – and they will be passed on.

Non-urgent messages can also be telephoned through (0114) 2485009 or emailed directly to the class teacher via the various class email addresses.

A reminder that urgent messages can also be left with staff on the playground, the school gate and in the School Office. They can also be called in or emailed via the main 'enquiries@st-johnfisher.org' email address.

The Oasis

Our new outdoor learning area, which was funded by a successful £10k bid to 'The Big Lottery Fund' is now complete and looks very smart indeed. Children in Years 1 and 2 can now access school via this zone each morning. This is the third successful bid we have made to 'The Big Lottery Fund'; the first was for the playground equipment and the second was for the FS2 outdoor area. Future bids are planned for a new 'amphitheatre'/Y2 outdoor area behind school and a new outside meeting area. We will keep you posted!





PTFA Easter Egg Competition 2018

The popular PTFA egg decorating competition returns! Further details will be shared, but eggs will be available for purchase after school at £1 each. It is a lot of fun and so I do encourage you to take part and help raise some money as well!

CCTV/Security

A brand new internal/external CCTV system has been installed along with new external lights. This investment underlines our Governors' utter commitment to ensuring that our school is secure and that the technology is in place to better ensure that those who damage our building or break in can be brought to justice.

Parking in the Church Car Park

Please note that the parish car park does not belong to school and you are therefore asked not to use it without Fr Paul's permission. The parish needs access to the space at all times. Permission has been granted for members of school staff to use the car park as well as certain parents/carers, for very specific reasons. We do appreciate your cooperation and support. Thank you.

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is '**I can learn from my mistakes and failures**'

Time to talk: This week we have been reflecting on why it is OK – even important – to make mistakes. We thought about why we must challenge ourselves so that we can actually learn how to be fantastic learners.

We reflected on why this can be scary and why we have to just go for it - even though we might make mistakes in the process. We thought about what Michael Johnson (the famous American basketball player) meant when he said; "You will miss 100% of the shots you never take!" and we promised to try to push ourselves to our limits - and beyond - within the safety of the classroom.

This week why not reflect on **how**, **when** and **where** you pushed yourselves this week? What mistakes did you make and how did you react? How will you challenge yourselves next week? Why is Lent such a special time for thinking, reflecting, trying, failing and trying again? What will you do differently next week?



Best wishes,

Mr Barratt

