

# SJF NEWS

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## **Citizen of the Week**

Our recipient this week is **Tilly** (FS2) who understands why it is so important to laugh and have fun in line with our 'Statement to Live by' this week. Tilly loves to learn and play and in just the few short weeks that she has been part of our SJF family, she has impressed everyone with her enthusiasm and tremendous sense of fun. She views the world with that sense of wonder and awe that is so important to nurture and encourage. Congratulations Tilly, and thank you for the wonderful example you set! We are all very proud of you!

PARENT & CARER

# MATHS

# WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER | 3.30PM | MEET IN HALL

### Term 1 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House



299

St David's House



203

St Patrick's House



219

St George's House



276

These are last week's scores. This week's scores will be carried over to next week by the House Captains who have been away on their Y6 residential to 'The Hollowford Centre', Castleton this week.



### Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone who played a part in making our 2019 Open Morning such a success. I would like to thank all my dedicated colleagues firstly, for helping to prepare school and then for helping visitors on the day. I would like to give a special mention to Mrs Ramsden, Mrs Birch, Mr Andrews, Mrs Hollingworth and Mrs Seaton for their important work behind the scenes to arrange the event and ensure that school looked at its very best.

I would like to thank our incredible Governors and PTFA members for their presence; for talking to our visitors; and for providing our visitors with refreshments. I would also like to thank our partners from JPAC, Taylor Shaw and our uniform suppliers who provided samples, advice and information for our visitors.

Finally I would like to thank all the children who donned their school uniforms and came to school on a Saturday in order to act as pupil guides and to take part in special demonstration lessons and other activities. You were all fantastic!

We received lots of positive feedback on the day and since, with the majority, rightly focused on our wonderful children. There were lots of comments about how confident, enthusiastic, smart, passionate, knowledgeable and articulate they had all been – with a number of visitors saying how brilliantly they had reflected our SJF values and ethos. Thank you all!

### Forthcoming Events

Please refer to the **SJF calendar** via this link: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/calendar/2018---2019-calendars/>

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| <b>16-10-19</b>                              | • <b>Maths Workshop</b> Parents and Carers (3.30pm, School Hall)  |
| <b>17-10-19</b>                              | • <b>Y1</b> Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall) – family/friends of Y1 children welcome<br>• <b>Reading Workshop for Parents and Carers</b> (Years 3-6, Y6 classroom)                     |
| <b>18-10-19</b>                              | • <b>Bags2School</b> delivery date (PTFA)<br>• <b>Y6</b> Celebration Assembly (9.05am in the Hall) – family/friends of Y6 children welcome  |
| <b>21-10-19</b>                              | • <b>Y5</b> Oakes residential (Day 1)   |
| <b>22-10-19</b>                              | • <b>Y5</b> Oakes residential (Day 2)   |
| <b>23-10-19</b>                              | • <b>Y5</b> Oakes residential (Day 3)   |
| <b>24-10-19</b>                              | • <b>No</b> Liturgy of the Word   |
| <b>25-10-19</b>                              | • <b>End</b> of SJF Black History Month (work will be displayed during Curriculum Showcase)<br>• <b>Harvest Festival Community Mass</b> (9.30am, Our Lady of Lourdes)<br>• <b>End</b> of Term 1 |
| <b>School Holiday (28-10-19 to 01-11-19)</b> |   |

### Harvest Festival 2019

Our annual 'Harvest Festival' Community Mass takes place on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019**, at 9.30am at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. As in previous years, we would be grateful if you would donate food to school which we will then pass directly on to the St Wilfred's Centre in Sheffield.

It is important that donated food is **non-perishable**, so items like tins of meat, fish, soup, vegetables and fruit; packets of cereals, dried 'Pot Noodle'-type products, biscuits, drinking chocolate, instant mashed potato, pasta, rice and dried noodles are ideal. Anything tinned or dried is perfect.

All donations will be gratefully received and can be left in the box at the pedestrian gate with Mr Andrews at the beginning and end of each school day.

Thank you in anticipation of your generosity and support.



### Community Service of Remembrance 2019

On **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019** our community will come together to mark Armistice Day. Our service will start at 10.45am at Our Lady Lourdes Catholic Church and will include a minute's silence in honour of both the fallen and all those who loved and lost them. It is an important annual event in our SJF school calendar.

If you, a relative, or someone you know is a serving or retired member of the armed services and would be willing to play a small part in our service (placing a wreath at the foot of a cross), please let us know.



Also we are looking for serving and/or retired service personnel who would be willing to visit school in order to talk to some of the classes about why the act of national remembrance is so important. Again if you can help, please get in touch. Finally if you know someone who would like to just come along and join us for our service, please tell them! They would be most welcome to join us for this very special community event.

### Beat Your Best!

*The SJF Weekly Personal Challenge!*

As the Sports Majors and Mr Johnson were away on the Y6 residential this week's challenge did not go ahead. It will return next week.



### PTFA News

The next 'Bags2School' collection will be on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019**.

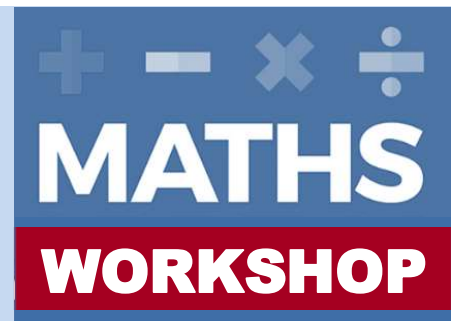
Please bring in all your unwanted clothing items so that the PTFA can exchange them to raise money for school. Please use your own plastic bags if you do not have the official ones. All unclaimed lost property will be donated to support our fantastic PTFA. If you can help email them on [ptfa@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:ptfa@st-johnfisher.org). Thank you.

### Mathematics Workshop for Parents/Carers

You are all invited to two mathematics workshops for parents and carers of children in all classes. They take place on:

- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019** (addition and subtraction)
- **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** (multiplication and division)

The workshops will be led by Mrs Holloway and Mrs Broadhead, supported by colleagues and will begin in the Y6 classroom or school hall (depending on numbers attending).



Please join us if you want to understand more fully how we teach the four operations of Mathematics at SJF throughout school. Feedback from previous workshops has been excellent with those attending overwhelmingly appreciating the opportunity to find out more and to ask questions about our approach.

Obviously methods and approaches change and develop over time, so attending the workshops will bring you up to date with current thinking around modern approaches to teaching and learning, and particularly the drive to embed children's understanding of related mathematical vocabulary.

You will also be given tips on how you can support your children at home.

Please also join us if you struggle (or have struggled) with Mathematics and speak to one of us in confidence so that we can provide confidential support and advice.

It would be helpful to know how many to expect so we would appreciate it if you could drop us a quick email to [enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) if you would like to come.

Supervised care will be offered to the children of those attending in another classroom close by.

Thank you.



### Golden Children

- FS2** **William** for always having interesting things to say, and for always making up interesting stories! What a star!
- Y1** **Charlotte** for being so helpful and for always helping other to tidy up – including grown-ups – when she helps with the Get, Set, GO! activity each day with a smile on her face!
- Y2** **William** for trying really hard in his work and for making great contributions in class discussions! What a super example!
- Y3** **Connor** for being such a superstar, managing to come into class and get on with his work or the task that has been set! Amazing! Keep it up!
- Y4** **Annabell** for setting a great example by getting on with her work quietly and independently and for being kind and helpful to those on her table when they need it!
- Y5** **Jacob** for always smiling and having a positive attitude in everything he does! What a great example you set! Keep it up!
- Y6** **Ava** for being such a fantastic help to everyone this week around school! What a great example and role-model you are!

### Writing Champions



| Attendance this week |     |                                   |                                  |
|----------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>      | Y6  | <b>98.1%</b>                      | Bobby Bear will visit next week  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>      | Y3  | 97.4%                             | Bobby Bear will visit next week  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>      | Y2  | 97.3%                             | Brenda Bear will visit next week |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>      | Y1  | 96.0%                             | Elvis Owl will visit next week   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>      | FS2 | 95.8%                             |                                  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>      | Y5  | 95.7%                             |                                  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>      | Y4  | 92.8%                             |                                  |
| <b>Target = 98%</b>  |     | <b>Average Attendance = 96.1%</b> |                                  |



| Get Set, GO!    |     |                      |  |
|-----------------|-----|----------------------|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | FS2 | <b>89%</b>           |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Y1  | 86%                  |  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Y6  | 80%                  |  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Y4  | 75%                  |  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Y2  | 72%                  |  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Y5  | 68%                  |  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Y3  | 67%                  |  |
|                 |     | <b>Average = 77%</b> |  |

### Achievements Outside of School

At St John Fisher we recognise and celebrate all achievements in and out of school. Whether the achievements are big or small we will publish and celebrate them. This week's achievements are:

- **Jacob** in **Y1** has achieved the the Octopus Level 2 Swimming award and badge this week! What an amazing achievement Jacob! Well done!
- **Alana** in **Y2** passed her Stage 2 swimming award! Congratulations!
- **Bruno** in **Y2** and **Kessy** in **Y4** both received 'Bronze Certificates' for attending thirty hours of Sheffield Children's University learning activities! Well done to both of you on your magnificent achievements!
- **William** in **Y2** achieved a Puffin Award for managing to swim five metres. He also managed to achieve the standard for the Swim England Learn To Swim Stage 1. Finally he also completed the 'Space Chase' Summer Library Reading Challenge! What a star you are William!
- **Daniel** in **Y3** completed the Sheffield Fun Run recently in spite of the muddy conditions! There is a clip via this link: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=share&v=bEBCIVnV6uo> A great achievement Daniel!
- **James** in **Y3** achieved his Level 1 swimming award! What a fantastic achievement James! We are all very proud of you!
- **Amelia** in **Y6** competed in the 'Winter Yorkshire Swimming Competition' recently, achieving six qualifying times in different races. She also managed to better five out of six of her previous qualifying times and has already achieved two qualifying times for the Yorkshire Championships in February! Well done!

### Governor Election

Our SJF Governing Body plays a key strategic leadership and management role in the running of our school community. There are vacancies currently for both Foundation and Parent Governors. The Governing Body therefore invites applications from any eligible parents and carers who would like to play a key part in our continuing journey.



### Foundation Governors

Foundation Governors must be practicing Catholics. They are nominated by Parish Priests and appointed by the Bishop. As the Bishop's appointees, Foundation Governors' primary responsibility is to safeguard the Catholic foundation and nature of the school as strategies are set and decisions made. There are vacancies for Foundations Governors currently. If you would like to find out more about being a Foundation Governor please contact Mrs Ramsden (0114 2485009 or [enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)) or speak directly with Fr Paul.

### Parent Governors

As you may be aware, the Governing Body of all Sheffield Schools and academies have at least one place reserved for a Parent/Carer Governor.

Unlike a Foundation Governor, a Parent Governor has to have a child attending school. Parent Governors do not have to be a Catholic and can be from any faith or religious background as long as they are committed to supporting and assuring our Catholic ethos. Parent Governors are also elected for a four-year term of office, rather than appointed by the Bishop.

Being a Governor is special. It is a chance for you to influence school life and the education we provide for our children. Governors offer advice and make decisions about many aspects of school life including the curriculum, staffing and finances, so we are especially keen to hear anyone who has a background and skillset linked to education, business, finance, law, health and safety, fundraising and human resources. That said, what the Governing Body needs most are people passionate about our school and values.

The Governor role is vital to the education of our children and so we would urge you to consider standing. If you feel daunted there will be training and the support of an experienced Governor to help you understand your role and responsibilities.

Parent Governors also provide a link between the school and parents and carers. The Parent Governor will be expected to attend at least three full meetings of the School Governing Body each year long as well as meetings for one of the three SJF Governor sub-committees.

Some Governors may also be involved in further meetings around admissions, staff recruitment and retention matters and complaints if and when they arise. Governors are therefore expected to take an active interest in the school community by helping to promote the parental view at meetings of the School Governing Body.

### Eligibility & Process

- ✓ anyone with parental responsibility for a child attending our school is eligible to stand for election
- ✓ faith or background is no bar to someone being a Parent Governor
- ✓ there will be an election if more than one nomination from an eligible person is received
- ✓ in the event of an election, all current parents/carers will be eligible to vote by secret ballot
- ✓ detailed arrangements and a list of candidates will be sent out once all nominations have been received
- ✓ the term of office for this elected position is **four** years
- ✓ parents/carers wishing to stand for election can nominate themselves as a candidate
- ✓ no 'proposer' or 'seconder' is required but you must tell us that you wish to stand, in writing, **no later than Wednesday 6 November 2019**
- ✓ candidates are also asked to provide a short personal statement with their nomination which will then be circulated to parents/carers

### Catholic Life

#### October Prayer

As October is the month of Mary our song is 'Ave Maria' and our prayer is 'Hail Holy Queen', a traditional Catholic prayer. If you would like to share the prayer as part of your prayer life at home here are the words:

*Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,  
Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.  
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.  
To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.  
Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us,  
And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
O clement, o loving, o sweet Virgin Mary!*



### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

The next week liturgy will therefore **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** and will be led by the children of **Y1**. We invite the family and friends of our Y1 children to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

### Celebration Assembly

We invite the family and friends of our **Y6** children to join us for our Celebration Assembly on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019** in the School Hall at 9.05am.

### Y6 Residential 2018

The Y6 children who went on the 2018 residential to Hollowford returned today exhausted and happy having enjoyed a fantastic trip. There will be photographs and a full report in the next edition of the newsletter.



### Statement to Live By

Next week our statement to live by will be: **"I know what to do if I see someone being hurt"**.

**Time to talk:** Why is it important to look out for each other? How many different ways can we look after each other? What are the different ways someone can be hurt? What should we do if we see someone being hurt? What can we do to help sensibly and safely? Why do we want our school to be a place where children look after each other and the grown-ups are all there to help?

The beauty of life does not depend on how happy you are, but how happy others can be because of you.

Strong people  
Stand up for themselves,  
But stronger people  
Stand up for others.  
- Unknown

Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt

