



# St John Fisher Weekly News



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## **Meet the Governors: Louise Ramsden**

Hi my name is Louise Ramsden and I was elected parent governor in March 2012. I was born in Kent and lived and worked there until moving to Sheffield in 1986. In my time I have worked in many fields and I mean fields! As a very young girl I was a farm worker picking potatoes. Other jobs I have done include working in the hospitality industry as a bar manager, and as a silver service waitress. I met my husband David, who is from Sheffield, whilst he was working in Kent in 1985. After a long distance relationship for a year we decided that we would set up home in Sheffield. So in 1986 we bought our first home and then got married in 1990.



When I moved to Sheffield I worked as an accounts clerk until 1991. Then David and I bought the Post Office on Spa View Road. In the 22 years we have owned the post office we have relocated and extended it to incorporate a general store serving the local community. Over the years I have served up to four generations of the same family, helping and supporting these families in my role as sub postmistress has made my job very rewarding, no two days are the same and some days can be very eventful.

We are proud parents of four wonderful daughters, Eleanor (20), Ruby (18), Isabella (7), who is in year 3, and Evie (5) who is in year 1. Any spare time I have is spent with family and friends on day trips or eating out. Sharing coffee and cake with friends is one of my favourite things.

I feel passionate about St John Fisher and I was keen to get involved in the girls education. When the opportunity came to become a governor I was honoured to be elected. Since being elected as parent governor I have tried to be effective and put across a parents perspective on many issues.

When the school was put in special measures it was very disappointing, but since then the governing body has made a strong commitment to help bring the school back into the 'Outstanding' category where it belongs. The governing body has taken a hard look at itself and is transforming into a body which is fit for purpose and I am looking forward to playing my part in this transformation.

As a parent governor I am there to represent you, so please feel free to share with me your views good or bad about the school. Then in turn I can share them with the whole governing body. I know quite a lot of you from the community already, but for those I don't please come and say hello. I am in the yard most days, or you can email me: [ann.ramsden@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:ann.ramsden@mypostoffice.co.uk)

## **Appeal 1: Fizzy Drinks**

Sadly, a number of our children have been sent to school with water bottles/containers that actually contain fizzy drinks. This is against school policy. The high sugar content and additives in fizzy drinks make them unhealthy – they are bad for teeth and for aiding children's concentration and learning.

**I respectfully ask that you support us and your children by providing only water.**

Children who have packed lunches are permitted to have water or a healthy juice with their meal. They are expected to have water the rest of the time. Thank you for your support.

## **Appeal 2: Earrings**

Can I again appeal to you to support us by only allowing children with pierced ears to come to school with small, plain silver or gold studs. I would really appreciate your support on this matter. Thank you.

## **Appeal 3: Parking Outside of School**

Following complaints received the local police will be monitoring parking around our school. I do appreciate the fact that there are limited spaces for parking, but inconsiderate parking really does put our children and families at risk when they try to cross the road. Amey has been in touch to confirm that lines will be repainted soon, but I would appreciate it if you do not park where the lines would be and especially at the crossing points. Thank you.

### Academy Conversion

Many thanks to those who took advantage of the 'drop in' to find out more about our planned conversion to an academy sponsored by the Diocese of Hallam on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013. I would also like to thank Mrs Clare Thorpe and Mr John Cape from the Diocese Hallam for coming over to speak to parents and carers.

### Year 3 and 4 Vikings

Our Vikings will be invading (but not pillaging) York during their forthcoming visit to 'The Jorvik Centre' on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013.

### Year 6 Hollowford Residential

Last night I visited the Year 6 children at the Hollowford Centre, Castleton. The centre is located in stunning countryside on the edge of town. The children were excitedly telling me all about their adventures and had clearly had a fantastic time doing all sorts of activities together. In next week's letter will be a report from the children. My thanks go to the Centre staff and my dedicated colleagues; Mrs Asquith, Ms Golland and Mr Smith for supporting the children so well.

### INSET Day Reminder

Please note that school is closed to all children on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2013 as it will be a staff training day.

### Parent/Carer Drop In

A reminder that Miss Kiernan is available each Friday afternoon from 3.00pm to meet with any parents/carers looking for information or wishing to discuss a matter concerning their child(ren).

### Harvest Mass

I would like to remind you that our Harvest Mass will take place next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at the church of Our Lady of Lourdes. I am very grateful to father Paul for leading our special celebration. This will be the first time our Foundation 2 children will be joining the rest of the community and they will be supported by their Year 4 buddies who will be there to care for them and to act as positive role-models.

As in previous years we will be collecting non-perishable foods which will then be divided equally and donated to the Gleadless Food Bank and the St Wilfrid's Centre. We are looking for tinned and dried foods like pasta, rice and pulses. If you are happy to make a donation of food please bring it in on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October**. Thank you.

### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

There will be no liturgy next Thursday as we are attending Mass on Friday. On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October (the last day of term) our simple liturgy will be led by the boys and girls of Year 6. I would like to thank all the parents, carers, family members and friends of the school who have managed to join us for one or more of our liturgies. It means the world to us all that you are able to attend to support the children and share in the prayer life of our school.

### Rainbow Zone: Appeal for Help!

As part of our vision inclusion we are setting up a 'Rainbow Zone' in what is currently the Headteacher's office and the School office once we move into the new offices. The zone will consist of a sensory nurture room and a dedicated learning area. Our Inclusion Team consists of Miss Kiernan, Mrs Asquith, Mrs Pickering and Miss Hardman. The challenge is decorate and make the zone vibrant, colourful and appealing to all the children who will access it. If you would be interested in volunteering a few hours to help us decorate please email Miss Kiernan on [c.kiernan@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk](mailto:c.kiernan@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk) . Thank you for your support.

### Golden Children

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

• F 2	<b>Tamzin Samba</b> for a super attitude and good listening. A little star!
• Year 1	<b>Millie Taylor</b> for writing a fantastic story about the Three Little Pigs all by herself!
• Year 2	<b>Daniel de Sousa</b> for trying hard with all his learning and being a good example of an active learner!
• Year 3	<b>Aron Toth Simon</b> for really thinking about the language he is using – especially in Read Write Inc!
• Year 4	<b>Sara Mura</b> for always doing her best! She has shown a fantastic attitude and great progress already this year!
• Year 5	<b>Harry Siner</b> for helping others to learn. He has shown a great attitude towards sharing his learning!
• Year 6	<b>Sam Wilson</b> for working really hard in everything she does in a fantastic start to the year!

### Achievements Outside School

- Jack Stacey achieved the rank of 9<sup>th</sup> Tyu and achieved his yellow belt. Congratulations!
- Poppy Walton in Year 2 achieved a red belt in freestyle karate. Fantastic achievement Poppy!

## House Points

St Andrew	St David	St George	St Patrick
<b>Smilies This week</b>			
73	52	110	108
<b>Term 1 Running Total</b>			
529	408	585	626



### Links Partnership Sport Stars of the Week

The following children have been identified by our coaches as stars this week: Finlay Jones, Lorenzo Dizon, Saffron Kilbride, Ashliegh Sigauke, Joseph Hurst, William Oadley, Jenson Pugh, Francis Needham, Mia Pardo-Figueroa and Darcy Tirol! The following children received special mentions for making an outstanding effort in PE and/or extra-curricular sport: Poppy Walton, Jack Swain, Emma Watters, Kayleigh Collins and Evie Flint. Congratulations to you all!

### Mr Raymond Bulmer RIP

A former pupil, Raymond Bulmer, who left our school in 1981 died suddenly last week. We pray for the repose of his soul and for the intentions of his family especially his young children.

### Weekly Attendance Winners

For the week ending 04-10-13 the girls and boys of Year 2 achieved a 98.3% attendance and will be visited by Bobbie Bear! In second place was Year 6 with 98.1% attendance and they will be visited by Bertie Bear. In third place were the young people of Year 4 who managed 96.9% attendance and will be visited by Elvis the Owl. Congratulations all of you!

The average attendance was 95.7% which is below our target of 96%. Please help us to improve this next week.

### 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?

I hope you have a great weekend.

Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt