



# St John Fisher News

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013 (Issue 23 2012/13)

## **World Book Day**

Yesterday was a very special day as our school community came together to support World Book Day. The purpose of our day was also to raise money for the PTFA. All the children looked fantastic dressed as characters from their favourite books. My colleagues looked great too! The children of key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) also enjoyed a very entertaining assembly led by the authors Cid and Mo who introduced their great new book 'Janksters' and then led sessions for each of the Key Stage 2 classes. All the children enjoyed related activities in the afternoon. I would like to thank Cid and Mo for all their hard work as well as our brilliant for joining in with everything so enthusiastically.

## **Read Write Inc**

A reminder that there will be a meeting for parents and carers of children involved in the Read Write Inc programme on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 3.30pm in the school hall.

## **Easter Performance – Y3, Y4, Y5**

St John Fisher has a great tradition of doing wonderful productions to celebrate Christmas and Easter. It is something everyone looks forward to and something I very much encourage. This year, however, we will be having a simpler service to mark the passion of our Lord - though it will still be very special and of equal significance in terms of our school preparations for Easter. Time has been the key factor behind this decision. The impact of a shorter term coupled with the introduction of important changes to improve standards in English and Mathematics has reduced the amount of spare time that the children have to rehearse.

Our Community Easter Service will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 2.45pm**. As with the Carol Service, letters of invitation will be sent out to the parents and carers of children in Years 3, 4 and 5 in due course. The letter will ask for details of how many adults will be attending so that we can ensure that there is enough seating available.

## **Vision and Mission**

As a community we are renewing our vision and mission. Our 'vision' describes our aims and roles as a learning community with a strong and proud Catholic foundation and tradition and our mission is how aim to work everyday to achieve the vision. Key to both is our Catholic ethos and values. As part of this process it is important that everyone linked to our community has the chance to get involved.

Staff and Governors met on the last INSET day at the Diocesan Centre for a day of reflection around our vision and mission and a number of ideas were formulated. Staff then reflected on these further and they were presented to parents and carers who attended Parent's Evening on Wednesday. Everyone who attended was encouraged to comment on the ideas and to share their own. The response was fantastic, thank you to everyone who contributed.

This evening colleagues were available in the playground to discuss the vision and mission with parents and carers who were not at the Parent's Evening. Information will also be sent home so that everyone can get involved. Colleagues will also be working with the children as an important part of this process and the aim is to have a renewed vision and mission in place by the time we break up for Easter.

## **Statement to Live By**

Next week's statement to live by: "I know that it is ok to make mistakes."

**Time to talk:** It would be great if you could find a few moments to talk about this week's statements. Why do we all say here at St John Fisher that making mistakes is an important part of learning? What should we do if we make a mistake? Who can we turn to for help? How can making mistakes help us?

## **Citizenship Award & Golden Book**

Next week at the end of assembly a child from each year group will be chosen by their teachers and put in our new 'Golden Book' for doing something amazing – whether it is to do with their work, their attitude, their behaviour or for showing kindness to others. Staff will also come together to choose a child to be the St John Fisher 'Citizen of the Week' for being a great example or for doing something really special for others.

## **Golden Time**

Year 4 have enjoyed 'Golden Time' for the best attendance record last term and Schweitzer House enjoyed Golden Time for getting the most House Points. Congratulations to all the children involved.

## Rags 'R' Us

A BIG Thank You to everyone who donated their unwanted items and as a result managed to raise £132 towards school funds. Well Done!

## Achievements Outside of School

Isabelle Walton-Hall in Year 1 has passed her Stage 3 and 50m distance in swimming. Well Done!

Evie Stamford in Year 2 has also achieved her Stage 3 in swimming. Congratulations Evie!

Bethany Croft in Year 5 has now achieved her Grade 1 in Ballet with Distinction and also her Grade 1 in Tap with a High Merit. Congratulations Bethany!

Congratulations also go to Jack Wood in Year 6 who has now passed his Grade B keyboard exam with Distinction. Wow!

## Weekly Attendance Winners

The classes achieving the highest attendance for the week commencing 25 February were:

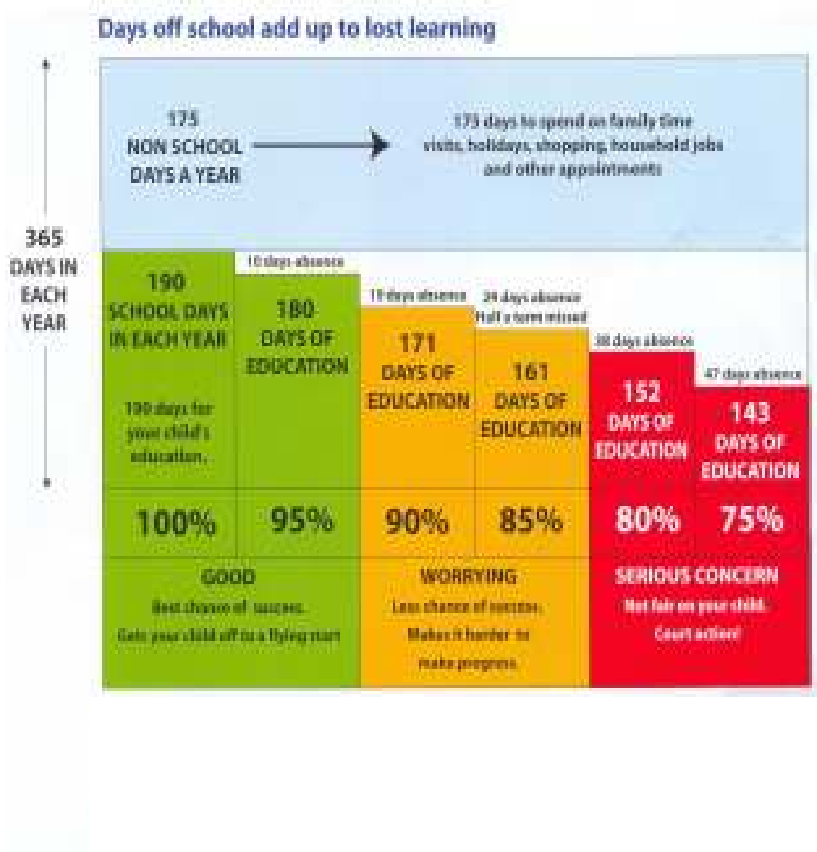
- In first place was Y2 with 100% attendance over the week
- In second place was Y5 with 99.2% attendance over the week
- In third place was Y6 with 99.1% attendance over the week

Over the week our average pupil attendance was 97.2% which is above our target of 96% - Great!

This means that Bobby will be visiting Y2, Bertie will be visiting Y5 and Elvis will be visiting Y6 next week.

## Attendance & Punctuality Information

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year	Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost.  Please try hard to be punctual
5 minutes	3.4 days	
10 minutes	6.9 days	
15 minutes	10.3 days	
20 minutes	13.8 days	
30 minutes	20.7 days	



Have a great weekend,  
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