



St John Fisher News

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PTFA News

An important message from our PTFA Committee:

Red Day

We would like to remind you all that there will be non-uniform day next week to raise funds for the PTFA. Thursday 14th February is "Red day" and all children and staff are invited to pay £1 and come into school wearing something red. We are also asking for donations of buns which will go on sale in the morning of Red Day. Can the donated buns be brought into school on the Thursday morning? As they will go on sale for 20p each please send your children to school with a small amount of money in order to buy one.

Parents Evenings

The PTFA will be selling tea/coffee, juice and biscuits during parents evening for 50p. There will also be a raffle with a prize of Paradise Island mini golf tickets.

Santa in School 2013

Don't forget your donations of Christmas wrapping paper, decorations etc for our Santa day. Thank you

SJF Art Competition

The children are voting for their favourite pictures in this year's SJF Art Competition. They will have one vote for the shortlisted entries from Foundation 2/Key Stage 1 children and one for the shortlisted Key Stage 2 entries. The standard has been so high, and every picture was special. The winners' details will be announced in due course. I am very grateful to Mrs Cooper for all her hard work in organising the competition.

The Big Sing

As promised, here are 'The Big Sing' reports from two of our young people from Year 6:

On Friday 1st February our class visited Notre Dame to take part in the Mission Together liturgy. There were lots of other schools with us, including All Saints representatives and the Notre Dame volunteers. We all sat down in a large hall, facing a band and a screen. Then we began to sing along with the band's lead singer. It was great, and the songs were fun to sing.

After that, a big group of children (who had been out learning dance moves) came to the front and began to dance. They were really good and had learned the dance really well. Soon, it was time to go back on the coach to school. Before we left they gave each school a candle and a CD. We then arrived back at school after an amazing experience.

Caitlin Goss

This trip was fab! We sang songs and said prayers. Some people volunteered to do a dance or readings. We saw people from other schools and we talked and played with them. The best bit was when we had to guess the song. At lunch we were allowed to go out onto the Notre Dame playground and played lots of games. In my opinion it was a very good trip.

Névé McKernan

Year 6 Residential Autumn 2013 – Current Y5 children

There will be a presentation and meeting about the proposed residential trip to the Hollowford Centre, Castleton, for the Autumn term 2013. The meeting will take place on Wednesday

27th February 2013 in Mr Smith's classroom, starting at 3.45pm. A letter will be sent to all parents next week with a reply slip which must be returned to school before the half term holiday so that we know how many people will be attending.

New Developments

After the forthcoming holiday we will adopt a new timetable in school to support the introduction of the Read Write Inc literacy system and other initiative aimed at improving our provision. The changes will also facilitate certain other changes we are making in school.

We will also be introducing a renewed system of Collective Worship which encourages our children to become more familiar with our formal prayers, psalms and readings. I will give you more detailed information about this in next week's newsletter. The renewed approach to collective worship coupled with the work Mrs Humphries is doing currently to develop our curriculum for Personal Social Health Citizenship Education (PSHCE) means that there will be no more 'Pastoral Group' sessions. Consequently, today was the last Pastoral Group session. I am very grateful to Mrs Asquith who has planned the Pastoral Group activities this academic year, and to all colleagues and children for making the sessions so positive. We will continue to develop ways for children of different ages to learn and play together. This will include developing a 'Buddy' system in the future so that these important relationships can continue to be fostered across our school community.

After the holiday each class will receive music lessons delivered by a specialist music teacher each Friday. For the first three weeks it will be Mr Burt, but from week four we will be joined by Miss Pendlebury who will plan and deliver the National Curriculum music lessons and lead hymn practice. She also aims to establish a lunchtime choir and an after school music group. Mr Burt will continue to offer peripatetic music lessons and support services and liturgies that do not take place on Fridays. I am very grateful to Mr Burt for all he brings to our community.

Statement to Live By

Next week our statement to live by is: "I co-operate with others in work and play."

Time to talk: You could explore what the word 'cooperate' means and think about how cooperating with others can help us get along with others in our work and play. What would happen if we always refused to cooperate with others?

Weekly Attendance Winners

The classes achieving the highest attendance for the week commencing 1 February were:

- In first place was Y4 with 99.3% attendance over the week
- In second place was Y5 with 97.1% attendance over the week
- In third place was Y6 with 96.6% attendance over the week

Over the week our average pupil attendance was 95.5% which was below our target of 96%.

This means that Bobby will be visiting Y4, Bertie will be visiting Y5 and Elvis will be visiting Y6 next week.

Achievements Outside School

Jack Green in Year 2 passed his second grading in Wing Chun Kung Fu back in December. Jack has now been training for eighteen months, and is an upper red belt. What a fantastic achievement Jack!

Lily Mell in Year 3 took part in the Northern Championships Cheerleading Competition - her team came 5th and won a big trophy. Well done Lily!

Have a fantastic weekend,
F Barratt