

SJF NEWS

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Friday 17th January 2020 (Issue 17 - 2019/20)

Citizen of the Week

The week's recipient is **Leon** in **Y5** who understands that he is part of our SJF community. Leon knows that communities exist to protect members and enable them to thrive, because they feel happy, safe and loved. He understands that communities are the strongest if members are respected and know they matter.

Term 3 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House  149	St David's House  152	St Patrick's House  193	St George's House  168
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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)

21-01-20	• Y2 and Y4 Skipping Workshop (children are asked to come to school wearing PE kit)
22-01-20	• NSPCC Workshops for children in Y5 and Y6 in the afternoon
23-01-20	• FS2 Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall) –FS2 family and friends welcome
24-01-20	• NSPCC fundraiser event • Y6 Celebration Assembly (9.05, School Hall) –Y6 family and friends are welcome
30-01-20	• Y6 Liturgy of the Word (9.05, School Hall) – Y6 family and friends are welcome
31-01-20	• FS2 Celebration Assembly (9.05, School Hall) – FS2 family and friends are welcome • Y6 visit to Beth Shalom (The National Holocaust Centre)
04-02-20	• PTFA Monthly Meeting (6.30pm, School Hall) – all invited, please join us
05-02-20	• NSPCC follow-up assembly
06-02-20	• Y5 Liturgy of the Word (9.05, School Hall) – Y5 family and friends are welcome
07-02-20	• PTFA Bags2School • Y1 Celebration Assembly (9.05, School Hall) – Y1 family and friends are welcome
10-02-20	• SJF STEM Week 2020 (Day 1) – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
11-02-20	• SJF STEM Week 2020 (Day 2)
12-02-20	• SJF STEM Week 2020 (Day 3)
13-02-20	• SJF STEM Week 2020 (Day 4) • Y4 Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall) – Y4 family and friends are welcome
14-02-20	• SJF STEM Week 2020 (Day 5) • Y6 educational visit to London (The Eye, Parliament, a Thames cruise and The Tower of London) • Y2 Celebration Assembly (9.05, School Hall) – Y2 family and friends are welcome • End of Term 3
School Holiday (17-02-20 to 21-02-20)	
24-02-20	• School Closed (INSET Day)
25-02-20	• Start of Term 4 and Shrove Tuesday
26-02-20	• Start of the season of Lent 2020 • Ash Wednesday Service (9.30am, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church) – led by Y6
28-02-20	• Yellow Day (to mark the feast of St David on 01/03/20 - members of St David's House only)



Collective Worship

Lent 2020: Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Fr Paul is now responsible for the parishes of Our Lady and Lourdes (with St Anthony's) and St Theresa's which means that he also now supports the Catholic life of both St John Fisher and St Theresa's schools. This means that the schools have come together with Fr Paul in order to ensure that the Catholic of both will continue to be vibrant and that both will continue to have a rich calendar of Masses and services throughout the year.

Every effort has been made to avoid clashes but Ash Wednesday is one of those days where a clash is unavoidable. Last year Fr Paul said Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes to mark Ash Wednesday, but this year it is the turn of St Theresa's school to have a Mass.

Therefore to mark Ash Wednesday at SJF this year, we are working with Fr Paul to plan a special *non-Eucharistic* Ash Wednesday liturgy to begin our season of Lent.

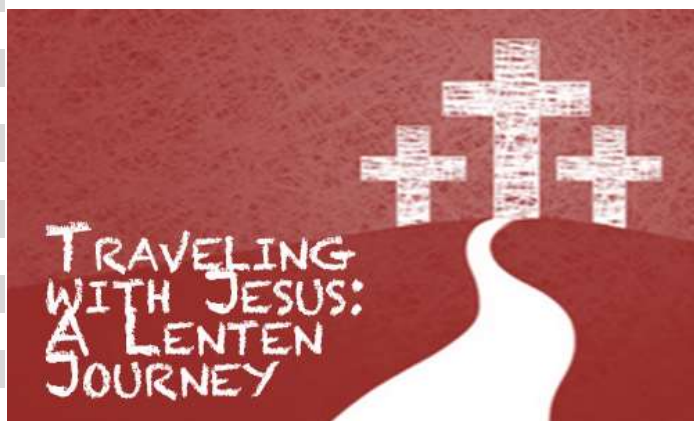
The service will be led by the young people of **Y6** and will take place at **9.30am** on **Wednesday 26th February 2020** in **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**.

During the Service blessed ashes will be distributed just as they would in Mass. However we just want to be absolutely clear that it will *not* be a Mass and communion will not be distributed. Everyone is invited to join us as we begin our 2020 SJF Lenten journey.

Lent 2020: Class Lenten Liturgies

To mark our progress through the season of Lent you are all invited to join us for simple Lenten liturgies in each class starting 3.10pm - as they did with the Advent liturgies. We would ask that you notify the Office staff, on the day, if you wish to attend. Here are the dates:

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| Monday 2 nd March 2020 | Years 1 to 6 |
| Tuesday 3 rd March 2020 | FS2 |
| Friday 6 th March 2020 | all classes |
| Monday 9 th March 2020 | Years 1 to 6 |
| Tuesday 10 th March 2020 | FS2 |
| Friday 13 th March 2020 | all classes |
| Monday 16 th March 2020 | Years 1 to 6 |
| Tuesday 17 th March 2020 | FS2 |
| Monday 23 rd March 2020 | Years 1 to 6 |
| Tuesday 24 th March 2020 | FS2 |
| Friday 27 th March 2020 | all classes |
| Monday 30 th March 2020 | Years 1 to 6 |
| Tuesday 31 st March 2020 | FS2 |
| Friday 3 rd April 2020 | all classes |



Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next 'Liturgy of the Word' will be on **Thursday 23rd January 2020** and will be led by the young people of **FS2**. We invite their family and friends to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am.

Celebration Assembly

Our next Celebration Assembly will be on **Friday 24th January 2020** just after 9.00m in the School Hall. The family and friends of our **Y6** pupils are invited to join us.

January Prayer

A reminder that our January prayer is called the Agnus Dei or 'The Lamb of God'. The prayer is recited during Mass, and recalls The Last Supper of Jesus and His apostles during which the bread and wine were transformed in to the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the first time. It is therefore a very special prayer. The words are:

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace**





NSPCC Visit

On Wednesday we were visited by Natalie from the NSPCC who led special assemblies first for the children in FS2 and Years 1 and 2, and then for the older children in Years 3-6. The children learned about the importance of speaking up in order to keep themselves and/or others safe.

Please follow the links below to discover more about the NSPCC and its work. There is also lots of useful tips and information for children and parents related to keeping children safe.

Sponsorship

Our School Council will be arranging a special fundraising event on Friday 24th January 2020 and further information will be shared after their meeting on Monday. This will be emailed out to parents and carers.

Natalie left sponsorship forms – some of which were sent home. Please disregard these. The School Council wanted to decide on their own way of raising money and this was agreed with the NSPCC. We apologise for any confusion caused by the mistake.



NSPCC Links:

- Main Site:
 - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>
- Parent's Guide:
 - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/pants/pants-2018/pants-parents-guide-online.pdf>
- Ice-Breakers:
 - www.nspcc.org.uk/pants

Attendance this week			
1 st	FS2	98.7%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y4	98.4%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y1	98.3%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y3	97.7%	
4 th	Y6	97.7%	
6 th	Y2	97.0%	
6 th	Y5	95.0%	
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 97.9%	



Get Set, GO!		
1 st	Y2	89%
2 nd	Y4	87%
3 rd	FS2	85%
4 th	Y1	83%
5 th	Y5	80%
6 th	Y3	62%
7 th	Y6	60%
Average = 78%		



Golden Children

FS2	Zuza for doing amazing number work and for being more and more confident in class! Well done!
Y1	Jack for trying really hard in class ever since he returned to school after the Christmas holiday! He really is working hard now and giving 100% effort!
Y2	Dominique for making an exceptionally great start to 2020 and for showing great enthusiasm and determination!
Y3	Alexia for really pushing herself in swimming on Wednesday! Everyone was so impressed!
Y4	Alfie for working so hard and for pushing himself so that he is able to produce more work! A fantastic start to the new year!
Y5	Kaydi for making a brilliant effort to put her hand up and contribute ideas and opinions in lessons!
Y6	Lily for helping and supporting classmates and for being a positive role-model!

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Nakai	Charlie F	Sammy	Tadisa	Ernie	Alana	Bethany

Achievements Outside of School

Please don't forget to share your children's achievements outside of school. Big or small, if they are important to your child we will always be very happy to share and celebrate. Achievements can be emailed via: enquiries@st-johnfisher.org. Thank you.

Reminder: Mobile Phones

- Pupils in Years and **5** and **6** are permitted to bring a mobile phone to school but only if they travel to or from school without an adult escort - and they have their parents' permission. Please contact school if your child travels to/from school without an adult escort, needs a mobile phone and is younger.
- Pupils in other year groups who come to school with an adult must **not** bring in a mobile a mobile phone.
- Pupils who come to school with mobile phones *must* hand them in to Mr Andrews on the school gate at the start of the school day. Users of the before-school club should hand phones in to the JPAC staff.
- Mobile phones will be returned to pupils at the end of the school day and can be used once pupils have exited the pedestrian gate and left school.

Beat Your Best

The SJF Weekly Personal Challenge!

This week the challenge involved two or three children racing against each other. They had to decide whether to walk or run, but had to do the same as their opponent to ensure fairness. Their scores were recorded and they were challenged to beat their best in subsequent races throughout the week.

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
--	Charlotte	Hugo	Charlie	Charlie	Rosie	Phoebe



Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is "**We are happiest when we are united.**"

Time to talk: Together you could think about what the word united means.

Can you find the word in a dictionary?

Why do some teams have the word 'united' in their names?

How many can you think of?

What is the opposite of united?

Why do you think we are happier when we are united?

Why not talk about the different sorts of things we do to help keep our school and local communities united?



Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

