



St John Fisher Weekly News



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FS2 Update Meeting

I would like to thank the parents and carers of children in **FS2** who attended the update meeting this week. It was a great opportunity for Mrs Darken and Mrs Prentice to share information about everything going on in FS2 and for parents/carers to ask their own questions too. I would like to thank Mrs Darken and Mrs Prentice for leading the meeting as well as Mr Broadhead for supervising the children in his classroom.

FS2 Welcome Assembly

Next Thursday 16th October the children will have their simple 'Welcome Assembly'. It will follow immediately on from the Y1 weekly Liturgy of the Word which starts just after 9.00am. It is our community's official welcome to our youngest children and we invite the friends and family of our FS2 children to join us. The Welcome Assembly will be led by Father Paul and our wonderful FS2 children who will be supported by their Y4 buddies.

Bringing Toys to School

Since we returned in September I have noticed that some children are bringing more and more toys in to school. This includes football stickers, cards and sticker books. If your child has been asked to bring an item in, for a lesson or topic, they are allowed, but the item must be left with the teacher all day. Also if your child occasionally has something to show the teacher this is ok too. There will also be times when specific children might be allowed to have an item because this is part of support being offered to them. However the general rule is that no toys should be brought in from home. My colleagues and I would really appreciate your support with this. Thank you.

Information Evenings: Next Year's Residential Visits

Please note the details of special information meetings about next year's residential visits.

- **The Y5 Kingswood residential planned for September 2015**
(22-10-14 at 3.30pm in the Y5 classroom for current Y4 parents/carers)
- **The Y4 Kingswood residential planned for October 2015**
(22-10-14 at 3.30pm in the Y5 classroom for current Y3 parents/carers)
- **The Y6 Hollowford residential planned for October 2015**
(23-10-14 at 3.30pm in the Y6 classroom for current Y5 parents/carers)

Your children and their pre-school siblings can be looked after by a member of staff if you wish.

2015 Easter Service – Change of Date

The Easter Service has had to be changed from Wednesday 1st April to Tuesday 31st March. It will still take place at Our Lady of Lourdes and start promptly at 2.30pm. You are advised to give yourself enough time to find a seat before it starts. The calendar on the website will be updated shortly so there is no confusion.

Golden Children

The class teachers added the names of the following children to our Golden Book this week:

• FS2	Mike Masuka for using his fantastic learning across the classroom and for always being motivated to learn!
• Year 1	Isla Atkinson for being a fantastic listener and an excellent role model to others!
• Year 2	Diana Nicula for encouraging her classmates to be positive and hardworking in their studies through her own wonderful example!
• Year 3	Sam Orbell for making a huge improvement with his handwriting!
• Year 4	Joseph Hurst for making a big improvement in his effort!
• Year 5	Kiera Swift for always working hard in lessons – a super role-model!
• Year 6	Thomas Wood for demonstrating wonderful determination to develop his reading skills and confidence!

Top Table

The Dove 'family' were invited to sit at the 'Top Table' today by Mrs Bower and her team of midday supervisors. The children were chosen because they have displayed good table manners this week and have helped each other brilliantly. The Dove family include: Hubert J, Thomas W, Isaac W, Ruby H, George C, Alice C, Frederick A and William D.

Focus Group

Mr Smith will contact parents/carers who volunteered next week. It is never too late to get involved, so if you are interested in finding out more please contact him via his email address (i.smith@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk). Thank you.



Enterprise Event

Last year our Y5 children took part in an Enterprise event organised by our friends at All Saints Catholic High School. This week I received a card with this message:

*Dear staff and students,
Thank you very much for all your hard work in fundraising at the All Saints Summer Fair in July. The day was full of fun and a great success and because of this many local charities will benefit. We hope that you enjoyed the day and that you will join us again next year.*

We enclose a cheque for £30.00 for your chosen charity, MacMillan Cancer support. Thank you and see you all next year.

*Bernie Healy
Chaplaincy Coordinator*

*Alistair Weir
Assistant Head & Director of Missions*

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank Mrs Broadhead's **Y2** class for leading the liturgy yesterday. Next week our liturgy will be led by the children of Y1 and will take place on **Thursday 16th October**. We invite the family and friends of our **Y1** pupils to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am. Please note that the service will be followed by a special Welcome Assembly to welcome the children who have just started in FS2.

PTFA Family Evening

A reminder that the PTFA Family Night takes place this evening in the school hall. The doors will open at 7:30pm. There will be a bar and refreshments available. The quiz and disco will be provided by 'Big Al'. the entry fee is just £1 per person. We hope that you can make it and support our fantastic PTFA.



Writing Champions

The following children have been chosen by their teachers to be Writing Champions this week because they have been enthusiastic and have made (or sustained) improvements in their writing.

Foundation 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lottie Fitzpatrick	Isla Thompson	Alice Curtis	Alfie Saxton-Clayton	Jack Green	Sara Mura	Abigail Watters
				Jack Waldron	James Williamson	
					Daryn Tirol	

Parenting Puzzle Course

Thank you to the parents who signed up and attended the first meeting this week. If you would like to be involved please contact Mrs Asquith. The meetings take place in the library on Tuesday evenings from 7.00pm to 9.00pm and will continue until Tuesday 18th November (except during the half-term holiday).

Achievements Outside School

- **Sophie Ball** in Y1 has achieved her 'Super Swimmers' Level 5 swimming award! What a fantastic achievement Sophie, well done!
- **Jasmine Green** in Y5 asked me some time ago to tell you about how she had drawn a picture of 'Mandy' and 'Tanya' from the book 'Bad Girls' for a Jacqueline Wilson magazine. The drawing was eventually published and she won £10.00. She told me that she felt really proud. What a brilliant achievement Jasmine – we are also very proud of you!

Weekly Attendance Winners

This week the girls and boys of **Y1** were in first place with **99.0%** attendance and will be visited by Bobby and Bear! In second place were the children of **Y3** with **98.6%** who will be visited by Brenda Bear. In third place were the young people of **FS2** Who will receive a visit from Elvis the Owl. Congratulations all of you!

The average overall attendance for the week was **96.4%** which is below our 97% target unfortunately. Please help us beat our target next week please. Thank you.

Harvest Mass Appeal

Our annual Harvest Mass will be on the 24th October 2014. The St Wilfrid's Centre has asked for donations from school. Your donations will be shared with them and the Gleadless Food Bank.

Suggested items include: potatoes, seasonal vegetable, fruit, tins of meat, tins of fish, tinned vegetables, crisps, drinking chocolate, flour, caster sugar, various baking ingredients, jam and marmalade, salad cream, tomato ketchup and brown sauce (in plastic bottles), pot noodles, olive oil, vegetable oil, sunflower oil, tinned fruit, rice pudding, dried fruit, biscuits, salt and pepper, instant mash and all varieties of stock cubes.

Please send your children to school with any of these donated items on the morning of the Harvest Mass.

Appeal from the FS2 Teaching & Learning Team

FS2 are looking for donations to support our learning. These include:

- old metal pots, saucepans and spoons
- any sort of wood and nails
- plants and seeds (especially in the Spring)
- old tools including small hammers and spades
- large or small open tin cans (safe, no sharp edges)
- boxes or bottles of any sort (except glass)
- empty hand soap dispensers
- plastic pipes and corner joints
- plastic tubing
- any toys and games – especially 'Lego'

Ukulele Club

Mr Burt is a peripatetic music teacher who teaches guitar and keyboard to pupils in school. He also teaches the ukulele and is running a club at half-term in Norton, Sheffield at a cost of £15, which includes the loan of a ukulele. If you would like to reserve a place for your child, or find out more, please contact him text/call/email him 07906826833 or peedeeburt@hotmail.com

Statement to Live By

Next week our statement to live by is: **"I understand that rights match responsibility!"**

Time to talk: Together you could think about what 'having a responsibility' means. What responsibilities do we have at home and at school? How do these responsibilities help us and others?

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt