



St John Fisher Weekly News



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Welcome Back!

Welcome for the last term of the year. Whilst there is now only a few until the end of the school year we do have a lot to pack in. Here are some key dates from the calendar for your information:

• Saturday 14 th June	✓ The PTFA Big Lunch 2014 on the lower field ✓ (1.00pm – 4.00pm)
• Wednesday 18 th June	✓ The Catholic Cup football tournament at All Saints Catholic High School
• Thursday 19 th June	✓ The PTFA's 'Dress up in sportswear' non-uniform day!
• Friday 20 th June	✓ Mass to give thanks for the children who made their First Holy Communion and celebrate the feast of St John Fisher at 2.00pm in the school hall
• Tuesday 24 th June	✓ Welcome Meeting of the parents/carers of the new children joining our community (in FS2) in September 2014 at 6.00pm starting in the FS2 class
• Friday 27 th June	✓ Sports Day
• Monday 30 th June	✓ Taster days for the first group of children joining FS2 in September 2014
• Wednesday 2 nd July	✓ (9.45am-2.30pm)
• Friday 4 th July	
• Monday 7 th July	✓ Taster days for the second group of children joining FS2 in September 2014
• Wednesday 9 th July	✓ (9.45am-2.30pm)
• Friday 11 th July	
• Wednesday 16 th July	✓ Theme 2 Exhibition in the school hall ✓ (9.00am)
• Thursday 17 th July	✓ Leavers' Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church ✓ (7.00pm)
• Friday 18 th July	✓ End of year Mass of thanksgiving at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church ✓ (9.30am)

Staff News

Today we bid a *temporary* farewell to our specialist music teacher, Miss Pendlebury, who begins her maternity leave. We wish her and her baby well. Miss Pendlebury will return in the new academic year.

At the end of the school year Miss McCann will leave us after many years of service. We thank her for all she has done and wish her every happiness and success for the future. We are now in the process of recruiting a new teacher to replace her.

This means that in September there will be new teachers in six out of our seven classes (as Mrs Evans will be on maternity for the first part of the year). There is no disguising the fact that this will be a significant change for our school but it is one that we will be prepared for. I want to assure you that our Governors remain fully committed to securing the best for our children and I thank you for your continued support

PTFA Big Lunch 2014

As you have seen above the second annual PTFA 'Big Lunch' event takes place tomorrow on the lower school field from **1.00pm** to **4.00pm**. Everyone is invited – families, cousins, aunts, grandparents, friends, parishioners and those who live near to school. Please spread the word!

This year's event will be hosted by 'Big Al' and you are invited to bring a picnic lunch and watch the entertainment and join in with all the fun. There will be tea, coffee and other refreshments on sale as well as a raffle and tombola and some PTFA stalls.



PTFA Sportswear Day

Thursday 19th June 2014 will be a non-uniform day when all the children are invited to come to school dressed in their favourite sportswear in support of our PTFA. The PTFA would appreciate a £1 donation. Children can wear anything 'sporty' including football kits, dancewear or simply a tracksuit or even just a t-shirt and shorts. There is certainly no expectation that you will buy special clothes for this day.

Children are asked to bring an extra 50p if they would like to buy a bun from the PTFA during the afternoon break. The PTFA will then sell what is left to parents/carers at the end of the day.

CBBC Joke Machine

I would like to remind you can still see some of our children go into a 'joke battle' against a school from Scotland via BBC i-Player. Once you are on the i-Player home page you should select 'Channels' followed by 'CBBC' and you will see 'the Joke Machine'. I think we feature in episode 8! Our children are TV stars of the future!



Tea with Mrs Scott...

On Wednesday the two winning teams from our recent Y5 Enterprise Challenge were invited to All Saints Catholic High School to have afternoon tea with Mrs Scott, the Headteacher.

"When we arrived Mrs Grant brought us to Mrs Scott's room and we had drinks, sandwiches, cakes and fruit. It was delicious! We also got presented with our start-up fund and some amazing certificates. Then Mrs Grant took us on a tour of the school. It was excellent! We are looking forward to going back on 15th July to run our stalls at the summer fair!"



The winning teams with Mrs Grant

Feast Day/First Holy Communion Mass 2014

A reminder that our annual Mass to honour the feast of our patron and to give thanks for the children who have made their first Holy Communion this year takes place on Friday 20th June at 2.00pm in the school hall. All pupils who have made their First Holy Communion this year are invited to bring to school the clothes they wore on their special day and wear them during Mass.

Parish News

The last children's Mass before summer holiday in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church is on this Holy Trinity Sunday, the 15th of June. All children and parents are very welcome.

Achievements Outside of School

- **Dominic Rolfe** in Y5 has attained the 11th Kup in the martial art of Taekwondo which means he has earned a yellow striped belt. He was also awarded with a special medal and certificate to mark this fantastic achievement! Congratulations Dominic!

Exhibition – Theme 2

Our next exhibition will be on *Wednesday 16th July* in the school hall starting at 9.00am. You are all invited to find out all about what the children have been learning during our 'Goal!' theme. Again children will be present to share their learning and answer your questions. I hope that you are able to support us.

Annual School Reports

We are working on the annual reports and it is our aim that they will be sent home at the end of the month.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next weekly liturgy of the Word will be after the holidays, on **Thursday 19th June**. It will be led by the children of **Y5** and the family and friends of those children are invited to join us just after 9.00am in the hall.

Writing Champions

The children who have been named as champions this week for being enthusiastic and for making (or sustaining) improvements in their writing are:

Foundation 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jia Robinson & Erin Gent	Odette Paige & Marcus McKernan	Ashleigh Sigauke	Ben Rogers	James Williamson	Oliver Peters	Libby Kilbride

Golden Children

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

• F 2	Bethany Beatson for always being very polite and for having perfect manners!
• Year 1	Cole Hague for trying really hard to concentrate and producing some wonderful work !
• Year 2	James Fitzpatrick for his excellent attitude to learning and excellent progress in all areas of the curriculum!
• Year 3	Evie Stamford for continually being a good role-model because she is always ready to learn and tries 100% all of the time!
• Year 4	James Williamson for the effort and dedication he has put into producing a <u>fantastic</u> piece of writing this week!
• Year 5	Jacob Croff for always trying his best with his learning!
• Year 6	Elizabeth Avelino for being a fantastic friend and for looking after others! A super role-model!

Weekly Attendance Winners

For the week ending 13-06-14 the girls and boys of **Y1** were in first place with **97.9%** attendance and will be visited by Bobby Bear. In second place were the children of **Y4** with **94.5%** attendance and they will be visited by our Brenda Bear. In third place were the young people of **Y6** who were just behind with **94.3%** attendance and who will be visited by Elvis the Owl.

Unfortunately the average overall attendance for the week was just **91.9%** which is well below government expectations. Please help us to improve on this figure next week.

Statement to Live By

When we come back after the holiday, our statement to live by will be: **"I notice that we are the same and we are different."**

Time to talk: Together you could list the similarities and differences between you. You could talk about physical similarities and differences or you could explore the foods you like, or football teams, or television programmes, or music/pop groups – the list can go on for as long as you like. At the end you could explore what the world would be like if everyone was the same and there was no difference at all. Older children could explore why some people choose to focus on difference rather than on the things that make them the same.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and the sun shines, especially for the Big Lunch tomorrow!

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