

SJF NEWS

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Important Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

An important letter has been sent home this evening. For more information please follow this link:

<http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/update-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/>

Citizen of the Week

The week's recipient is **Charly** in **Y1** who has tried really hard to learn important lessons from mistakes and poor choices in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week! He is a very kind young man, with a great sense of fun. He now tries really hard to show more care and consideration towards others and everyone is so proud of him for it. Congratulations Charly, we are all extremely proud of you!

Term 4 Smiley Scores

 <p>St Andrew's House</p> <p>184</p>	 <p>St David's House</p> <p>193</p>	 <p>St Patrick's House</p> <p>192</p>	 <p>St George's House</p> <p>212</p>
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Green Day

A reminder that Sunday 17th March 2019 is the Feast of St Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland. To mark this feast day members of St Patrick's House (only) can dress down and wear something green on **Friday 20th March**. Members of the other Houses are expected to wear full school uniform as usual.



Smiley Awards

Congratulations to Katie, Sofia, Amelie, Bruno, Zayd, Connie, Luca in Y2 and Lincoln, Jake and Hyrum in Y1 who received certificates for earning 100 smileys! Well done children!

Calendar Reminders

Our **SJF calendar** is available online on the Homepage of our website and in two formats via these links:

- <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents-and-carers-zone/calendar/>
- [http://www.st-johnfisher.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/2019-09-24_17_35_37//SJF CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019-2020.pdf](http://www.st-johnfisher.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/2019-09-24_17_35_37//SJF%20CALENDAR%20OF%20EVENTS%202019-2020.pdf)

16-03-20	• Class Lenten Liturgies (Y1-Y6 only) – please book through School Office
17-03-20	• The Feast of St Patrick • SEND Review Meetings (with Mrs Hadfield) • Class Lenten Liturgies (FS2 only) – please book through School Office
19-03-20	• Y2 Liturgy (9.05am, School Hall) • FS2 Phonics & Reading Workshop (3.30pm, FS2 Classroom)
20-03-20	• Green Day (to mark the feast of St Patrick on 17/03/20 - members of St Patrick's House only) • Y6 Celebration Assembly (9.05am, School Hall, Y6 family/friends welcome) • Class Lenten Liturgies (all classes) – please book through School Office
23-03-20	• Class Lenten Liturgies (Y1-Y6 only) – please book through School Office
24-03-20	• SEND Reviews with Mrs Hadfield • Class Lenten Liturgies (FS2 only) – please book through School Office
26-03-20	• Y1 Liturgy (9.05am, School Hall) – the family/friends of our Y1 pupils are invited • All Saint's Parent's Workshop (3.30pm, Y6 classroom) – supervised childcare available
27-03-20	• Celebration Assembly (9.05am, School Hall) – the family/friends of our FS2 pupils are invited



FS2 Phonics Workshop

The parents and carers of children in FS2 are invited to a special phonics and reading workshop on **Thursday 19th March 2020** at **3.30pm** in the **FS2** classroom. Lots of important and helpful information will be shared.

SJF Collective Worship

Lent 2020: Class Lenten Liturgies

Lent is a time when we are invited to go on a spiritual journey to the *greatest* Christian feast, Easter. The journey gives us all an opportunity to reflect both on Jesus' example and our own lives. It is also a time of repentance and renewal. We would therefore like to invite you all to join us for any of our simple Lenten class liturgies. The dates are listed below. They will start at 3.10pm. Please notify the Office staff on the day if you wish to attend.

- Monday 16th March 2020 Years 1 to 6
- Tuesday 17th March 2020 FS2
- Monday 23rd March 2020 Years 1 to 6
- Tuesday 24th March 2020 FS2
- Friday 27th March 2020 all classes
- Monday 30th March 2020 Years 1 to 6
- Tuesday 31st March 2020 FS2
- Friday 3rd April 2020 all classes



Weekly Liturgy of the Word

The next Liturgy of the Word will be on **Thursday 19th March 2020** and will be led by the young people of **Y2**. We of course invite their family and friends to join us that day in the School Hall just after 9.00am.

Celebration Assembly

Our next Celebration Assembly will be on **Friday 20th March 2020** just after 9.00m in the School Hall. This time the family and friends of our **Y6** pupils are invited to join us.

The SJF Penny War in Aid of The Good Shepherd Lenten Appeal 2020

During Lent we are collecting for the Bishop's 'Good Shepherd Appeal', one of our House charities. The SJF 'Penny War' continues! The pupils will collect pennies and two-pennies in class collecting jars at the beginning of the day.



Diocese of Hallam

A penny is worth one point and a two-pence piece is worth two points. Silver coins can be used to sabotage another class' total.

Silver coins deposited into another class jar to reduce the points in the jar. A 5p will reduce a total by 5 points, 10p by 10 points, 50p by 50 points and so on.

At the end of term the coins will be counted and deductions made. The class with the most points overall will be rewarded with special 'Golden Time'.



Our Lenten Prayer: 'The Confiteor'

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Life in Lent and at Easter

If you are looking to make this year's Lenten season special for you please use the link below to the parish website for updates and details of Masses, services and opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of Lourdes, St Anthony's and St Theresa's: www.ourladyoflourdessheffield.org.uk.



Attendance this week			
1 st	Y4	100%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	FS2	98.4%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y2	98.3%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y1	97.0%	
5 th	Y3	95.9%	
6 th	Y6	95.8%	
7 th	Y5	94.7%	
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 97.2%	



Get Set, GO!			
1 st	FS2	90.0%	
2 nd	Y6	82.5%	
3 rd	Y2	78.0%	
4 th	Y4	77.0%	
5 th	Y1	76.0%	
6 th	Y5	61.0%	
7 th	Y3	53.6%	
		Average = 74.0%	

Golden Children

- FS2** **Matilda** for being kind and helping her friends!
- Y1** **Dominic** for trying really hard in all that he does, we are all so pleased with his progress!
- Y2** **Zayd** for working really hard in class and for demonstrating fantastic learning behaviours!
- Y3** **Daniel** for demonstrating brilliant cricket skills!
- Y4** **Charlie** for showing a more mature attitude towards learning! Well done!
- Y5** **Jacob G** for having a positive and friendly attitude in class!
- Y6** **Isla A** for working really hard to understand new things and for working really well with others and having fantastic enthusiasm!

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Caleb	Eddie	Aalia	Edie-Mae	Faye	Emilia	Phoebe A

Achievements Outside of School

Please share your children's achievements outside of school. Big or small, if they are important to your child we will publish and celebrate the good news! Achievements can be emailed to enquiries@st-johnfisher.org or posted in the box in the foyer next to the School Office.

Here are this week's achievements:

- Renae** in **FS2** recently achieved her Red Belt in martial arts and was very proud to score 49 out of a possible 50 marks in the process! An amazing achievement Renae, well done!
- Luca** in **Y2** has completed his Angel Fish 2 Series and as a result has moved up to the next group! A fantastic achievement Luca, well done!
- William** in **Y2** has achieved his 10m Rainbow swimming award! Well done William, everyone is proud of you!
- Lydia** in **Y3** has achieved her Green Belt with Castle Martial Art! Congratulations superstar!

Reading & Library Volunteers

We need volunteers to join our small and dedicated team of Reading Volunteers to support children in all classes. If you can spare a little time, please let us know.

We also need volunteers interested to help us run the library so we can open before and after school. All volunteers will undergo safeguarding checks and an induction.

Please email via enquiries@st-johnfisher.org for the attention of Mrs Barrett to find out more, or to volunteer. Thank you.



Please Help Our Library Grow!

Library funding has been restricted in recent years due to the funding issues faced by all schools including ours. We are therefore looking for individuals or businesses interested in sponsoring our library to help us fund its refurbishment. If you are interested please get in touch (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org).

We are also looking for generous families and companies who are interested in helping us to buy books (or who want to donate new or second-hand books to our library) so that we can increase and update the current stock. By supporting us to realise our ambitious plans for the library (either by supporting its refurbishment or through the donation of books) you will leave an important and lasting legacy which will create a library that will be enjoyed not just by pupils today, but also by those who will follow them.

The donation of second-hand books is appreciated, and we very much hope that this will continue. However there are also many amazing brand new titles and books that you might not have or considered and we hope to restock the library with as many of these new titles as possible, in order to ignite our children's imaginations and give them fresh opportunities to discover new worlds and experience new adventures.

To help guide you towards the titles we are looking for please look at an excerpt of our wish list below. We do not mind if the books are second-hand but we do ask that they are in a good condition.

To show our gratitude and deep appreciation we will display the family/company names of any supporters and donors in the library and inside the cover of any books they give to us.

Below is our wish list, please share and let everyone know that we are looking for these titles specifically and for sponsors too. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions. Many thanks in advance, here are a few of the titles from our wish list:

- **The Silly Book of Side Splitting Stuff** by **Andy Seed**
- **A Boy Called Hope** by **Lara Williamson**
- **Illegal** by **Eoin Colfer**
- **The Nowhere Emporium** by **Ross Mackenzie**
- **Time Travelling** by **Ross Welford**
- **Cogheart** by **Peter Bunzle**
- **The Girl of Ink and Stars** by **Kiran Millwood**
- **SeaBEAN** by **Sarah Holding**
- **Eren** by **P Clark**
- **Abomination** by **Robert Swindells**
- **Carrie's War** by **Nina Bawden**
- **Raspberries on the Yangtze** by **Karen Wallace**
- **The Crowstarver** by **Dick King Smith**
- **Awful End** by **Philip Ardagh**
- **Fruit and Nutcase** by **Jean Ure**
- **Granny** by **Anthony Horowitz**
- **The Hobbit** by **J R R Tolkien**



We are also looking for high quality non-fiction books for children on prehistory (the Stone Age, the Iron Age and the Bronze Age); the Seasons (Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter); and the Aztecs.

For details of other curriculum topic areas, please see our SJF Curriculum Map, which is available via this link: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/curriculum/curriculum-map/>. Many thanks for your continuing support.

Advice

Below are links to websites where up-to-date information is available for anyone concerned about the Coronavirus:

- ✓ <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- ✓ <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>



Beat Your Best

Mr Johnson's Weekly Personal Challenge!

This week the children's challenge was a cricket batting game. This fun activity was designed to test pupils' batting skills and challenge them to improve over the week! There were two stations (set up by Amelia and Mr Johnson) and the goal was to help students learn how to bat correctly using good form and positioning.



This week's challengers did an amazing job and really improved their batting skills over the week. A huge thank you to all the children who took part or who supported others to develop their batting. It was really fantastic to see!

Well done to everyone who participated in this week's 'Beat your Best Challenge'! Everyone did really well! Special mentions to the following:

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Caleb	Jacob	Isaac Hugo	Owen Daniel	Riley Ruby	Oscar Ethan	James Mitchell

Sport Relief 2020

We are sometimes asked why we do not celebrate Comic Relief and Sport Relief here at St John Fisher so I thought I would take this opportunity to explain.

Firstly it is important to be clear that Governors and staff acknowledge and applaud the fantastic work of projects and charities funded by the Comic Relief or Sport Relief appeals. This work is so important and transformative - changing for the better, the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in the UK and across Africa, including children and young people.

In the past the issue has been that some of the work funded by both appeals conflicted with Catholic doctrine and beliefs. In recent years however, this tension has been acknowledged by both the Comic Relief or Sport Relief appeals and assurances have been given to Catholic schools that money raise for either appeal will be ring-fenced and used only to support the work of projects that do not conflict with our Catholic beliefs.

Governors welcome this assurance but are also mindful of the Bishop's firm wish that the Catholic schools of our Diocese. These focus their support on the ongoing and vital work of the smaller Catholic charities operating in the UK and worldwide which are not as high profile or as well-funded as the Comic Relief/Sport Relief appeals.

Governors are also aware that so much is already asked of you here at SJF who support our three fixed House charities plus the additional one selected each year so generously. We are also grateful for the tremendous support you give to the PTFA through the various events it organises to bring people together whilst raising vital funds for school. We have also traditionally supported the BBC 'Children in Need' appeal every year and are proud to maintain this connection.

Below is a reminder of the charities we are supporting this year, with links to their websites so that you can find out more about the vital work they do here in the UK and around the world.

- Mission Together (<https://missiontogether.org.uk/>)
- CAFOD (<https://cafod.org.uk/>)
- The 'Good Shepherd Appeal' (<https://hallam-diocese.com/caritas-hallam-caring-services/>)
- MIND (<https://www.mind.org.uk/>)



Parking Around School

We have been informed that the police and local authority are taking very seriously the many complaints they have received about poor parking around school at each end of the school day. They have warned us that they are monitoring parking and have already deployed a special vehicle to photograph cars parked illegally. Please help keep our children and families safe by parking safely. Thank you.

The Great St John Fisher Spelling Bee & TT Rock Star Competitions

There is still plenty of time to support your children by encouraging them to learn their spellings and times tables for the next 'Spelling Bee' and TT Rock Star competitions at the end of this term.

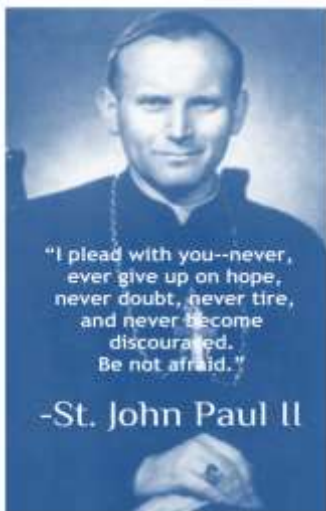


Further details to follow in due course!

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **'I try to keep going when things are difficult and not give up'**

Time to talk: Recently we have been thinking about why making mistakes (and then learning from them) is an important part of learning. Next week we will reflect on why it is important to be resilient, especially when we are learning something new or making an important change in our lives. At St John Fisher we teach our children to remain positive and never ever give up. Can you think of a time when you refused to give up? How did you feel when things did not go quite as you wanted? What made you keep going? Did you achieve your goal in the end? How did it feel if/when you did?



Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

