

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Paige Tough** (Y1) who has made a great start to the new school year. Paige's growing confidence and self-belief is increasingly evident and she is beginning to appreciate her own gifts and talents more, which is wonderful to see. Her willingness to be more positive about her abilities is in line with this week's 'Statement to Live By' and we are all pleased with the fantastic impact that this is having on her learning behaviours and attitudes. Congratulations Paige, we are all very proud of you!

PTFA Information Evening

The PTFA would like to invite you all to their information evening on **Tuesday 19th September 2017** in the school hall. Refreshments will be served from 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start.

Please try to come along and find out what they do. It is also a great opportunity for parents/carers to meet one another, and especially good if they are new to our community.

The PTFA is such a big part of our community and its success depends on parents/carers joining and contributing a little time and ideas, especially as existing Committee members are looking to step down and pass on the baton. If you can spare some time why not come along? Thank you.



Curriculum Overviews

The Term 1 Curriculum Overviews have been sent out for children in Years 1-6. The FS2 overview will follow shortly. Please contact us if you need any help or you can offer us support. Thank you.

Parish News

Everyone is welcome to the first children's Mass of the school year on Sunday 17th September at 10.30 at Our lady of Lourdes Catholic church. All songs and readings will be led by the children and this Mass will be in the spirit of Taize, which is a Catholic place of pilgrimage in France renowned for its beautiful music. The children will sing different Taize chants including 'O Lord Hear my Prayer' which is well known to our children.

Information about parish and Diocesan life including the times of Masses and Confession and sacramental preparation is available via this link to the parish website: <http://www.ourladyoflourdessheffield.org.uk/>.

FS2 Children & Families

The children have had a fantastic first week and I would like to thank my colleagues in FS2 for all their hard work. The children enjoyed their first full day today. Please remember that the Welcome Meeting for FS2 will take place on Tuesday 3rd October 2017 at 3.30pm in the FS2 classroom, to allow time for the children to settle and become used to the routines. Lots of important information will be shared about school life and more specifically about how you can support the assessment of your child.

Forthcoming Events

Please refer to the SJF calendar, (sent home before the holidays) for details of forthcoming events. Below is a summary of events happening next week. The School Calendar is also available via this link:

www.st-johnfisher.org/parents/school-dates/

SJF Open Morning 2016

Our next Opening Morning will be on **Saturday 7th 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. It will be a good opportunity to meet children, staff, Governors and members of the PTFA.





All Saints Open Morning

The members of our Y6 class and their families are warmly invited to attend an Open Morning on Saturday 23rd September 2017 from 10.00am until noon.

All Saints is a very special place with strong links to our school. Further information is available via this link: <http://www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/>



Sean Pender
Headteacher

All Saints Catholic High School is a Christian community within the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church, working in the spirit of gospel values.





Within this tradition our school mission is to:

- ✓ share a common philosophy of life
- ✓ teach the truths of our faith and the principles of Christian morality
- ✓ encourage our members to fulfil their intellectual, spiritual and physical potential
- ✓ prepare each person for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life

We aim to work in partnership with the home, our churches and local communities in delivering a high quality education for all. These relationships provide the foundation for developing lifelong wholeness and integrity.

Smileys

The smiley totals for this week and last will be published in next week's newsletter. Here is a reminder of the House feast days for your information.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Official Feast of St Andrew is on Thursday 30th November 2016 ✓ Members will mark the feast in school (Blue Day) on Monday 4th December 2017
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Official Feast of St David is on Thursday 1st March 2018 ✓ Members will mark the feast in school (Yellow Day) on Friday 2nd March 2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Official Feast of St Patrick is on Saturday 17th March 2018 ✓ Members will mark the feast in school (Green Day) on Friday 16th March 2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Official Feast of St George is on Monday 23rd April 2018 ✓ All children will learn about St George with members marking the feast in school (Red Day) on Monday 23rd April 2018

Flu Vaccinations

NHS England are offering nasal flu vaccinations to children in FS2 Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 because there is good evidence from previous vaccination programmes across the country about the benefits of immunising healthy children in order to reduce the transmission of Flu and to reduce absenteeism in schools for both children and staff.



If you have not returned your letter please do so indicating whether you consent or not, as soon as possible. Thank you.

Achievements Outside of School

- **Cavani Avaranga** in **Y1** achieved the 50m 'Rainbow Distance Award' recently! What an impressive achievement! Congratulations!
- **Jessica Ball** in **Y2** and **Sophie Ball** in **Y4** completed the library summer reading challenge over the holidays! Well done girls, a great achievement!
- **Tamzin Samba** in **Y4** achieved the standards required in order to receive both the 'Shark 3' and 'Seal 1' swimming certificates! She also achieved merits in both her Grade 1 ballet and tap exams over the summer holiday. Congratulations Tamzin, amazing achievements!



Top Table

Congratulations to the Eagle family who were chosen by Mrs Bower and her team of lunchtime supervisors to sit on the Top Table today for having good table manners. Congratulations to Kessy H, Polly F, Ruby A, James C, Freddie F, Logan H, Hugo G, Seb H and Aalia J, we are all very proud of you!

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Will start next week	Bella Walton	Kessy Higaró	Tiarnan McKeown	Archie Saxton-Clayton	Jack Swain	Alex Ludlam

Golden Children

FS2	Whole of FS2 for starting school so brilliantly! You are amazing!
Year 1	Eddie-Mae Smith for making an amazing start with her Maths work!
Year 2	Giovanni Mukendi for making a great start to Y2 and for persevering with tasks! Well done!
Year 3	Sophie Wood for making a great start to Y3 and demonstrating a mature approach to learning!
Year 4	Alex Murray for working hard all week and for persevering even when work is difficult! We are all proud of you!
Year 5	Christian Adusei for being a great role-model and for always working so very hard! You are a superstar!
Year 6	Dadiso Bandawa for making a wonderful start to the year and for having a fantastic attitude towards her Maths work! A star!

Ordering Lunches

Please remember that children's lunches must be ordered by midnight each Thursday for the following week. You can order and pay for several weeks' worth of lunches, if this is more convenient. Thank you.



Attendance this Week			
FS2	99.3%	Brenda Bear will visit next week	<i>Well done to all the classes who managed to exceed our new 97.5% target. Our whole-school was also above target! Let us see if we can make it a clean sweep next week! Thank you for your support.</i>
Year 1	97.7%		
Year 2	96.7%		
Year 3	99.6%	Bobby Bear will visit next week	
Year 4	98.7%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week	
Year 5	98.4%		
Year 6	98.1%		
Target	97.5%	This week's average attendance:	98.3%

Spare Clothes

Children of all ages sometimes require clean clothes when their school clothes become dirty in school. We are running short of stock in some sizes and we need 1 or 2 items of clothing if you have any old clothes in reasonable condition in these sizes we would be grateful of donations.

We really need:

- ✓ Boys' trousers (aged 9-11+ years)
- ✓ Girls' trousers, skirts and shirts (aged 9-11+ years)
- ✓ Girls' skirts (aged 4-6 years)
- ✓ PE shorts and jogging bottoms (all sizes)

If you have any uniform in these sizes to donate please label them spare clothes and hand them in to your child's class teacher. Many thanks for your generosity.



Plastic Computer Chairs for Sale

As we are refurbishing the Y5 classroom we are offering the plastic swivel computer chairs for sale for a contribution of £5+. The money we raise will be put towards the cost of buying the bike/scooter shelter asked for by the School Council last year. If you would like a chair please sign the list in the foyer by the School Office. There are 27 and they will be sold on a first come first served basis. Thank you.

Collective Worship

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank the young people of Y4 and Mr Broadhead for leading yesterday's liturgy so beautifully. Next week the 'Liturgy of the Word' will be led by the children of **Y3** and the family and friends of our Y3 children are invited to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am.

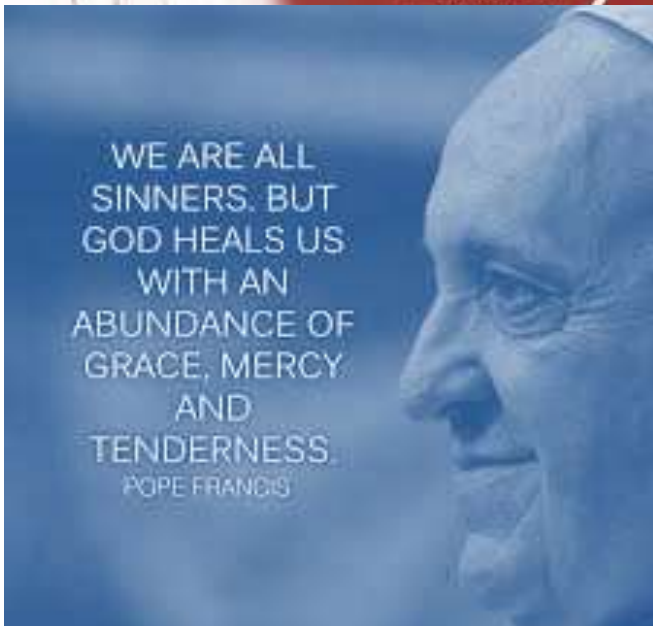
Celebration Assembly

We invite the family and friends of our **Y5** children to join us for our Celebration Assembly next **Friday 22nd September 2017** in the School Hall at 2.55pm.

Statement to Live By

Our 'statement to live by' next week will be: **"I try to forgive others 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 so hard to do? 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? How does it feel after you have offered or received forgiveness? How can offering a gift of forgiveness help make our world a better place?



I hope you have a brilliant weekend.
Best wishes,
Mr Barratt