



# St John Fisher News

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## Happy New Year!

On behalf of the community of St John Fisher I would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy 2013. It was fantastic to see all the children on Monday and listen to them as they excitedly shared all their news about Christmas, their presents and what they got up to over the holiday!

## INSET Days

A reminder that school will be closed for staff training (INSET) on the following days:

- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

## Parent/Carer Meetings

A reminder that the next meetings will take place on the following days:

- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013 (2.30pm-5.30pm) *(please note amended time from the calendar)*
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February (6.00pm-8.00pm)

Having listened to feedback, we have decided to space out each meeting a little more to allow changeover time. Appointment booking details will be sent out shortly.

## Term 2 House Winners

The House that secured the most points in Term 2 was Clitheroe! I would like to congratulate all the girls and boys in Clitheroe House who were rewarded with Golden Time, in the form of extra playtime yesterday. The totals now go back to zero, so all the Houses have everything to play for in Term 3!

## Term 2 Class Attendance Winners

The classes achieving the highest attendance in Term 2 were:

- In first place was Y5 with an average attendance over the term of 98.7%
- In second place was Y3 with an average attendance over the term of 97%
- In equal third place were Y4, Y2 and Y1 with an average attendance over the term of 96.5%

The winners will also receive 'Golden Time' in the form of extra playtime. Over the term our average pupil attendance was 96.6% which was just above our target of 96%.

For the last week of Term 2 the totals were as follows:

- In first place was Y1 with 97.7% attendance over the week
- In second place was Y5 with 97.1% attendance over the week
- In third place was Y4 with 95.9% attendance over the week

Over the week our average pupil attendance was 95.7% which was below our target of 96%.

## PTFA News

Last Tuesday I attended the first committee meeting of our new PTFA. Lots of great ideas for raising funds were discussed. The PTFA will soon produce a newsletter of its own which will be sent out alongside this one each week. The first priority is to generate 'start up' funds so the following events will be held:

- A non-uniform 'Red Day' on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013**. On this day the children are asked to donate £1 to the PTFA in order to wear something red to school instead of school uniform.
- A non-uniform 'Book Character Day' on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2013**. On this day the children are invited to make a voluntary contribution of £1 in order to dress as their favourite book character. The event also coincides with World Book Day.

PTFA members will also be selling refreshments whilst the parent/carers meetings take place on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013** (2.30pm-5.30pm) and **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013** (6.00pm-8.00pm), in order to raise money. If you would like to volunteer to sell refreshments on either night, even if it is just for a short while, please speak to Mrs Donna Murphy, Mrs Louise Ramsden, Mrs Sally Watters or Mrs Bridget Ambrose. Thank you.

### **Achievements Outside School**

- May Woodhouse in Y1 has achieved her 5m Swimming Certificate – and another badge for Mum to sew on her swimming bag! Well done May!

### **Health & Safety Issue**

Once the children have been released into the care of parents/carers at the end of the day we would ask that they are supervised whilst still on school premises to minimise the risk of (i) accidents occurring or (ii) incidents arising involving other children.

Sadly the outside play equipment is unsafe and will have to be removed shortly. Children know that they cannot play on this equipment during the school day and we would ask that you support us by not allowing your children to play on the equipment before or after school. Many thanks for your co-operation.

I hope you manage to have relaxing weekend,

F. Barratt