

# SJF NEWS

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## Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Eleanor Checkley** in **Y3**. This week's 'Statement to Live by' was 'I try to be just and fair' and Eleanor demonstrates her understanding of these qualities in many different ways - every day. She is developing into a fantastic role-model to others because she always treats them with kindness and respect. She also does her best at all times and is not afraid to make mistakes – doing all she can to learn valuable lessons. Eleanor really is a super young lady and we are all very proud of her! Well done superstar!

## Parent Support and Advice Sessions

Sue Bernarde, our Parent Support Worker is moving on and I do not have the name of her replacement. The next drop-in session will be in school from 8.30am – 9.30am on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017. We thank Sue for all the help and support she has given our families.

If you would benefit from an opportunity to meet share an issue and get some advice and support regarding any issue affecting you and your family, please get in touch or report to the office on 7<sup>th</sup> December from 8.30am on 7<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

Advice and support  
for children and  
families



Contact MAST when  
your family needs  
some extra help

## Term 1 Smiley Scores

**St Andrew's House**



**61**

**St David's House**



**58**

**St Patrick's House**



**54**

**St George's House**



**65**

## Smiley Update

Following a review of the 'smiley' award system by Mrs Barrett and Miss D'Roza we are planning to make some changes. A letter will be sent home next week to explain what these are.

## Parking

The Police have received a number of complaints from the public about the way some people are parking around school, particularly at the beginning and end of the school day. There have been reports of cars parked on double yellow and zigzag lines, on grass verges, pavements and blocking driveways and garages.

I do appreciate that parking is a challenge, especially in residential areas like ours, but I would be grateful if those dropping children off in the morning, or collecting them at the end of the day would please abide by the parking regulations, even if this means parking slightly further away from school. It is also important to abide by the reduced speed limit when driving past school.

**Please remember that the yellow lines, zigzags, speed limit and parking regulations exist for one purpose:**  
to keep our children and families safe

Parking illegally obstructs the view of people crossing the road, increasing the risk of a road traffic accident occurring. This is important because a number of our children travel to and from school on their own.

Parking inconsiderately causes a nuisance to our neighbours, for example, when drives are blocked and people are prevented from leaving or entering their own property, or when the grass verges maintained by neighbours along the roadside are churned up by cars parked up on them at the beginning/end of the school day. The children have learned all about road safety this week, please help keep them safe by parking legally.

## Achievements Outside of School

- **Katie Beatson** in **Y1** has managed 15 metres swimming backstroke and another certificate for being a superstar at swimming and always being helpful. Fantastic achievement!
- **Zach Mohovo** in **Y1** has been awarded a gold trophy for karate. What a star you are!
- **Owen Ford** in **Y1** conquered 'Tree Top Junior' at 'Go Ape' and gained a certificate. Well done!
- **Faye Ramos** in **Y2** was presented with learner of the month by Eckington Swimming Club. A fantastic achievement!



### **Be Safe Be Happy Week 2017!**

This week has been our annual 'Be Safe – Be Happy Week', a fun-packed week designed to help our children understand the importance of making good choices in order to be safe and happy in their lives.

They have been investigating the different forms bullying can take, including cyber-bullying, and exploring what its impact can be on the victims. They have been learning what to do if they witness it, experience it or indeed do it.

As part of our ongoing focus, the children have again been learning more about being safe online.

#### ***Monday***

Today we welcomed Mr Paige from Atkinson Construction who came to talk to all the children about why building sites are not playgrounds, even if they look exciting places to explore. The children learned that even well managed building sites are full of hidden dangers to those who have no purpose being there. The children also learned about why it is important to stay away from tools they might come across. I would like to thank Atkinson Construction and Mr Paige in particular (who is also a parent) for supporting us this week.



Some of the younger children met Mrs Denham, a parent who is also a nurse and amongst other things they learned about hygiene and the spreading of germs. They learned why it is important to cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze and why they should always wash their hands thoroughly after they use the toilet, when they have finished playing outside and before they eat.



#### ***Tuesday***

Today we welcomed officers from South Yorkshire Police to talk to the children about stranger danger; the dangers of running away or not being where they are supposed to be; and of not keeping in touch with parents and carers when they are out on their own and/or with friends. They also learned about making emergency and non-emergency calls to police and why it is important not to make hoax 999 and 101 calls.



The children also had talks with a representative of Network Rail who talked to them about the importance of being safe near railway lines. They learned about some of the dangers, including the risks posed by playing on or near tracks, including electrification. The children also learned about what to do if they become separated from their families/friends at busy railway stations.



#### ***Wednesday***

Today the children enjoyed fun skipping-based activities delivered by a specialist skipping coach offered by our friends from Links. The children learned that a healthy lifestyle and physical activity is important for helping them to feel confident, positive and happy.







### Thursday

Today the children learned all about road safety through interesting and thought-provoking presentations and demonstrations in and out of the classrooms. They also enjoyed more fun-packed activities delivered by a specialist coach from LINKS. The children were buzzing after both sessions.









### Friday

Today the children met a representative of Yorkshire Water who visited school in order to talk to them about the importance of being sensible and safe near open water, rivers, canals, reservoirs, lakes etc. Every year in the UK sadly a number of children are injured or killed playing in or near water and so the purpose of the sessions was to make children aware of the dangers.



I would like to thank everyone who supported the week and all my colleagues for their hard work in sharing important messages in clear, appropriate and reassuring ways so that we can prepare our children from a young age as they grow and become more independent. For more pictures please check out the class pages on our new website, accessible via the link below, please note that there is a glitch on the Y6 page at present and pictures will be uploaded as soon as it is resolved:

<http://www.st-johnfisher.org/class-zone/>

### Golden Children

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Sofia Cook</b> for being so confident skipping in front of the whole school and doing an amazing 20 skips on the big jump rope! Well done Sofia!
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Priscilla Asumadu</b> for being sensible and knowing so many ways to stay safe online.
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Annabell Ost</b> for making valuable contributions to class discussions about being safe and being happy.
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Jason Goddard</b> for settling into life at St John Fisher's really well. For working really hard- and finally mastering place value with addition and subtraction! Fantastic!
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Sophie Harwood</b> for her fantastic attitude this week towards everything- amazing! A big well done!
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Willis Stoeman</b> for an improved attitude towards his work this week. Keep it up!
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Poppy Walton</b> for giving 100% in everything she does in school. A wonderful role model to all!

### Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
William Naylor	Tadisa Bandawa	Caleb McCauley	Jacob Nelson	Emily Martin	Rafal Boratyn	Calum Hardy

Attendance this Week			<p><i>Let us see if every class can achieve or surpass the 97.5% target next week.</i></p> <p><i>Congratulations to the classes who managed it this week.</i></p>
FS2	96.0%		
Year 1	94.0%		
Year 2	98.0%	Brenda bear will be visiting next week	
Year 3	98.6%	Bobby bear will be visiting next week	
Year 4	94.8%		
Year 5	96.6%		
Year 6	97.8%	Elvis the owl will be visiting next week	
<b>Target</b>	<b>97.5%</b>	<b>This week's average attendance:</b>	<b>96.5%</b>

### Collective Worship

#### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next liturgy will be led by our **Y5** children on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. We invite their family and friends to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am.

#### Weekly Celebration Assembly

Next week we invite the families of our Y6 pupils to join us for our Celebration Assembly in the School Hall from 2.55pm.



## Year 4 Kingswood Visit

Here is a report by Mr Broadhead:

*What an amazing time had by all! The children loved every minute of it, well except the part that involved getting muddy for some. The children were great and everyone had a good time! As for their behaviour the children really did the school proud, setting a good example for other schools to follow. It was a pleasure to take them because of this. I would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Watters and Mrs Raynes who accompanied the children and me on this great experience for the children.*

I would like to add a huge thank you to Mr Broadhead for all his hard work in organising and coordinating the visit and of course Mrs Raynes and the Kingswood staff too. I would like to give a special mention to Mrs Watters who has given up so much time in order to volunteer and support us on **all three** residential visits!





## November Remembrance

As November is the month when we remember and pray for the souls of loved ones and those who have no one to pray for them, we have a special book or remembrance. Please pass Mrs Barrett the names of anyone you would like us to pray for and remember. The book is displayed in our 'Sacred Space'. Thank you.

### Community Service of Remembrance 2017

This morning the community came together for our annual Community Service of Remembrance. The Service came at the end of a week in which the children had participated in special lessons and 'Circle Time' reflections about the origins and importance of Remembrance Sunday. The Service itself was led by the young people of Y6 who shared readings, poems and prayers in honour of those injured and killed in the service of our nation in the First World War and in all conflicts since. We also remembered and prayed for their families and all civilian victims of war around the world, especially the children.

This year we were joined by Ollie Wells, who is a relative of one of our children. Ollie serves in the RAF and came in to school in order to talk to the children about why Armistice Day and Remembrance Day are so important to him and his colleagues in the armed forces. Ollie also supported the children by leading the procession of the poppies during our service. It was a particularly poignant moment when the wreaths made up of paper poppies created by every child were laid at the foot of a simple wooden cross on the Sanctuary. Mr Smith then played 'The Last Post' and all were silent.

I would like to thank Ollie for his support throughout the day. He emailed me after to share how impressed he had been with our children's level of knowledge and understanding. I would like to congratulate the young people of Y6 for their maturity and for the beautiful way they read and led the Service. I would like to thank my colleagues for preparing the children and everyone who was able to join and support us. I would like to thank Fr Paul for his support too. Finally I would like to thank the children who behaved impeccably and were a credit to our school on this most special of days.



## Security Update

All the doors damaged by the recent break-ins have been replaced. Governors are looking to install a new state-of-the-art CCTV system inside and outside the school building which will be complimented by additional floodlights which will also be motion activated.

## Term 1 Reading Awards

Well done to the children who have achieved a reading award for excellent home reading last term.

<b>Bronze Award</b> for having a go and reading most weeks	
<b>FS2</b>	
<b>Y1</b>	Priscilla Asumadu, Tadisa Bandawa, Hannah Dworak, Freddie Field, Owen Ford, Lily Reaney, Connor Whitehead and Emily Wood
<b>Y2</b>	Marika De Caro
<b>Y3</b>	
<b>Y4</b>	
<b>Y5</b>	Lorenzo Dizon
<b>Y6</b>	





## Silver Award for reading three or four times most weeks

FS2

**Y1** Cavani Alvaranga, Daniel Grzesiakowski, Zack Mahovo, Oscar Nelson, Isabelle Town and Lena Zasina

**Y2** Polly Flude, Lexi Gascoigne, Kiya Griffiths, Tyler Hague, Kessy Higirow, Alfie Marsden, Giovanni Mukendi, Courtney Nyamande and Faye Ramos

**Y3**

**Y4** Lily Peters

**Y5** Israel Adelanwa

**Y6**

## Gold Award for reading at least five times every week

FS2 Everyone in FS2!

**Y1** Mia Augustyniak, Katy Beatson, Ellie Beever, James Christopherson, Lola Harris-Shaw, Finn Horsfield, Alexia Houghton, Logan Howells, Mateusz Kepinski, Charlie Morgan, Lydia Prestige, Edie-Mae Smith, Bella Walton and Bronte Webb

**Y2** Jessica Ball, Alan Cudnowski, Charlie Emmett, Stefania Jankowska, Caleb McAuley, Olivia Moomba, Emily Murray, Max Oadley, Phoenix Schmelz, Dylan Steenson, Isobel Stoeman, Olivia Whiteley and Riley Wood

**Y3** Alhamzah Al-Rammahi, Eleanor Checkley, Leon Chudzinski, William Denham, Jason Goddard, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Daisy Green, Caitlin Hardy, Sophie Hemmingway, Mike Masuka, Jacob Nelson, Emilia Rodgers and Ethan Usher

**Y4** Isla Atkinson, Bethany Beatson, Emily Cowlshaw, Maya De Sousa, Amelia Denham, Xiomara Gregory, Phoebe Kilbride, Alex Murray, Tamzin Samba, Archie Saxton-Clayton and Isla Thompson

**Y5** Rafal Boratyn, Alice Curtis, Joseph Kandare, Jack Oadley, Laurie Paige, Odette Paige, Lola Pardo-Figueroa, Evei Ramsden, Willis Stoeman and Jack Swain

**Y6** Daniel De Sousa, Ola Dominiak, James Fitzpatrick, Matthew Ford, Poppy Walton, May Woodhouse, Isabelle Walton-Hall, Bertie Pickering, Jack Stacey and Finley Mappin

### Online Safety

Next Wednesday there will be an online safety workshop after school at 3.30pm. It will take place in the Y4 classroom and Mrs Barrett will supervise the children next door in the Y3 classroom during the presentation. If you cannot make the meeting because of work commitments etc. please do get in touch as we would be happy to share information or meet you so that you do not miss out. Thank you.



### Statement to Live By

Our statement next week will be 'I try to stand up for myself without hurting others.'

**Time to talk:** Each of us is important, and during 'Be Safe – Be Happy Week' last week we were reflecting on just how special each of us is. We all therefore deserve to be treated with respect. We all have the right to be accepted for being just how we are and we have the right to feel happy, safe and loved every day. If someone or something gets in the way of these rights then we do not have to stand for it. We can and should stand up for ourselves and for others who being treated badly. How can we do this without hurting others?

To stand up for yourself takes strength. but to stand up for others takes courage.

- Alice Ann Jennet Lisenby

Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt

*there's a moment when you have to choose whether to be silent or to stand up.*  
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*"Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave."*

Pope Francis

