

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Alex Murray** (Y4) who has demonstrated that he can forgive others in line with this week's 'Statement to Live By'. Alex has a strong sense of what is right and wrong and tries hard to show kindness and understanding to others. Congratulations Alex, we are all very proud of you!

PTFA Information Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTFA Welcome meeting and AGM on Tuesday. Your support was very much appreciated.

Information about the work of the PTFA, as well as its priorities and various achievements was shared.

During the meeting the Committee is elected and for the first time founder members did not stand for re-election as they felt it was time to pass on the baton. I would like to recognise their achievements and thank them, on behalf of the whole community, for their hard work and dedication over the past 4-5 years. It is amazing to think that in such a short space of time the PTFA has become so established in the heart of our community.

I would like to thank Mrs Donna Murphy (Chair), Mrs Sally Watters (Publicity), Mrs Louise Ramsden (Finance) and Mrs Bridget Ambrose (Secretary) and Mrs Marie Denham who though not a founder member, served on the committee as Vice Chair last year. I would also like to thank everyone who has supported the committee during their terms of office.

I am delighted to introduce your new PTFA Committee members: Mrs Clair Prestidge (Chair), Mrs Marie Denham (Vice Chair), Mrs Lisa Cowlshaw (Treasurer), Mrs Heather Beatson (Secretary) and Mrs Melanie Cawthorne and Mrs Catherine Cooper (Publicity).

As I mentioned last week, the PTFA is such a big part of our community and its success depends on those who can, joining in and contributing some time and ideas. Please do think about offering your help if you can. You can now contact the committee members via their new email address: ptfa@st-johnfisher.org. Thank you.



Term 1 Smiley Scores So Far...

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			
202	141	162	196

House Charities 2017 - 2018

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			



SJF Open Morning 2017

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.

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



Panto 2017

For the past two years, we have all enjoyed the pantomime at Sheffield's beautiful Lyceum Theatre. It has given all our children an opportunity to enjoy a great theatre experience as part of this great British tradition.

I am so grateful to the PTFA who always paid the significant transport costs to and from the theatre for every child.

Unfortunately there were no morning performances of this year's production of 'Mother Goose' on suitable dates so we have arranged for a travelling theatre company to visit school on **Monday 11th December** to perform the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' in the afternoon instead.

What is more, our PTFA will cover the whole cost so that there will be nothing to pay for parents and carers or the school. I would like to thank the PTFA for providing our fantastic children with this special treat.

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/

All Saints Open Morning

Tomorrow our friends from All Saints invite those interested in learning more about their community to an Open Morning 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.



Achievements Outside of School

- **Alhamzah Al-Rammahi** in **Y3** was chosen to be 'Man of the Match' for performing so well for his football team, 'Southy Wolves'! Congratulations Alhamzah, we are all very proud of you!
- **Eleanor Checkley** in **Y3** received a special certificate for passing her Stage 5 ASA 'Learn to Swim' award! An incredible achievement Eleanor, congratulations!
- **Filip Dominiak** in **Y5** achieved a grey white belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu last week! An amazing achievement Filip! Congratulations!

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Aalia Renner	James Christopherson	Filip Dworak	Lottie Fitzpatrick	Tamzin Samba	Laurie Paige	Alfie Saxton-Clayton

Golden Children

FS2	D'Mari Robinson for becoming much more settled in school and for getting involved, listening well and for fab phonics!
Year 1	Bronte Webb for showing fantastic determination in all her work!
Year 2	Kiya Griffiths for being determined to solve mathematical problems! Super work!
Year 3	Ethan Yan for having a vastly improved attitude towards his learning! Keep up the good work!
Year 4	Mitchell Clayton for being determined during his History lesson! Keep up the good work!
Year 5	Amna Javid for trying really hard in all lessons and for always wanting to do well!
Year 6	Daniel De Sousa for having a wonderful attitude and for making a huge effort with the presentation of his Mathematics work!

Attendance this Week			
FS2	98.7%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week	Well done to all the classes who managed to exceed our new 97.5% target.
Year 1	96.0%		
Year 2	97.7%		Our whole school was just above target in spite of the horrible sickness bug, which affected so many children.
Year 3	94.1%		
Year 4	97.4%		
Year 5	100%	Bobby Bear will visit next week	Thank you for your support.
Year 6	99.4%	Brenda Bear will visit next week	
Target	97.5%	This week's average attendance:	97.7%

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

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.



Mission Together

On Monday, the children in Years 1-6 will take part in the special annual 'Mission Together' charity. This year the Catholic children's charity is the charity of St George's House. We again welcome Mrs Anne Dunphy to St John Fisher to lead the assembly.

Mission Together is the Pope's official children's charity for overseas mission. Previously known as Holy Childhood, Mission Together has been working in Catholic schools and parishes worldwide since 1843, encouraging children to pray, fundraise and become missionaries themselves - children helping children.



Mission Together in England and Wales continues this tradition by providing spiritual and educational Primary School resources throughout the year focused on the Gospel, liturgical seasons and on our various overseas projects.

Wake & Shake

The wake and shake leaders have been running the morning exercise for a couple of weeks. They are trying really hard and are looking for more participants to join in each morning.

Please feel free to come and join in. The tune for Term 1 is "Good Feeling" and you can access it via the link below if you wish to learn the movements.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=neGpgxcJdY8>





Sports Ambassadors

Here is a message from our new Sports Ambassadors:

"Hi we are the new Sports Ambassadors, Alex and William. This year we are hoping to make all of the children in the school more active and happy with the activities the sports leaders will be doing at break times.

We will be hoping to bring out an active and healthy side to sports in this school. This year we will be picking children who show the value we are focusing on this term the most. Whoever gets picked in the activities will win up to five smilies and also has more of a chance of being nominated for the prize at the end of the term. Also, the class that shows the most determination in the activities will also be nominated to win the class award. If you win this prize, you will get a band and if your class wins the class prize, they will get a trophy. Wishing you all the best of luck!"



Named clothes

Despite it being very close to the start of term lost property is already overflowing! Please ensure that all clothes and belongings in school (including bags, lunch boxes and water bottles) are clearly labelled with their name and any lost property found will be returned to them. Please check no names have washed off and everything at home belongs to your children. Many thanks.

Collective Worship

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank the children of Y3 for leading yesterday's liturgy. Next week the 'Liturgy of the Word' will be led by the children of **Y2** and the family and friends of our Y2 children are invited to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am.

Celebration Assembly

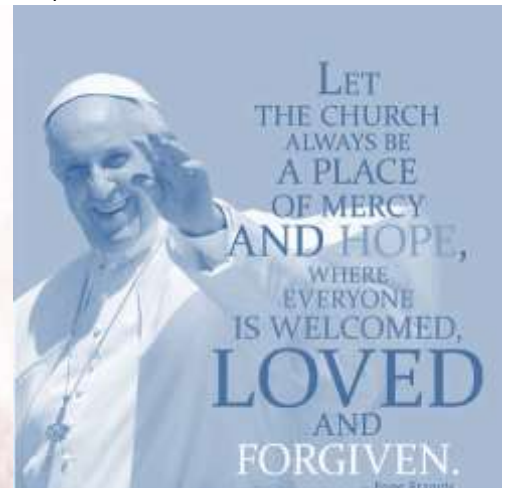
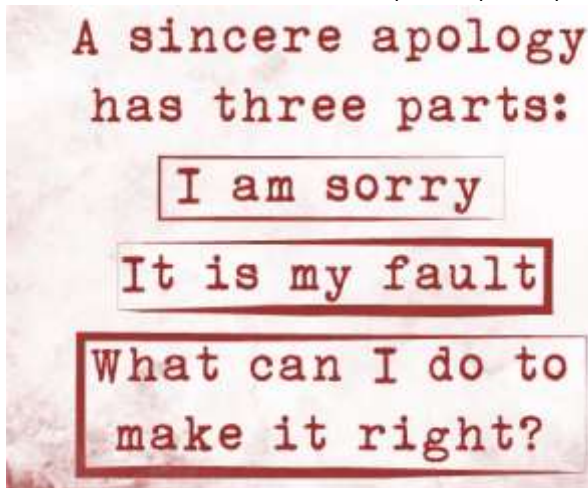
We invite the family and friends of our **Y4** children to join us for our Celebration Assembly next **Friday 29th September 2017** in the School Hall at 2.55pm.

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' continues the forgiveness theme. It is **"I know how to show I am sorry."**

Time to talk: Time to talk: Together you could think about what being sorry is really like.

- o What does it mean to be sorry?
- o How can we show that we are sorry?
- o Why is it so hard to say sorry sometimes?
- o Why does Jesus challenge us to say sorry when we have been unkind or unfair to others?
- o How does it feel when you say sorry and are then forgiven?
- o How does it feel when someone who has hurt you says sorry and really means it?



Have a fantastic weekend.

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt