



St John Fisher News

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Staff News

Mrs Buckley, Miss Hardman and Mrs Humphries have decided to leave us at the end of the academic year and a process is now underway, in partnership with the Diocese of Hallam, to recruit suitable replacements. Mrs Buckley and Miss Hardman will continue their careers elsewhere and Mrs Humphries will be retiring. I am very grateful to all for their hard work and dedication to our school and young people. They will leave us with all our prayers and best wishes for the future.

Orienteering

Yesterday two teams of children from Year 5 participated in an inter-school orienteering competition. There was a boys' team and a girls' team. Both teams did incredibly well. The boys worked very hard and managed to finish a creditable third in their competition against tough opposition. The girls' team also worked very hard and managed to win their competition after putting in a fantastic performance. We are very proud of all the children who participated in both teams. Congratulations!

Girls' Team

Grace Woolhouse
Holly Longden
Olivia Harpin
Bethany Croft

Boys' Team

Jun Wu
David Sayers
Sam Wilson
Norbert Boratyn

Pupil Absence

As a school community we are required to do all we can to promote high attendance. This means that pupil absence has to be monitored closely and continuously. Where attendance falls below a certain level we are expected to contact parents and carers to inform them of the fact and see if there is something we can do to support them. Sometimes parents/carers simply have not realised, and other times the absences are symptomatic of a deeper issue with which the family or child requires further support. In almost all cases this support can be provided directly by school or by one of our multi-agency partners.

The pupil absence monitoring process is overseen by Miss Kiernan who has a wider 'inclusion' remit. Her first priority is to make sure parents/carers are aware and then see if further support is required. The letters we used were standard letters and we accept that they were very direct. Following constructive feedback we have adapted them. If you are concerned about your child's attendance record or there is an issue that you would like us to help you with, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you.

Golden Children

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

• F 2	Aleksander Jasinski for developing a great attitude to learning and for producing wonderful writing this week!
• Year 1	William Ludlam for trying very hard in all lessons and particularly with his writing. He has focused really hard in Read Write Inc sessions! Well done William!
• Year 2	Jenson Gough for working really hard in mathematics and for making excellent progress! Keep it up Jenson!
• Year 3	Kiera Swift for always being polite and a good role-model to others. She is always ready to work!
• Year 4	Natasha Sanders for refusing to give up when attempting mathematics problems! She tries her best at all times and is a superb example to others!
• Year 5	Sasha Dunks for the way she represented our school at the Year 5 Kwik Cricket festival at Frecheville Cricket Club! She showed great talent and fantastic sportsmanship!
• Year 6	Eve Greenhalgh for having a fantastic attitude which has supported her progress this year! A superstar and great example to others!

PTFA News

The PTFA Committee would like to remind everyone that the second PTFA Car Boot Sale takes place at school this Saturday and everyone is very welcome!

The last Car boot sale was a great occasion and there were plenty of fantastic bargains to be had! If you are selling please set up between 7.45 and 8.45pm. If you are looking to bag a bargain the sale opens at 9.00am. Refreshments are available and it would be great to see as many of you there as possible.

The PTFA also apologise for the delay in producing the DVD of the Easter Service and will try get them out as soon as possible. Thank you.

Weekly Attendance Winners

The classes achieving the highest attendance for the week commencing 20 May were:

- In first place was Y1 with 100% attendance over the week
- In second place was Y5 with 99.4% attendance over the week
- In third place was Y3 with 98.8% attendance over the week

Over the week our average pupil attendance was 96.3% which is above our target of 96%. This means that Bobby will visit Y1, Bertie will be visiting Y5 and Elvis will be visiting Y3 next week.

Parish News: Enrolment for First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes 2013-14

Please complete and return the admission forms, available in Church, for the 2013/2014 programmes to receive the Sacrament(s) in 2014.

- To receive 1st Holy Communion in 2014 you must be in Y3 or above.
- To receive Confirmation in 2014 you must be in Y6 or above.

Please note that this is for children only. Adults interested in receiving either of the sacraments are asked to speak to Father Paul separately.

Completed forms must be handed back in by the end of July 2013, accompanied by a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate. Please let others parents know about this, especially from School.

ATTENDANCE AT WEEKLY MASS IS A NECESSARY PART OF BEING A MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Thank you,
Father Paul

Focus Group

Thank you to those who have already responded, I will be contacting you shortly. If you are interested in joining the Focus Group please email me with your contact details via the school email address: enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk. Thank you.

After-School Football

From next Thursday our after school football sessions will be led by a highly qualified coach from Sheffield United FC's Community programme. The cost of each session will rise to £3. If your son or daughter would like to participate and he or she is entitled to free school meals please let us know. All other arrangements will continue as usual. Thank you for your support.

Achievements Outside School

Charlotte King in Year 6 is a very committed and talented tennis player who plays at least five times per week. She also competes in tournaments and has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to tennis. Charlotte even gave up some lunchtimes in order to help members of the Year 4 tennis team prepare for their recent competition. Charlotte won 'The most improved player of the year' award recently at the Graves Tennis Centre and is ranked second on the ITA Yorkshire leader board. Well done Charlotte!

Over the last school year Olivia King in Year 2 has attained the Stage VI swimming level; swimming distances that range from 50m to 400m. She is also a talented dancer and has achieved over twelve dancing medals since she started dancing just before fourth birthday. Congratulations Olivia, we are all very proud of you!

Theo Butler in Y1 has now moved up to Stage 3 in his swimming lessons after putting in a lot of hard work in the pool - well done Theo!

Statement to Live By

Our statement to live by when we return will be: **“I understand the importance of peace.”**

Time to talk: It is important for us all to make time in order to be quiet and alone with our own thoughts. We can do this if we manage to find time to just do nothing and relax. Life can be very busy. Sometimes it can feel like it is too busy. When we are peaceful and quiet we are more open to the word of God which can give us a chance to make sense of everything that is going on in our lives. It is important to find moments of peace whether we are young or not so young.

Together you could talk about the quiet times you have in your busy lives and think about why they are special. What do you like to do with your time? What helps you to relax and be peaceful? Is it possible to find a time in our busy lives to be quiet? Is it necessary to keep busy and fill every single moment?

Have a fantastic weekend, best wishes,
F Barratt