

# SJF NEWS

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## **Citizen of the Week**

The week's recipient is **Bella-Rae** in **Y1** who, like last week's recipient, has shown great determination and resilience in her attitudes and learning, in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Bella-Rae understands that making mistakes is part of learning. She always tries hard to do something on her own first. This is important, and sometimes it works out. If she does not understand straight away and gets a bit stuck, she knows that she can ask and help will always be given. She also shows great resilience by trying hard and refusing to give up until she understands! What a wonderful example! Congratulations Bella-Rae!

## **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)

20-03-19	• FS2 educational visit to Aston Springs Farm
21-03-19	• <b>Y1</b> Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall) – <b>Y1</b> family and friends are welcome
22-03-19	• <b>Y2</b> Celebration Assembly (9.05am, School Hall) – <b>Y2</b> family and friends are welcome
28-03-19	• <b>Curriculum Exhibition</b> (08.45, School Hall) – all invited! • <b>PTFA Easter Egg Competition 2019</b> – Details to follow
29-03-19	• <b>End of Term 4</b> (SJF reopens <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b> for the start of Term 5)

## **Term 4 Smiley Scores**

<b>St Andrew's House</b>  <b>128</b>	<b>St David's House</b>  <b>123</b>	<b>St Patrick's House</b>  <b>150</b>	<b>St George's House</b>  <b>118</b>
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## **House News**

### *Green Day*

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019 is the Feast of St Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland. Today we mark the feast day with our very own 'Green Day' for all the members of St Patrick's House. Best wishes to all our Irish families and friends!



## **Collective Worship**

### *Lenten Class Liturgies*

Please book through the School Office if you would like to attend a liturgy and arrive at 3.00pm ready to go to class on time. All welcome. Thank you!

<b>Tuesdays</b> (Years 3 and 4)	<b>Wednesdays</b> (FS2, Years 5 and 6)	<b>Thursdays</b> (Years 1 and 2)
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### *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.



### Parish Life during Lent and Easter 2019

If you are looking to make this year's Lenten season extra special for you and your family you can use the link below to find out what is happening in the parish website. The website contains 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.ourladyoflourdesheffield.org.uk](http://www.ourladyoflourdesheffield.org.uk).

### The Great SJF Penny War Fundraiser in Aid of 'The Good Shepherd Lenten Appeal' 2019

Mrs Barrett has organised our annual fundraising event to support the Bishop's annual 'Good Shepherd' appeal which traditionally supports the vital work of the small Diocesan charities and support services. These help the people of Hallam Diocese which covers South Yorkshire and parts of North Derbyshire and North Nottinghamshire.



# Diocese of Hallam

We will do this by having our second 'Penny War'! We invite the children in every class to collect pennies and two-pennies. These will then be placed by the children into their class collecting tins at the beginning of each school day. A penny is worth one point and a two-pence coin is worth two points.

Silver coins can also be used by children to 'sabotage' another class' total. Any Silver coins deposited into the tin of another class will reduce their total. A 5p coin deposited will reduce the total by 5 points; a 10p coin will reduce that class' total by 10 points; a pound coin will reduce it by 100 points; and a two-pound coin will reduce a class total by 200 points - and so on...

The tins will be placed in the school hall at lunchtime for the children to add silver 'sabotage' coins if they want to. At the end of Holy Week the tins will be opened and the pennies and two pence coins will be counted. The silver coins in each tin will then be counted so that the deductions can be made. The class that manages to collect the most points *after* the deductions have been made will earn 'Golden Time' so don't forget to bring in your coins!

### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

There will be no liturgy next week because the whole week is Assessment Point 3. Our next 'Liturgy of the Word' will therefore be on **Thursday 21st March 2019** and will be led by **Y1**. We invite our Y1 families and friends to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am.

### Celebration Assembly

Our next assembly is on **Friday 22nd March 2019** just after 9.00m in the School Hall and we invite the family and friends of our **Y2** pupils to join us.

### Comic Relief 2019

We are sometimes asked why we do not celebrate Red Nose Day at St John Fisher and I want to 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 appeals and assurances have been given to Catholic schools that money they raise for either appeal can 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 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 well-funded as the Comic Relief/Sport Relief appeals.

Governors are also aware that so much is already asked of you, our parents and carers, here at SJF who support our three fixed House charities plus the additional one selected each year so generously.

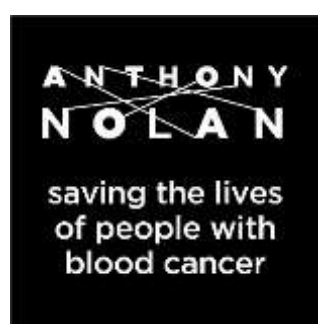
We are also grateful for the tremendous support you give to the PTFA through the various events it organises to bring people together whilst raising vital funds for school.



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 Bishop's Lenten 'Good Shepherd Appeal' in support of the Hallam Caring Services  
✓ <https://hallam-diocese.com/caritas-hallam-caring-services/>
- The Anthony Nolan Trust  
✓ <https://www.anthonynolan.org/>

We have also traditionally supported the BBC 'Children in Need' appeal every year and I have therefore maintained this connection.



<u>Writing Champions</u>						
FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lillyann	Sofia	Bronte	Riley	Emilia	Sami	Diana

Golden Children

The Golden children are chosen by teachers each week.

FS2	<b>Jake</b> for doing some amazing writing within the provision! He is working so hard with his writing! Well done superstar!
Y1	<b>Samuel</b> for trying really hard in all his lessons yesterday! He is making a huge effort to do the right thing!
Y2	<b>Freddie</b> for having a positive attitude towards his learning and for asking for help if he is unsure! What a star!
Y3	<b>Filip</b> for being a superstar all week and for always trying his best to be the best person he can be! Well done!
Y4	<b>Leon</b> for having a fantastic week and for working hard in everything we have done – with a smile! Well done Leon!
Y5	<b>Vilius</b> for always getting on with his work in a quiet and sensible way! A great example!
Y6	<b>Lola</b> for having fantastic focus and determination! A winning combination! Well done!

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

Please support your children as they are learning their spellings in readiness for next week's class 'Spelling Bee' competitions. This will be followed by a school-wide competition with the pupil managing to spell the most words correctly from their age-appropriate list being crowned our first spelling 'Champion of Champions'!



Attendance this Week		
1st	Y4	<b>99.5%</b> Bobby Bear will visit
2nd	Y2	<b>99.2%</b> Brenda Bear will visit
3rd	Y5	<b>98.7%</b> Elvis the Owl will visit
4th	Y6	<b>98.4%</b>
5th	FS2	96.7%
6th	Y3	96.5%
7th	Y1	94.6%
<b>Target = 98%</b>		<b>Average Attendance = 97.7%</b>



Get Set, GO! from 8.45am		
1st	Y2	94%
2nd	Y6	94%
3rd	Y4	92%
4th	FS2	88%
5th	Y5	87%
6th	Y3	86%
7th	Y1	79%
		<b>Average = 89%</b>

### 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:

- **Amelia** in **FS2** has achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award for Level 7! Congratulations Amelia!
- **Daniel** in **Y2** received a certificate for performing well in martial arts where he fought and showed skills over a one and half hour assessment! He managed to pass too! Congratulations Daniel!
- **Caleb** in **Y3** starred in a dance show over the last two weekends with the St Francis Dance Company (founded by his grandmother). He did four performances to hundreds of people. The show was based on 'The Greatest Showman' and Caleb danced in one number and sang with his grandfather in another. The show raised more than £3500 for CAFOD! Well done Caleb, what a star you are!

### World Book Day 2019

#### Author Visit

On Monday we were visited by the children's author, Simon Adepetun. He did workshops with classes and a whole-school assembly. He later he signed and sold copies of book. Everyone had a fantastic day and I would like to thank Mrs Darken and Mr MacInnes for arranging everything.



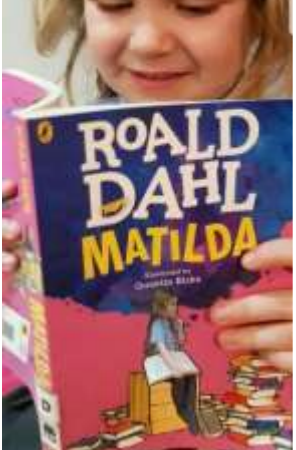
### SJF Governor Elections

Ballots were sent home this evening along with information about the two candidates for the vacant Parent-Governor position. Each parent/carer has one vote. Information has also been emailed just in case families are separated and both parents want to vote. An emailed voting slip must be printed off, filled out and sent back to school. Parents/carers who need to use an emailed vote but do not have access to a printer can come in to school and we will print it off for them. Votes cannot be emailed back to school. Thank you.





**Extreme Reading Challenge 2019**



WORLD  
**BOOK  
 DAY**  
 7 MARCH 2019

Thank you to all the children who submitted photographs for this year's 'Extreme Reading' competition.  
 Don't they look fantastic?  
 Members of staff and Governors are judging the entries.  
 The winners will be announced next week and will receive their prizes at Celebration Assembly.



**School Council**

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March the St John Fisher School Council will be hosting two Sheffield City councillors, Councillor Denise Fox and Councillor Bryan Lodge.

Denise Fox is a former Lord Mayor of Sheffield and Bryan Lodge is a former pupil of St John Fisher. Our councillors will be asking Denise and Bryan questions about their responsibilities, the importance of democracy and the impact that they have on our community.



**Beat Your Best!**

*Mrs Cross' Weekly Challenge!*

This week's beat your best challenge was the 'Through Challenge'. The idea of the challenge is for the children to put their whole body through a hoop and then over their heads as many times as possible in twenty seconds.

The challenge tests and develops hand/eye coordination and the general flexibility of the children.

This week a large number of pupils took part in the challenge which was great to see. Mateah (Y3), Marcus (Y6) and Fraser (Y6) managed to beat their best previous score - recorded earlier in the week. Well done!



**Sports Leaders' Blog**

Use the links to check out our Sports Leaders' blog in order to keep up-to-date with SJF news and what is happening with the national 'School Games' programme:

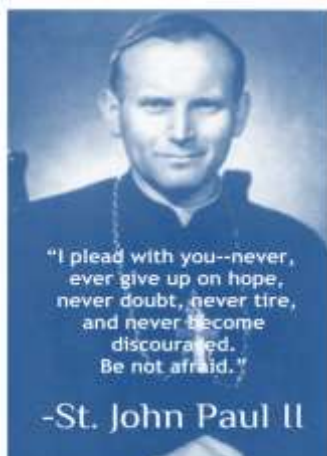
- [www.yourschoolgames.com](http://www.yourschoolgames.com)
- <https://www.yourschoolgames.com/schools/st-john-fisher-catholic-primary-school-a-voluntary-academy/>



**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

