



St John Fisher News

Friday 1st February 2013 (Issue 19 2012/13)

School Community Mass

Today the school community came together for the celebration of a community Mass at our parish church of Our Lady of Lourdes. The theme was 'listening'. The Mass was prepared by the special young people of Year 3, who all read and carried out their duties perfectly. Father Paul led the celebration and gently challenged us all to think about why it is important to listen to each other – and especially to God when we pray. I would like to thank Father Paul for celebrating Mass; Miss McCann for preparing the children so well; Mr Burt for preparing and leading the beautiful music and all the children of year 3 who were absolute stars today. I was also very proud of all the children in the other Years too. Well done! It was also great to see so many parents, carers and friends of our school at Mass today. It really helped to make it even more special. Thank you.

Maths Adventure

At the assembly on Monday the children involved in the Maths Adventure will be invited to talk to the rest of the children and talk about their experience of being involved in this fantastic initiative.

PTFA News

Representatives of our new PTFA Committee will also join us at Monday's assembly in order to announce the winner of the PTFA logo competition. The winner will receive four tickets for Cineworld – a fantastic prize!

The PTFA is already planning a massive 'Santa in School Day' for next December and is looking for donations of any spare/unwanted Christmas wrapping paper, decorations and other Christmas memorabilia. Please pass all donations to the Chair, Donna Murphy, or another member of the new committee. Thank you.

A reminder that we are holding two non-uniform days in support of our new PTFA in the coming weeks. The first will be on Thursday 14th February – which will be 'Red Day' when staff and children will be encouraged to pay £1 in order to come to school wearing something red. The second will be on World Book Day on Thursday 7th March, when the staff and children can dress as their favourite book character, again for a donation of just £1. More information will be given later.

The next PTFA meeting is actually on Monday (4th February) in Mr Smith's Year 6 classroom. The meeting will begin at 3.30pm. If you can spare an hour it would be fantastic to see you. All are welcome. Thank you.

SJF Art Competition

A special call out to all our children to get involved with this year's art competition! The children can decide what their picture or design will be, in fact they are encouraged to be as imaginative as possible. Please pass all entries to Mrs Cooper by Monday 4th February. Thank you.

The Big Sing

Today the young people of Year 6 joined their peers from the other Sheffield Catholic primary schools at Notre Dame Catholic High School to participate in the 'The Big Sing' – a fun-packed day of music. The children will write an article which will be published in next week's newsletter.

Statement to Live By

Next week our statement to live by links to theme of today's community Mass. It is: **"I listen to what you say. I show that I am listening to you."**

Time to talk: You could discuss why it is important to listen to each other. Is there a difference between 'listening' and 'hearing'? How can being a good listener help us?

Weekly Attendance Winners

The classes achieving the highest attendance for the week commencing 21st January were:

- In first place was Y2 with 100% attendance over the week – WOW!!
- In second place was Y1 with 98.3% attendance over the week
- In third place was Y4 with 96.6% attendance over the week

Over the week our average pupil attendance was 94.8% which was below our target of 96%.

This means that Bobby will be visiting Y2, Bertie will be visiting Y1 and Elvis will be visiting Y4 next week.

Achievements Outside School

Even though Libby Hurst in Year 4 has just started dancing she achieved a 'Highly Commended' grade in dancing examinations for both ballet and Modern Jazz. What an outstanding achievement Libby, we are all very proud of you!

Oliver Peters, also in Year 4 plays in goal for Charnock Ridgeway FC. He is an outstanding goalkeeper and was awarded a 'man of the Match' award for his superb efforts in his team's 5-1 victory against Treeton Terriers just before the bad weather set in. Congratulations Oliver, we are also very proud of you too!

Matthew Ford in Y1 achieved his 50m swimming certificate at Eckington Swimming Baths on Wednesday 23 January. Congratulations Matthew.

Sam Orbell in Y1 has achieved his 10m swimming award and has also passed Stage One Swimming. Well done Sam you have tried very hard. We are very proud of you.

Our Lady of Lourdes Social and Fundraising

A letter has been sent home today to invite everyone to Our Lady of Lourdes Family Valentines Disco and Social evening on Friday 15 February in the Community Hall. Tickets are £2.50 each and include entrance and a light buffet.

There will be Children's games, Bingo for adults and children, a raffle and a bar.

If you would like to join us, please return your form and monies to school in an envelope for the attention of Sal Robinson. If you don't have the letter, please catch me before or after school on a Monday. Ticket requests need to be received by **Wednesday 13 February**.

We have run a number of these events now, and everyone who has attended has a great time. Come and find out for yourselves!

Thanks

Sal Robinson

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Have a peaceful weekend,
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