



St John Fisher News

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Citizen of the Week

Our recipient this week is **Ellie Cheetham** in **Y6** for understanding what dignity is and for showing respect for others in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Ellie is a very popular member of our community because she is always so positive and happy and children enjoy working with her and being with her. She is very caring and makes others feel that they are special and important. Congratulations Ellie, we are all very proud of you!

Diamond Jubilee Update

JustGiving



Crowd Funding

If you would like to support our Diamond Jubilee by contributing towards our 'JustGiving' page please follow the link: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stjohnfisherdiamondjubilee>. Thank you.

Jubilee Photographs & Mugs

Yesterday a special photograph was taken of the whole school community to mark our 60th anniversary. Further information about purchasing a copy of this will be sent out shortly. This week the children are also designing their own Jubilee mug and again information on purchasing these will be shared in due course. Thank you for your continued support.

1957 Day

The children will be experiencing a 1957-type day on Monday. There will be some slight differences to reflect our first year of opening, including the 1957 lunch organised by Taylor Shaw. Children should come to school dressed in their normal school uniform. Thank you.

Thursday 22nd June 2017 (The Feast of St John Fisher)

This is the feast day of our patron, St John Fisher. The focus will be our special Mass of thanksgiving, taking place at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. It will start promptly at 1.30pm and will be celebrated by Bishop Ralph supported by Fr Paul. You are all invited.

Traditionally we involve the First Holy Communicants in the liturgy of our school patron's feast day Mass. The children also get another opportunity to wear their special First Holy Communion clothes. We feel that this should not change, just because of our Diamond Jubilee celebrations. In fact what better way to add to the true sense of celebration? The children who are making their First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Lourdes tomorrow are therefore invited to dress up again in their special First Holy Communion clothes for our Diamond Jubilee Mass if they wish to. They, and the children of Y3, will then join Bishop Ralph and Fr Paul on the Sanctuary throughout the Mass.



Special First Holy Communion clothes can be dropped off at school in the morning and stored in the School Library. **Please do not send your children into school wearing their special clothes.** Parents/carers can also bring the special clothes in from **12.45pm** and come in to help their children get ready in the library.

The First Holy Communicants will therefore have an early lunch from 11.45 am on Thursday so that they will be finished by 12.45pm. First Holy Communicants who do not dress up will still be involved fully in the service along with all the other children.

IMPORTANT

All children are asked to wear smart full school uniform on the feast day (22nd). This includes the children in Years 1 and 2 who would normally be wearing PE uniform all day because they would normally have a PE lesson in the afternoon. They should bring their PE kits with them instead in a bag with their name on.

We have invited former staff and pupils and other special people who have supported us in the recent and not-so-recent past, so hopefully we will be joined by some special visitors on the day. Following Mass the Bishop and everyone who attended are invited back to school for cream teas laid on by our friends from the PTFA and there will be an opportunity to be taken around the building by our Y6 pupils.

Friday 23rd June

The next day everyone is invited to come to school dressed up in the styles/fashions of the decade they are studying. We have kept things deliberately simple for our younger children, making it effectively a dress-down day for them:

- **FS2** - 2010 to 2017
- **Y1** - 2000-2009
- **Y2** - 1990s
- **Y3** - 1960s
- **Y4** - 1970s
- **Y5** - 1950s
- **Y6** - 1980s



The children will do a range of themed curriculum activities and then all come together for a giant picnic with their buddies and other children during an extended lunch which will include traditional playground games and activities.

After more class-based curriculum activities the children will be given an opportunity to look around the stalls at 2.30pm just before the Community Garden Party opens officially.

From 3.00pm you are all invited to join us for the Jubilee Community Garden Party. If you know people who have had a previous association with the school, please invite them too. We especially would like you to pass on an invitation to former parents, pupils and parishioners.

The Community Jubilee Garden Party also incorporates PTFA Friday Fayre and the Y5 Enterprise Challenge.

Volunteering

The PTFA is looking to sell refreshments, raffle tickets, run stalls including a Tombola, Splat the Rat, Water or Wine, Stick Game, etc. and they desperately need as many people as possible to help us. They also need helpers to set up in the late morning/early afternoon and clear away afterwards. If you can help in any way shape or form please contact a member of the PTFA or pop your contact details into the school office on a piece of paper and we will get in touch.

The PTFA also needs donations of raffle and Tombola prizes, empty wine bottles for the 'Water and Wine' stall (screw-top ones please) and if you can donate some bottles of wine we would be very grateful. If you are a business-owner, you can hire a table for £20+ donation for a raffle prize. Please contact a member of the PTFA.

Just to confirm that there will be **NO** Celebration Assembly next Friday and the Garden Party is instead of the annual PTFA 'Friday Fayre' scheduled, originally, for Friday 7th July 2017.

The more volunteers, the better. All offers of help are very much appreciated. If you have never helped before, please do consider volunteering. We are looking forward to welcoming everybody with deckchairs and picnic blankets to come along and support our school for this special Diamond Jubilee community event. Please pray for good weather! Thank you!

Parent Advice and Support – Drop-in Sessions

We continue to work with our partners from the Multi-Agency Support Team (MAST) to provide help, advice and support to all our parents and carers. There is a weekly drop-in session here at St John Fisher to support parents/carers on a wide range of different issues. The drop-in sessions are in our school library from **8.30am** on **Thursday** mornings, and they are open to all. If you would like an appointment please to Mrs Asquith. Thank you.

Term 6 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House  74	St David's House  84	St Patrick's House  113	St George's House  107
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All Saints Update

40th Anniversary Celebrations

An important reminder that the All Saints 40th Anniversary charity celebration, planned for 24th June 2017, is being rescheduled.

The school is aware that a high number of people who indicated that they wish to attend the event were unable to do so because of significant prior commitments. The new date will therefore be circulated as soon as possible and it is hoped that this will allow more people to attend. Also, because of the interest and indicative numbers, it has been possible to reduce the price of a ticket to **£5**. Tickets already purchased remain valid for the new date and will be subject to a refund.



All Saints Admissions 2018/19 Workshop

There will be a special workshop on **Tuesday 27th June 2017** led by the All Saints Admissions Officer to assist the parents/carers of children in Y5 currently who are interested in applying for a place at the school next year. The workshop will take place in our school library from **3.00pm to 4.00pm**. The children of those attending the workshop will be supervised by in a different room during the workshop.

Our Catholic Life

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

There is no Liturgy of the Word next week because of the Diamond Jubilee Mass. The next liturgy will therefore be on **Thursday 29th June 2017** and will be led by the children of **Y1**. The family and friends of our **Y1** children are invited to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

Celebration Assembly

There is no Celebration Assembly next week because of our Community Jubilee Garden Party. Awards will be carried forward to the following week.

First Holy Communion 2017

This Saturday a number of our young children will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the very first time at a special Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes church at 10.30am. The special service follows months of careful Sacramental instruction and preparation undertaken within the parish by Fr Paul and Sal Robinson, an experienced catechist and former Governor.

I ask you to pray for Sophie Ball, Bethany Beatson, Harry Cawthorne, Emily Cowlshaw, Amelia Denham, Daniel DeSousa, Maya DeSousa, Mollie Peckham and Jia Robinson as they take this important next step in their Christian journeys. I ask that you also pray for their families.

I will be attending the Mass along with several members of staff as representatives of the school. We are all very excited and send all our prayers and best wishes to our fantastic children and their families and friends.

Children's Mass

This Sunday 18th June at 10.30 at Our Lady of Lourdes we have the last Children's Mass before Summer Holidays. The June Children Mass will be to honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist. As it is also Father's Day the children are invited to write something to God the Father on cards which they can bring along to Mass so that it can be presented before the altar.

A reminder that information about parish life is available via this link: www.ourladyoflourdessheffield.org.uk.



Road Traffic Accident

As you know, this week one of our pupils was, unfortunately, hit by car just outside school. Fortunately, the pupil involved, though very shaken, was uninjured, and thankfully able to return to school the very next day. However, if the driver of the car involved had not been driving as carefully as she was, things could have been much worse.

The Police have taken a number of statements from witnesses, and several witness statements sent into us afterwards have been passed on. They are investigating the matter currently. The officer and paramedics were very impressed with the response of the school and with care and concern shown by so many parents, and especially those who volunteered statements. They have asked me to convey their thanks.

There is no getting away from it, this incident underlines the importance of parking safely and legally around school. It also serves as stark reminder that we have to ensure that our children are supervised closely and are safe at all times, especially when roads are involved.

It is obvious that cars parked illegally can obstruct the view of pedestrians who are trying to cross a road safely. For small children it can be even harder for them to see if the road is clear before they step out.

Please minimise the potential of accidents occurring in the future by (a) ensuring that you park safely and legally and (b) by ensuring that your children are supervised when crossing the road. Thank you.

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lena Zasina	Dylan Steenson	Faith Tough	Phoebe Asumadu	Aleks Jasinski	Ashleigh Sigauke	William Oadley

Golden Children

FS2	Charlie Morgan for doing really well following instructions and doing the right thing! Well done Charlie
Year 1	Alan Cudnowski for being sensible; for putting lots of effort into his work; and for being fabulous!
Year 2	Caitlin Hardy for working hard in everything which has resulted in her confidence growing! Keep it up! Well done!
Year 3	Sam Mappin for working hard on his writing and for developing a much more confident approach to all his work!
Year 4	Fraser Owens for working hard in all subjects and for setting a good example to the rest of his classmates with the great behaviour choices that he makes! Keep it up superstar!
Year 5	Isabelle Walton-Hall for having a very positive attitude towards Mathematics and for trying so hard in the special Maths lesson with Mr Sawyer! Keep it up!
Year 6	Joe Hurst for making huge efforts in his writing this year. He should feel very proud of all that he has accomplished as a result of focusing, working hard and giving of his best!

Achievements Outside of School

- **Charlie Morgan** in **FS2** achieved the 'Proficiency Award' Level 8 standard recently! What an incredible achievement Charlie! Congratulations!
- **Reuben Hastings-Quainoo** in **Y4** recently achieved the Level 5 standard in swimming making his parents very proud indeed! Congratulations Reuben on your fantastic achievement!
- **Olivia King** in **Y6** and her dance partner (Max) travelled to Essex recently in order to dance in the 'Stars of the Future 2017' competition and won both the ballroom and Latin titles! The following day they took part in the 'Stars Open to the World 8 Dance Competition' and won all three titles! Congratulations on your fantastic achievements! Olivia and Max travel to China soon as part of a Great British team in order to take part in an international competition, and we wish both of them lots and lots of luck!



Attendance this Week			<p>A great start to the new term with every class above the 97% target. Thank you!</p> <p>This has had a hugely positive impact on the overall attendance figure, boosting it to 98.2%!</p> <p>Thank you for your support!</p>	
FS2		98.7%		
Year 1		99.7%		Brenda Bear will visit next week
Year 2		100.0%		Bobby Bear will visit next week
Year 3		95.3%		
Year 4		99.1%		Elvis the Owl will visit next week
Year 5		97.5%		
Year 6		97.5%		
Target	97%	This week's average attendance:	98.2%	

Term 5 Reading Awards

Bronze Award for having a go and reading most weeks	
FS2	Freddie Field and Lena Zasina
Y1	Marika De Caro, Giovanni Mukendi, Courtney Nyamande Tyler Hague, Finley Page and Alfie Marsden
Y2	Mia Whitehead
Y3	Sami Hardy
Y4	
Y5	
Y6	
Silver Award for reading three or four times most weeks	
FS2	Connor Whitehead, Mia Augustyniak and Tadisa Bandawa
Y1	Lexi Gascoigne, Olivia Moomba, Annabell Ost, Isobel Stoeman and Stefania Jankowska
Y2	Dara Aloba, Philemon Asumadu, Leon Chudzinski, Oscar Diaz, Caitlin Hardy and Faith Tough
Y3	
Y4	Lorenzo Dizon, Diana Nicula and Kacper Smiechowski
Y5	
Y6	
Gold Award for reading at least five times every week	
FS2	Alexia Houghton, Bronte Webb, Cavani Alvaranga, Charlie Morgan, Daniel Grzesiakowski, Edie Mae Smith, Ellie Beever, Finn Horsfield, Hannah Dworak, Isabella Walton, Isabelle Town, James Christopherson, Katy Beatson, Lily Reaney, Logan Howells, Lydia Prestidge, Mateusz Kepinski, Oscar Nelson, Owen Ford and Zack Mahovo
Y1	Jessica Ball, Alan Cudnowski, Max Oadley, Riley Wood, Filip Dworak, Polly Flude, Kessy Higiuro, Lacey Lou Lockey, Charlie Emmett, Caleb McAuley, , Dylan Steenson, Olivia Whiteley, Phoenix Schmelz and Kiya Griffiths
Y2	Alhamzah Al-Rammahi, Frederick Antwi, Marisa Avelino, Eleanor Checkley, William Denham, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Daisy Green, Sophie Hemmingway, Daniel Hill, Summer Marsden, Mike Masuka, Jacob Nelson, Emilia Rodgers and Olivia Wood
Y3	Amelia Denham, Xiomara Gregory, Emily Cowlshaw, Molly Peckham, Tamzin Samba, Bethany Beatson Harry Cawthorne and Saffron Kilbride
Y4	Rafal Boratyn, Laurie Paige, Odette Paige, Max Peckham and Willis Stoeman
Y5	Ellie Cope, Jack Stacey, Nedas Babdonas, Isabelle Walton-Hall and Bertie Pickering
Y6	

The Hare & Hatter's Wonderland Walk

Join the March Hare and the Mad Hatter at 2pm on Sunday 2nd July 2017 in Ecclesall Woods for an amazing 5k sponsored walk in aid of St Luke's Hospice and the vital work it does to support the terminally ill and those they love.

The registration fee is £16 per adult and £11 per child with children under the age of four going free. Please follow the link to find out more and register:

<https://www.stlukeshospice.org.uk/welcome/industry-news/detail/2017/04/05/join-hare-and-hatter-on-their-enchanted-wonderland-walk>.



Important Reminders

Nut Allergies

Please be considerate to the fact that we have several pupils who live with serious nut allergies when you prepare packed lunches for your children to eat in school or on an educational visit. Carefully choosing non-nut products can help reduce the risk of one of our vulnerable pupils suffering a bad reaction. Your support in this matter is very much appreciated. Thank you.

Snacks

Children are allowed to bring pieces of fruit or raw vegetables or raisins to eat as a snack at morning and/or afternoon break. They are **not** allowed to have crisps, chocolate, cereal bars, packets of yoghurt or chocolate coated raisins as snacks. Children are also not allowed to eat items from their packed lunch at any time other than at lunchtime. Thank you for your support.

Sun Smart

We encourage our children to be 'sun smart' - safe in the sun. They are encouraged to be sensible and to wear a sun hat and drink plenty of water. We ask that sun/UV protection cream is applied liberally before school so that children do not need to come to school with sun cream in their bags. Quality products should last for the duration of a school day. If, however, your child does need sun cream applied during the course of a school day, do not just send your child in with some. Instead, please arrange to speak to Mrs Pickering who will discuss a care plan with you. This will ensure that your products are labelled properly, stored safely and used in strict accordance with the care plan you draft together.

Jaxx Atkinson

Following a brave fight and having endured a number of major operations in his too-short life I am very sorry to inform you that Jaxx, the beautiful son of Mr and Mrs Atkinson and brother to Isla in Y3 died tragically last week. Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family at this extremely difficult time.

I spoke briefly with Mrs Atkinson this morning and she asked me to convey her sincere thanks to everybody. I also assured her of our continuing prayers.

During the precious 16 days of their son's short life, he and the family were supported by a special charity known as the 'Children's Heart Surgery Fund'. A collection bucket will be left just inside the school entrance next week (at the beginning and end of the school day) if anyone would like to donate some money to support its work in honour of Jaxx. We will be looking to do some fundraising with the Atkinson family later in the new school year.



CHILDREN'S HEART SURGERY FUND

The Great Get Together

Jo Cox was an MP who was very committed to her whole community and worked hard for all her constituents. Tragically she was murdered a year ago today, leaving a husband and two young children.



In celebration of Jo Cox's belief that we have more in common than that which divides us, a community party and picnic is being held at Heeley City Farm on Sunday 18th June 2017.

There is an exciting programme of events, with storytelling, poetry, speakers, sports, games and activities. Music and dance acts will showcase the wide range of cultures in Sheffield. The event is free and open to all and we encourage people to bring and share picnics.

Jo's husband, Brendan Cox said '[Jo] would hope that all of us make a resolution to do something in 2017 to bring our communities back together'. There will be a one-minute silence at 1.00 pm in memory of Jo Cox.



You can register for free tickets via this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-great-get-together-sheffield-tickets-34913478153>

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'Statement to Live By' will be **"I stand up for others being treated unfairly"**

Time to talk: why is it important to stand up for those being treated unfairly? What might happen if we say or do nothing? How can we stand up for someone safely without putting ourselves at risk? Who can we talk to about something we are unhappy about or unsure of? Can you think of anyone who has stood up for anyone being treated unfairly? Can you find out about someone who managed to do this peacefully?



Finally

I hope you have a really great weekend, especially those receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time tomorrow and their families and friends.

I hope the weather continues to be good. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all dads, stepdads and foster dads a very happy Fathers' Day on Sunday *wherever you are* and I would like to thank our amazing PTFA for organising the special Fathers' Day gifts that the children brought home this evening.

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

Dads are most
ordinary men
turned by love
into heroes,
adventurers,
story tellers
and singers of
songs