



St John Fisher Weekly News



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Open Morning

We are holding an Open Morning on Saturday 22nd November 2014 from 10.00am to 12.00pm. The event is for the parents/carers of prospective pupils who are interested in finding out more about St John Fisher.

The event is for parents/carers of children who will be in FS2 in September 2014 as well as parents/carers of older children as we have spaces in some other classes as well.

It is important that people know about the positive developments since our last Ofsted and our plans for the future. Our results for the past two years have shown huge improvements and in the 2014 tests we were one of the top performing primary schools/academies in Sheffield.

If you know anyone who might be interested in finding out more about our community, please let them know. Thank you.

Y1 Liturgy & FS2 Welcome Assembly

Yesterday the children of Y1 led our weekly Liturgy of the Word – and they were excellent. Though the sound system is not ideal the children did their best to be heard. I was very proud of each of them. I would like to thank Miss Speed for all her hard in preparing the children and all the family members and friends who came to watch and be part of it.

The liturgy was followed immediately by a special Assembly for the very youngest members of our community who joined FS2 in September. It was an opportunity to welcome them formally. They were supported by their Y4 buddies – who were an absolute credit. The children sang songs and made special promises. The Y4 buddies promised to look after them and Mrs Darken made a special promise to the children on behalf of the staff that we will always do our best for them.

Each new starter in FS2 (and throughout school) as well as new staff members were then presented with a special bookmark by Fr. Paul. I would like to thank Fr. Paul, Mrs Darken and Mr Broadhead, the family members and friends who came along to support us and the FS2 children and their Y4 buddies who were absolute stars!

Community Remembrance Service

We are holding our annual Community Service of Remembrance on Friday 7th November (at the end of the first week back after the holiday). The purpose is to remember all those affected by war in both the recent and more distant past. The children will have a special lesson in the days leading up to the service so that they can learn about the origins of Remembrance Day and make a poppy that will be presented during the service. We would like to invite everyone to join us and extend a special invitation to any war veterans – young and old. If you know someone that might like to be involved please let us know. It is important that our children understand the significance of national events like these.

Children's Mass

This Sunday (19th) is the monthly Children's Mass at our parish church of Our Lady of Lourdes. All children and parents are invited to attend. Mass starts at 10.30am and there will be special music and readings led by children.

After-School Clubs

There is football coaching for all children in Year 3 and above which is run by Andy Morris on Monday evenings and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday our Links coaches run a range of different activities for children from Years 1 to 6. Please return the letters as soon as possible if your child would like to take part as places will have to be offered on a first come, first served basis. Thank you.

Requests for Term-Time holiday Leave

As you know, the regulations around granting term-time holiday leave have been tightened by the Government and it is now a firm expectation that requests for holidays will not be authorised by schools unless the circumstances are exceptional. There is further information on our website: www.st-johnfisher.org. Thank you.

Information Evenings: Next Year's Residential Visits

Please note the details of special information meetings about next year's residential visits.

- **The Y5 Kingswood residential planned for September 2015**
(22-10-14 at 3.30pm in the Y5 classroom for current Y4 parents/carers)
- **The Y4 Kingswood residential planned for October 2015**
(22-10-14 at 3.30pm in the Y5 classroom for current Y3 parents/carers)
- **The Y6 Hollowford residential planned for October 2015**
(23-10-14 at 3.30pm in the Y6 classroom for current Y5 parents/carers)

Your children and their pre-school siblings can be supervised by a member of staff in a separate room if you would find this helpful.

Golden Children

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

• FS2	Sophie Hemingway for being kind and caring to all children and for always trying her best in her learning! Her letter formation is beautiful!
• Year 1	Hibah Javid for being kind and for trying hard with everything she does. She also sits beautifully and is ready to learn!
• Year 2	Evie Ramsden for creating a gorgeous painting, taking such care to blend the colours beautifully!
• Year 3	Kimi Hardy for trying his best in subjects even when he finds it difficult! He has a good attitude to learning!
• Year 4	Saffron Kilbride for making super improvements in her written work and for having a fantastic attitude to learning!
• Year 5	Anca Nicula for always being polite and well-mannered – an absolute star!
• Year 6	Leighton Gough for supporting his teammates with all the activities at Hollowford and for being an absolute star!

Top Table

The Sparrow 'family' were invited to sit at the 'Top Table' today by Mrs Bower and her team of midday supervisors. The children were chosen because they have displayed good table manners this week and have helped each other brilliantly. The Sparrow family are: Emmie F, Cerys P, Kiera B, Kiera S, Olivia K, Isabella R and Callum H

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank Miss Speed's **Y1** class for leading the beautiful liturgy yesterday. Next Thursday there will not be a liturgy as we celebrate Harvest Mass on Friday 24th October. The next liturgy will therefore take place on **Thursday 6th November** and will be led by the young people of **Y6**. We invite the family and friends of our **Y6** pupils to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am.

PTFA Family Evening

I would like to thank everyone who attended last week's 'Family Evening' for making it such a special occasion. It was great that so many families were able to come together in support of the school. I would like to thank the PTFA for all their hard work in making it all happen.



Achievements Outside School

- **Olivia King** in **Y4** wowed the judges in recent competitions in spite of suffering a fractured thumb and having to wear a plaster cast. Olivia and her partner were awarded three first-place trophies for different ballroom routines and three first-place trophies for their Latin routines. What a fantastic achievement, well done! You can see the report in the Sheffield Star via the following link: <http://m.thestar.co.uk/what-s-on/out-about/young-sheffield-dancer-defies-plastercast-to-wow-judges-1-6890666>
- **Patrick Lodge** in **Y5** has passed his Cadets 1, which is the first stage in the young Masters Golf programme. That is fantastic news Patrick, are you the next Tiger Woods?

Karate

If you are interested in doing karate the Shotokan karate Club train at the parish centre next to Our Lady of Lourdes on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. For more information please contact Tony Mills on 07901775101.

Weekly Attendance Winners

This week the girls and boys of **Y5** were in first place with **99.0%** attendance and will be visited by Bobby and Bear! In second place were the children of **Y1** with **98.7%** who will be visited by Brenda Bear. In third place were the young people of **FS2** with **97.9%** who will receive a visit from Elvis the Owl. Congratulations all of you!

The average overall attendance for the week was **97.2%** which is back above our 97% target. Thank you.

Harvest Mass Appeal

Our annual Harvest Mass will be on the 24th October 2014. For the past two years we have shared donations of food equally between The St Wilfrid's Centre and Gleadless Food Bank.

If you would like to support us the following items have been suggested: potatoes, seasonal vegetables, fruit, tins of meat, tins of fish, tinned vegetables, crisps, drinking chocolate, flour, caster sugar, various baking ingredients, jam and marmalade, salad cream, tomato ketchup and brown sauce (in plastic bottles), pot noodles, olive oil, vegetable oil, sunflower oil, tinned fruit, rice pudding, dried fruit, biscuits, salt and pepper, instant mash and all varieties of stock cubes.

Please send your children to school with any of these donated items on the morning of the Harvest Mass. Thank you.

Appeal from the FS2 Teaching & Learning Team

FS2 are looking for donations to support our learning. These include:

- old metal pots, saucepans and spoons
- any sort of wood and nails
- plants and seeds (especially in the Spring)
- old tools including small hammers and spades
- large or small open tin cans (safe, no sharp edges)
- boxes or bottles of any sort (except glass)
- empty hand soap dispensers
- plastic pipes and corner joints
- plastic tubing
- any toys and games – especially 'Lego'

Y6 Hollowford Residential

The Y6 children had a fantastic time at Hollowford and really challenged themselves. They worked together superbly and were a credit to St John Fisher. Their manners and attitude were excellent according to Mr Smith. We will have a report from them in next week's newsletter.

Ukulele Club

If you want to find out more about the ukulele club being run by Mr Burt during the holiday please contact him on 07906826833 or via his email address: peedeeburt@hotmail.com

Statement to Live By

Next week our statement to live by is: **"I try to stand up for myself and others!"**

Time to talk: Together you could think about what you should do if you see someone who is not being treated very nicely. Who can you tell? What should you say? What should you do if someone is unkind to you? Remember, everyone in our community has the right to feel happy, safe and loved.

I hope you have a really good weekend.

Mr F Barratt