



# St John Fisher News

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## Welcome Back!

It has been really wonderful to welcome back all the children and my colleagues after the Christmas holiday. I hope you all enjoyed the festive season and managed to avoid the various bugs going around. I wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2017!

## ★ Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Bitanga Kalyata** in **Y6** who has shown that he understands what it means to love others as he loves himself in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Bitanga has impressed us all with the generous way he considers the thoughts and feelings of others, particularly through his role as a prefect. A perfect example of his thoughtfulness was when Bitanga supported Mrs Pickering in helping children who were feeling poorly during one lunch time this week. He sat with them and reassured them and even tried to cheer them up. He then collected all their possessions for them when it was decided that they needed to go home early. Well done Bitanga, we are all very proud of you!

## Police Report

I sent out an email earlier in the week regarding a notification I had received from the Police regarding reports made by two children who attend a school locally. They alleged that a man driving, who was driving a large white ('Transit'-type) van, pulled up near them and asked them to get in. Thankfully the children refused and ran home. According to the reports, the man did not get out of the van, nor did he attempt to touch them in any way.

If you have any information about this incident you should dial 101 and ask for **PCSO John Russell**, who based locally at Moss Way Police Station.

Whilst we do not want to cause unnecessary alarm to the children, these sorts of things do serve as a reminder to us all. I have therefore asked my colleagues to talk to the children gently about the importance of being safe and of not talking to strangers if they are out and about and I invite you to do the same at home if you feel that it is appropriate. Thank you.

## New Year Mass

This morning our community came together for a special Mass to pray that 2017 will be really great year for everybody. I would like to thank Fr Paul for celebrating Mass; the children of Y6 for leading the liturgy so beautifully; Jared and Bitanga for serving on the altar so brilliantly; Miss Pendlebury and Miss Kiernan for leading the music and all the children for behaving (and joining in) so well. Thanks too to all the friends and family members who were able to join us today.

## Interim Pupil Reports

The pupil reports relating to the assessments completed before Christmas will be sent home on Monday.

## Parent & Carer Questionnaires

I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to complete a questionnaire. If you would like to send in feedback the deadline for responses is next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

In terms of the questionnaires received so far we have received some constructive feedback about the range of extra-curricular activities on offer. We were asked if we could have more craft-based activities, which we anticipated because the craft clubs with Mrs Asquith are so popular. We are therefore looking into ways of expanding our offer. In terms of sport, you may be aware that Mr Broadhead is running after-school football activities currently. The Links Partnership activities will not resume however, after the next holiday (Term 4) when it is warmer/lighter. This decision was made following feedback from parents/carers last year after we explored why there had been a drop in the number of children engaging in after-school sports during the colder/darker weeks either side of the Christmas holiday. We will, of course, continue to monitor and respond to feedback as it comes in. Thank you.

### Curriculum Overviews

The Term 3 Curriculum Overviews will be sent out shortly. They contain information about what your children will be learning in school this term along with tips on how you can support them at home. As always, if you have skills, experiences, resources/artefacts and contacts linked to anything covered in the overview please contact the relevant class teacher. Also if you would like some tips and information yourself about what we are doing so you can help your children at home, please let us know. Thank you for your support.

### Curriculum Exhibition

I would like to remind you that there will be an exhibition to celebrate the children's learning so far, next Thursday at 9.05am in the school Hall. You are all welcome!

### Young Voices 2017

A group of children and staff are taking part in the Young Voices concert at the Sheffield Arena this evening and there will be an update in next week's newsletter.

### Forthcoming Events

You can access this year's school calendar via: [www.st-johnfisher.org/parents/school-dates/](http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents/school-dates/)

17-01-17	✓	Y6 visit to the Crucial Crew
19-01-17	✓	Curriculum Exhibition – School Hall at 9.05am
20-01-17	✓	Celebration Assembly – School Hall at 2.55pm (The family and friends of <b>FS2</b> pupils invited)

### Parent Advice and Support – Drop-in Sessions

Please remember that all parents and carers can access advice and support from the MAST Parent Support Team. There are weekly drop in sessions in the school library from **8.30am on Thursday mornings** which are open to everyone.

Advice can be on a wide range of issues, from general information about services available to Sheffield parents/carers to more personal and specific advice on parenting, housing, debt- management and coping with addiction etc. If you would like an appointment please speak to Mrs Asquith. Thank you.

Advice and support  
for children and  
families



Contact MAST when  
your family needs  
some extra help

### Skydive for St Luke's Hospice

At the end of February Mrs Broadhead is doing a skydive in aid of St Luke's Hospice in memory of her father, Malcolm Whyte, who died last September after a long and very brave battle with cancer.

Mrs Broadhead made a promise to her dad shortly before he died, that she would jump for the hospice and he was, in fact, the first person to sponsor her.

As a staff we all want to get right behind Mrs Broadhead because we know how important this is to her and because we also want to support St Luke's Hospice - an amazing place, which relies on charitable donations to cover a staggering 75% of its budget in order to provide care and support for the terminally ill and those who love them.

If you would also like to join the staff in supporting Mrs Broadhead you can pop cash or cheque in an envelope marked clearly for her attention and post it in the post box in the entrance foyer or you can donate directly via her 'Just Giving' page [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Aimi-Broadhead](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Aimi-Broadhead). Thank you.



### Our Catholic Life

#### Weekly Liturgy of the Word








The Liturgy scheduled for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January has been cancelled because our Curriculum Exhibition is taking place that morning. So, the next liturgy will be on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017**, led by **FS2**. The family and friends of our **FS2** children are therefore invited to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am on the day.

#### Celebration Assembly

We invite the family and friends of our FS2 children to join us for our Celebration Assembly next **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017** in the School Hall on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January** starting at 2.55pm.

#### Children's Mass

The next children's Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am and you are all welcome.

Attendance This Week			
FS2		98.3%	
Year 1		94.6%	
Year 2		99.3%	
Year 3		98.7%	
Year 4		100%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
Year 5		99.4%	Brenda Bear and Elvis the Owl will visit next week
Year 6		99.4%	Brenda Bear and Elvis the Owl will visit next week
Weekly Target		97%	<b>This week's Average Attendance</b> 98.6%

A good start to 2017 with an overall average of 98.6%.

Thank you.

### Term 3 Smiley Scores So Far...

<b>St Andrew's House</b>  <b>69</b>	<b>St David's House</b>  <b>72</b>	<b>St Patrick's House</b>  <b>86</b>	<b>St George's House</b>  <b>63</b>
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### Parish News

The next children's Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30am and you are all welcome.

Please check the parish website for information and details of Masses, confessions and services via this link: [www.ourladyoflourdesheffield.gov.uk](http://www.ourladyoflourdesheffield.gov.uk).

### Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Zack Mahovo	Riley Wood	Daisy Green	Archie Saxton-Clayton	Amna Javid	William Ludlam	Jensen Gough

### Golden Children

FS2	<b>Tadisa Bandawa</b> for being really honest this week. Well done! What a great example you are!
Year 1	<b>Alan Cudnowski</b> for being a superstar and a great help to Miss Kiernan as she settles in!
Year 2	<b>Marisa Avelino</b> for being a super mathematician this week! Well done! Keep it up superstar!
Year 3	<b>Phoebe Asumadu</b> for producing some beautiful work this week! Well done!
Year 4	<b>Millie Taylor</b> for trying her hardest and for setting a great example! Keep up the good work!
Year 5	<b>Nedas Bagdonas</b> for trying really hard with his maths work this week. He even did some extra work at home to make sure he really understood! What a great example to others you are!
Year 6	<b>Mo Aloba</b> for giving a 100% effort to mathematics this week and gaining more confidence in the process! Congratulations!

### Achievements Outside of School

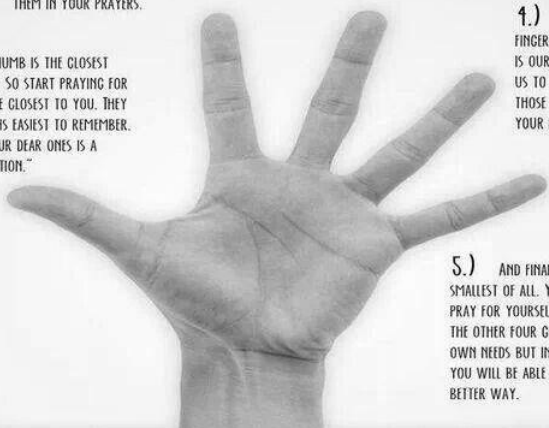
Please pass us any details of out of school achievements so that we can publish them in the newsletter and celebrate them.

## Statement to Live By

When we return after the holiday our 'statement to live by' is 'I try to follow school and classroom rules'

**Time to talk:** Why do we have rules? Do they help us? What would happen if there were no rules? How do rules help us and others to feel happy, safe and loved? What rules do you have at home? What rules does Jesus give us so that we can grow closer to Him?

# POPE FRANCIS' FIVE FINGER PRAYER



1.) THE THUMB IS THE CLOSEST FINGER TO YOU. SO START PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO ARE CLOSEST TO YOU. THEY ARE THE PERSONS EASIEST TO REMEMBER. TO PRAY FOR OUR DEAR ONES IS A "SWEET OBLIGATION."

2.) THE NEXT FINGER IS THE INDEX. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO TEACH YOU, INSTRUCT YOU AND HEAL YOU. THEY NEED THE SUPPORT AND WISDOM TO SHOW DIRECTION TO OTHERS. ALWAYS KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.

3.) THE FOLLOWING FINGER IS THE TALLEST. IT REMINDS US OF OUR LEADERS, THE GOVERNORS AND THOSE WHO HAVE AUTHORITY. THEY NEED GOD'S GUIDANCE.

4.) THE FOURTH FINGER IS THE RING FINGER. EVEN THAT IT MAY SURPRISE YOU...IT IS OUR WEAKEST FINGER. IT SHOULD REMIND US TO PRAY FOR THE WEAKEST, THE SICK OR THOSE PLAGUED BY PROBLEMS. THEY NEED YOUR PRAYERS.

5.) AND FINALLY WE HAVE OUR SMALLEST FINGER, THE SMALLEST OF ALL. YOUR PINKIE SHOULD REMIND YOU TO PRAY FOR YOURSELF. WHEN YOU ARE DONE PRAYING FOR THE OTHER FOUR GROUPS, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR OWN NEEDS BUT IN THE PROPER PERSPECTIVE, AND ALSO YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PRAY FOR YOUR OWN NEEDS IN A BETTER WAY.

The secret of being **Happy** is accepting where you are in life and making the most out of everyday.  
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Three simple rules in life

1. If you do not GO after what you want, you'll never have it.
2. If you do not ASK, the answer will always be NO.
3. If you do not step forward, you'll always be in the same place.

*In Our Home*  
Always be honest  
PROVERBS 12:22

Forgive and forget  
MICAH 7:18

Be kind hearted  
EPHESIANS 4:32

Keep your promises  
ROMANS 4:21

Work hard  
COLOSSIANS 3:23

Be thankful  
1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

Never give up  
PHILIPPIANS 4:13

*but most important*  
Love One Another  
1 PETER 1:22

Have a great weekend,

Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt