



# St John Fisher Weekly News



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## A Message from Our Chair of Governors

*I would like to introduce myself, my name is Sarah Ludlam. Here is a little information about me and my role as Chair of Governors.*

*I was appointed to the Governing Body in May 2012 as a Foundation Governor but I am also a parent with children here at SJF. I have twin boys (William & Alexander) who have just started Y2 and a stepson called James. My day job is as a restaurant manager for very well-known company and I have been working for them for 23 years.*

*I love spending time with my family and friends and luckily get to combine two of my passions watching my boys play football on a regular basis. It's a family affair as my husband Craig is the coach and I am the administration officer! I am also on the committee of the Sheffield Twins and Multiple Club and was their antenatal and membership coordinator in the past. I now sit on the committee as an advisor. I seem to get very little spare time, however, when I do I spend it running or sleeping!!!! This is definitely MY time!!!*

*My key role, as your Chair for the next year, is to support Mr Barratt and the school and with help from the Diocese to remove our school from the 'special measures' category we have been placed in. This will be done through a quick restructure of the governing body to utilise the skills of our Governors in order to best help, challenge and support the school on this journey.*

*I am pleased to introduce David Lodge and Jon Ball, who have recently been appointed to the Governing Body as Foundation Governors and who are also members of our Parish - it is great to have these guys on board and I know they will bring vital skills to the table and we will all work together to drive our school forward.*

*I wish the Governing Body to be a more approachable team of people so over the next couple of months I am hoping to introduce them all to you through the weekly newsletter. If you have any questions, please feel free to approach any of the Governing Body.*

*On a final note, I am an avid fund raiser for Cancer Research UK and I am doing the Great North Run (13 miles) on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2013. If you would like to read my story and donate a few ££ to this fantastic cause I would be forever grateful for your generosity. [www.justgiving.com/Sarah-Ludlam](http://www.justgiving.com/Sarah-Ludlam)*

*Thank you and see you around the playground.*

*Sarah Ludlam*



## Welcome Meetings

This week there have been Welcome meetings for Years 3-6 which have given parents and carers an important opportunity to get more general information about their children's classes this year. The meetings also gave teachers an opportunity to share their personal vision for the year and outline the curriculum as well as routines regarding things like homework etc. The feedback from parents who attended has been very positive and they have really appreciated this opportunity. I would like to thank my colleagues as well as everyone who attended.

Next Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March will be the Year 2 meeting with Miss McCann and on Tuesday we will have the Year 1 meeting with Ms Farrow. The meetings will take place in the respective classrooms and we are happy to supervise children (and younger siblings) in a separate room if you would like.

## Houses

I am afraid there is a correction as the feast of St George is in the Easter holiday this year. Please see the amended table below. My apologies for any confusion this oversight has caused.

House	Colour	Emblem	Feast Day	House Colour Dress Up Day	Heads of House	House Captains
St Andrew	Blue	Thistle	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Miss D'Roza	Amelia J-W <b>Vice Captain</b> Winnie S
St David	Yellow	Daffodil	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2014	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014</b>	Mrs Asquith	Norbert B <b>Vice Captain</b> Olivia W
St Patrick	Green	Shamrock	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2014	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014</b>	Mrs Dewsnap	Sam W <b>Vice Captain</b> Sasha D
St George	Red	Rose	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2014	<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014</b>	Mr Hawley	Corey G <b>Vice Captain</b> Holly L

## A Message from Our Chair of the PTFA



*Hello and welcome back. I hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing summer break.*

*Our PTFA will be holding an informal cheese and wine evening on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the school hall and we would like to invite all parents/carers, teachers and friends of the school to come along.*



*Our aim is to introduce ourselves to you, tell you about our achievements, our goals for the coming new school year, and hopefully interest you in becoming members or helpers of the PTFA. It also gives us a chance to get to know you all better, especially any parents of new children to the school.*

*Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you all. Thank you.*

*Donna Murphy*

## New Year Welcome Mass

This afternoon we came together as a community to celebrate Mass and to pray for the year ahead. I would like to thank Father Paul leading the celebration, Mr Smith for arranging the liturgy; Winnie and David for serving Mass; the young people in Year 6 who led the liturgy superbly and you our parents, carers and friends for supporting us today.

## Golden Children

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

• F 2	This was the first week for most of the children and so we will start adding names from next week.
• Year 1	<b>Thames Alexis</b> for producing a fantastic piece of writing and for being great at listening to instructions!
• Year 2	<b>Ben Forgo</b> for listening well to instructions and for giving everything his best try!
• Year 3	<b>Olivia King</b> for helping others with their learning and for always being ready to learn herself!
• Year 4	<b>Jack Harwood</b> for making a fantastic start to Year 4; great at listening and behaviour, and a great attitude to learning!
• Year 5	<b>Evie Flint</b> for always being positive and sharing a smile!
• Year 6	<b>Grace Woolhouse</b> for getting straight back into school and working really hard. An excellent attitude, well done!

### **Parent and Carer Focus Group**

A reminder that the next meeting takes place next Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 6.00pm in Mr Smith's classroom. We will finish in time for the PTFA Cheese and Wine 'Welcome' event which takes place in the school hall at 7.30pm.

### **Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Mass**

The next children's Mass will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 10.30am. All children and parents are welcome.

### **Term 1 Curriculum Overviews**

This term's curriculum overviews have been emailed via 'Parentmail'.

### **Weekly Attendance Winners**

The girls and boys of Year 1 had the best attendance last week, managing 100% and so will be visited by Bobby Bear. In second place were the young people of Year 5 who managed 99.4% attendance and they will be visited by Bertie Bear. In third place were the children of Year 3 who managed 98.8% and they will be visited by Elvis the Owl. Well done all of you.

### **Achievements Outside School**

- Brody McConaghy is a cub and a member of the 6<sup>th</sup> Dronfield pack who has just managed to earn his cooking and cleaning badges. Well done Brody, there are no excuses now - you will be able to give your parents lots of help around the house!
- Our congratulations go to Jack Green in Year 3 has just passed his third grading in Wing Chun Kung Fu. Jack has now earned his blue belt!
- Daryn Tirol in Year 4 received his 10<sup>th</sup> Kup in the martial art of Taekwondo and also earned a student award at Spring Water Taekwondo. What a super achievement Daryn, well done!
- Darcy Tirol also received a student award at Spring Water Taekwondo along with a Certificate of Achievement for completing the requirements of the pre-Dan grade lesson in the martial art. Congratulations Darcy!
- Willis Stoeman in Year 1 recently passed Stage 1 of the ASA Learn to Swim awards. He is almost ready to go for his Stage 2. Well done Willis, we look forward to hearing about your Stage 2!

### **Morrisons Vouchers**

A reminder that we are collecting vouchers, so if you pick any up and are happy to donate, we would be very grateful. The collection box is outside the office.

### **Statement to Live By**

Next week our statement to live by is: **"I can say at least one good thing about myself."**

**Time to talk:** Together you could list your gifts and talents – the special qualities that make you YOU!

Have a relaxing and peaceful weekend,

Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt