

# SJF NEWS

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## **Citizen of the Week**

The week's recipient is **Rosie** in **Y4** who understands the importance of having good manners and using kind words in her conversations and responses. Rosie has a wonderfully positive attitude to learning, to school and to life in general. This means that she knows how to be a really good friend. She listens actively and knows just what to say to support, affirm and encourage others. What a super role-model you are, well done Rosie!

## **INSET Day Reminder!**

All Sheffield Catholic primary schools will be **closed** on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 because it is a *joint* staff training (INSET) day. School will therefore reopen on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019** after the holiday.

## **Term 3 Smiley Scores**

House	Score
<b>St Andrew's House</b> 	<b>526</b>
<b>St David's House</b> 	<b>515</b>
<b>St Patrick's House</b> 	<b>430</b>
<b>St George's House</b> 	<b>458</b>

## **Term 3 Champions**

Congratulations to the pupils and staff of St Andrew's House who are the Term 3 champions! Pupils will receive 'Golden Time' next term as a reward!

## **Yellow Day**

A reminder that **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** is the Feast of St David, Patron Saint of Wales. To mark this important day the members of St David's House (only) are invited to dress down, and so do not have to wear school uniform. They can also wear something yellow if they have it. Members of the other three Houses are expected to wear full school uniform as usual.

## **Green Day**

A reminder that Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019 is the Feast of St Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland. At SJF We will mark this important day on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019** by inviting the members of St Patrick's House (only) to dress down, and not wear school uniform. They can wear something green if they have it. Members of the other Houses are expected to wear full school uniform.



## **Smiley Awards**

Congratulations to Ellie in Y2 who achieved a smiley award and who will receive it at the next Celebration Assembly.

## **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/doclett-20180713194822-9030/SJF%20CALENDAR%20%20\(2018-2019\).pdf](http://www.st-johnfisher.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/doclett-20180713194822-9030/SJF%20CALENDAR%20%20(2018-2019).pdf)

<b>25-02-19</b>	• <b>INSET Day</b> School <b>closed</b> for the staff training day
<b>26-02-19</b>	• <b>Term 4</b> - school reopens for the start of the new Term
<b>28-02-19</b>	• <b>FS2</b> Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall) – <b>FS2</b> family and friends are welcome
<b>01-03-19</b>	• <b>Y6</b> Celebration Assembly (9.05am, School Hall) – <b>Y6</b> family and friends are welcome • <b>Yellow Day</b> – Feast of St David <u>members of St David's House only</u> can wear something yellow
<b>06-03-19</b>	• <b>Ash Wednesday</b> - start of Lent (9.30am, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church) – <b>All</b> welcome
<b>07-03-19</b>	• <b>World Book Day!</b> Whole-school pyjama/onesie day to show the <i>bedtime reading</i> theme



08-03-19	• Y4 Celebration Assembly (9.05am, School Hall) – Y4 family and friends are welcome
11-03-19	• Day 1: Assessment Point 3 (full attendance is especially important this week)
12-03-19	• Day 2: Assessment Point 3
13-03-19	• Day 3: Assessment Point 3
14-03-19	• Day 4: Assessment Point 3 • No 'Liturgy of the Word' (Assessment Week)
15-03-19	• Day 5: Assessment Point 3 • Green Day – to mark the Feast of St Patrick (members of St Patrick's House can wear green) • Y3 Celebration Assembly (9.05am, School Hall) – Y3 family and friends are welcome
20-03-19	• FS2 educational visit to Aston Springs Farm
21-03-19	• Y1 Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall) – Y1 family and friends are welcome
22-03-19	• Y2 Celebration Assembly (9.05am, School Hall) – Y2 family and friends are welcome

**Collective Worship**

*Weekly Liturgy of the Word*

Our next 'Liturgy of the Word' is on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019** and will be led by **FS2**. We invite their family and friends to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am.

*Celebration Assembly*

Our next assembly is on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019** just after 9.00am in the School Hall and we invite the family and friends of our **Y6** pupils. This is a change from what is published in the calendar, but hopefully you will recall from the last newsletter that we had to swap the schedule around to accommodate the fact that the Y6 pupils attended 'The Big Sing' at Notre Dame Catholic High School on the last day of Term 3.

*February Prayer: The Apostles Creed*

*I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;*

*From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen*

**SJF Black History Week 2019**

The children had a wonderful week exploring the lives and legacies of some extraordinary people who have, in their own ways and in their own fields, have done so much to help, inspire and entertain others.



- John Coltrane (FS2) – jazz musician (1926-1967)
- Bessie Coleman (Y1) – aviator (1892-1926)
- Mary Seacole (Y2) – nurse/businesswoman (1805-1881)
- Mohammed Ali (Y3) – world champion boxer/activist (1942-2016)
- Morgan Freeman (Y4) – actor/producer (1937)
- Nelson Mandela (Y5) – lawyer/activist/politician/President (1918-2013)
- Jessie Owens (Y6) – athlete and Olympian (1913-1980)

For more information and pictures please follow this link to the 'Class Zone' on our website. Thank you.

<http://www.st-johnfisher.org/class-zone/>



### Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Luke	Kacper	Emily	Jess	Leon	Maya	Max

### Golden Children

The Golden children are chosen by teachers each week.

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Jake</b> for inventing and producing an AMAZING Maths game! Everyone in the class absolutely loves it!
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Dominique</b> for always displaying exceptional behaviour and for being an amazing role-model to others!
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Priscilla</b> for trying really hard to improve her writing and develop her fluency in Maths! What a star!
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Giovanni</b> for trying really hard in Science this week and for demonstrating great teamwork! Well done!
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Lottie</b> for having a couple of really fantastic weeks in which she has displayed such a positive attitude! Well done Lottie, keep it up!
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Isla A</b> for always having fantastic manners and friendly attitude towards everyone in school! What a fantastic role-model!
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Rowan</b> for being a fantastic 'fact-finder' and researcher, in order to bring additional depth to his work!

### Sports Leaders' Blog

You can keep up-to-date with news from the national 'School Games' programme generally and with what is happening at SJF by following these links:

[www.yourschoolgames.com](http://www.yourschoolgames.com)

<https://www.yourschoolgames.com/schools/st-john-fisher-catholic-primary-school-a-voluntary-academy/>



### Safeguarding Update: Roblox

We are aware that a number of our children are playing this online game regularly. Please follow this link for information from 'Net Aware' that might help you protect your child from risks linked to the game:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/roblox/>



### Extreme Reading Challenge 2019



Between now and **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019** (World Book Day) the children are invited to enter this year's 'Extreme Reading' competition. Think of the weirdest, strangest and funniest place to read a book and then take a picture and email it to us via our general email address: [enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org).

You can even send in 'photo-shopped' pictures which show your child reading in very strange places!

Please do not take any risks though! We do not want any of our children injured in the pursuit of the perfect photograph! Winners will receive Book Vouchers.

When you email the pictures please also confirm that you are happy for them to be posted on the website (**no** children's names will be added to any photographs posted on the website). If you do not want the images you send in to be posted please let us know when email and your child's picture will still be entered but not shared.

There were lots of fantastic entries in last year's competition, let us see if we can do even better this year! Thank you.



## The Great St John Fisher Spelling Bee

Next term at St John Fisher we will be hosting our first 'Spelling Bee' across the school from Years 1 to 6! All the children have been supplied with spelling lists to learn related to their year group from over the term.

Classes will practise during the first two weeks of the new Term and then there will be a 'Spelling Bee' in each class in order to find a class champion.

The class champions will then take part in a school competition where they will be challenged to spell different age-appropriate words. The winner will be crowned 'The SJF Spelling Champion of Champions!' Please support your child by helping them to learn their spellings. Thank you.



## The Big Sing 2019!

Our next newsletter will include a report on Y6 adventures at this year's Big Sing event at Notre Dame Catholic High School!

Attendance in the last week of Term 2			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y4	100%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y2	100%*	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	FS2	98.7%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	97.9%	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	97.5%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	96.9%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	95.9%	
<b>Target = 98%</b>		<b>Average Attendance = 98.1% ↑</b>	

\*more children late than Y4

Term 3 Attendance		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y4	98.5%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y2	98.4%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y5	97.5%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	97.3%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	96.5%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	96.4%
7 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	95.5%
<b>Target = 98%</b>		<b>Average = 97.2%</b>

2018/19 Attendance		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y1	97.9%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y4	97.8%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	FS2	97.1%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y2	97.1%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	96.9%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	96.9%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	96.8%
<b>Target = 98%</b>		<b>Average = 97.2%</b>



Get Set, GO! from 8.45am		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y4	86%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y2	84%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	FS2	82%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	78%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	78%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	76%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	75%
		<b>Average = 80% ↓</b>

The overall average attendance in the final week was just above the school target. Three classes actually exceeded the target and two were close.

Every school day counts in every year group! There are just **190** school days in an academic year, meaning that there are actually **175** non-school days to use for holidays and appointments (where there is flexibility to book outside of term time).

Please ensure your child attends school every day if s/he is well enough to. Thank you.

## Achievements Outside of School

These can be posted in the foyer or emailed ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)). This week's achievements are:

- **Rebecca** in **FS2** has achieved her 'Super Swimmers' Level 3 Award! A fantastic achievement, well done!
- **Alfie** in **Y1** has achieved his 100m swimming distance award! Well done superstar!
- **Filip** in **Y6** achieved his 1000m swimming distance award! Congratulations Filip!

## Statement to Live By

Our next 'statement to live by' is "I try to appreciate the beauty and wonder in the world."

**Time to talk:** Take some time to be very still and silent in your garden or with your family in a park, in the woods or in the countryside. What can you hear? What can you actually hear? What can you see? What can you smell? How do you feel? Perhaps take photographs or draw pictures to remind you of the moment. Why not really look at a leaf, a flower, the bark on a tree? Stare. Take in the colours, smells, patterns and textures. What places are special to you? Why? Where would you visit if you could go anywhere in the world? Why do we have to look after our world? What can we all do to help look after our beautiful world?



Best wishes,

Mr Barratt

