

Dear Parents and Carers,

Citizenship Award

At St John Fisher part of our mission is to support the formation of our young people into responsible and caring citizens. The Citizenship Award is something that recognises the efforts of our young people in this regard and is chosen by our children. It is awarded to children who are good examples to others, especially children who are trying hard to be good learners. Typically recipients are children who try hard to work independently; listen actively to instructions and then follow them with a minimum of fuss. They are children who carry themselves well throughout school, smartly presented, polite and well behaved.

I am delighted to announce that this time our Citizenship Award goes to Noora Moshtael in Year 3. On Monday she will be presented with the trophy and a special medal. Congratulations Noora, what a fine example you are. On Monday, during assembly, Noora will be presented with the trophy and badge.

ParentMail Information

We are hoping to start sending the newsletters via email from next week. Please register your up-to-date details unless you have already done so.

Partnership

A reminder that if you would like to find out more about our parent partnership programme please see the notice board or contact school for more information. You are all very welcome.

SJF PTFA

I am sorry that I had to postpone the meeting. Sadly a very close family member of mine died on Tuesday and so I was not in school. I have rescheduled the meeting for 3.30pm on Thursday 18th October 2012, all welcome. Thank you.

Statement to Live By

For next week our statement to live by is: '*I understand that rights match responsibilities*'.

Time to talk: Together you could explore this statement and what it means. At St John Fisher we aim for every child to understand that they have three key rights:

- the right to feel happy;
- the right to feel safe; and
- the right to feel loved.

You could explore what each of these mean in school and at home. What can we do to help others feel happy, safe and loved?

Attendance

Thank you for all you do to support us in keeping our attendance above the magic 96% mark. The classes with the best attendance for week ending 28 September were:

1. In joint first place were **Y6, Y2** and **Y1** - all with a **99.3%** attendance
2. In second place was **Y3** with a **98.7%** attendance
3. In third place was **Y5** with **98.1%** attendance

The results were so good that I had to call on my friend Elvis the Owl again to help us out. Bobby will stay with Y6, Bertie will visit Y2 and Elvis will visit Y1. Well done to you all. Who will win next week?

For the week ending 28-09-12 the average attendance was 97.7% which is above our target of 96%.

Achievements Outside of School

Last Sunday Samuel Wilson, who plays for Sheffield United Junior Blades under 10s team was awarded the man of the match award for his outstanding contribution to the match. Well done Samuel

HELP WANTED: Y5/Y6 INTER-HOUSE SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS COMPETITION – Thursday 18 October 2012

After the huge success of last year's event we have decided to organise another for this year. The event will take place in the school hall between 2.00pm – 3.25pm and we are looking for some willing volunteers, who hold a current CRB disclosure, to help score the events. It is very easy – just measuring distances, counting how many jumps etc. Please let Miss Kipling know if you can help *BEFORE* Monday 8th October (pm) so that she can organise the events. Thank you.

Our Lady of Lourdes Mother & Toddler Group

The Mother & Toddler group meets every Friday 9.00am – 11.00am during school term time in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome - just turn up to find out more.

ACADEMY STATUS

As most of you are aware, the Governors of St John Fisher are applying for the school to convert to 'Academy Status'. During the last Academic Year there were opportunities for parents to find out more about what this would mean for St John Fisher and subsequently the Governors will be in attendance at both Parents' Evenings in October (Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th) if anyone has any further questions about 'Academy Status'.

SCHOOL OFFICE

Please note that the School Office **opens at 8.30am** each morning. If you wish to report your child's absence or speak to a member of staff kindly telephone **after 8.30am** when Mrs Battams or Mrs Birch will be in school to answer your call. Please consider our teaching staff – even if they arrive in school before this time they are very busy preparing for the school day and will not answer the telephone.

BLOOD DONORS

Blood Donors wanted!!

The Blood Donation Service will be at Springwater Community Centre on Wednesday 24 October during the afternoon and evening. Please come along and register to become a blood donor and help to save someone's life. Any queries: www.blood.co.uk or tel: 0300 1232323

Have a great weekend!

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Headteacher