



# St John Fisher News

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## Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Isabella Ramsden** (FS2) for trying to love others as she loves herself in line with this week's 'Statement to Live By'. Isabella is a very thoughtful young lady who always considers the needs of others before her own. Having such a wonderful attitude means that she is also an excellent buddy and role-model to others – especially our younger children. During the 'Santa in School' event at Spa View Church Isabella was observed looking after lots of other children; making sure that they were enjoying themselves. Well done, we are all very proud of you!

## IMPORTANT REMINDER: School Dinners

Please remember that if your child would like school dinners on any of the days in the first week back (week commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016) please remember to make your choices before midnight on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 through the Parent Pay site. Thank you.

## KS1 Nativity Play

This week it was the turn of the children in Years 1 and 2 to perform their nativity play and they were wonderful. In spite of problems with the sound system they all tried really hard. I would like to thank each of them for the part they played in telling the story of the birth of Jesus so beautifully. I would also like to thank the young people of Y6 who supported them and my colleagues for all their hard work and commitment. Thanks too to all the parents, carers, family and friends who were able to join us and watch the performance, it was great to see you.



## KS2 Community Carol Concert

I would like to thank my colleagues, especially Mr Smith, Miss Pendlebury and Miss Kiernan as well all the children involved in organising and leading today's wonderful community carol concert. It was such a fitting way to end a long term and prepare for Christmas. I would also like to thank everyone who was able to join us at church and in the school hall afterwards for mince pies and refreshments provided by our fantastic PTFA.

I was so pleased that the Diocesan Director of Schools, Mr Cape, was able to join us. He is a tremendous supporter and friend to our community and we are very grateful to him for making the time to be with us.



## Mary's Meals

I would like to thank everyone who has supported our Chaplaincy Team's special appeal in aid of 'Mary's Meals'. So far we have raised £160, which the government will match-fund to make £320! This means that because of your kindness and generosity 26 children will be fed! Thank you so much.

Yesterday the team organised a special Christmas jumper day to also raise money for their charity which was loads of fun and I would like to thank our young chaplains for their enthusiasm and dedication.

## Parish News

You are invited to a Christmas concert led by the Immaculata Children's Group after the 10.30am mass on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

## Christmas Karaoke

I would like to thank Mrs Darken and the SJF Student Council for organising a special Christmas karaoke to coincide with Christmas jumper day! It was lots of fun and the children were proud to show off their excellent singing voices; really getting into the Christmas spirit!

## Parent Views

Yesterday I sent home a questionnaire to be completed over the holiday. Your perspective of the school and what we do is very important and I take your views and feedback very seriously. It is as important to know what you think we do well - so that we can keep doing it, as it is to know what you think we could do better or differently.

Last year I followed up responses with a number of parents/carers so that we could talk about their ideas and/or concerns and this is what I would like to do this year, so please do add your name. Thank you.

## House News



Congratulations to the pupils and staff of St David's House; the Term 2 winners who earned Golden Time today as a reward! Well done all the boys and girls who tried hard to earn smileys for their Houses!

## Dates for your Diary

- 31-12-15 Confirm school dinner menu choices for the first week back by midnight via Parent Pay
- 04-01-16 INSET day (school closed)
- 05-01-16 School open – first day of Term 3
- 08-01-16 New Year Mass (9.30am at Our Lady of Lourdes church)  
Y3 & Y4 Educational visit to the Yorkshire Farming Museum

## Assemblies

### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

The first weekly liturgy of the word after Christmas will be led by Y1 on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016**.

### Celebration Assembly

Our next celebration assembly will be in the first week back after Christmas, on **Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016** and the parents, carers, family and friends of the young people in Y5 are invited at 2.45pm as there will be lots of good news to catch up on.

## Attendance

The attendance target for the week, term and year is 97%

			Class Averages (Term 2)	Class Averages (since September)
FS2	96.4%		95.7%	94.7%
Year 1	99.2%		97.2%	97.9%
Year 2	94.0%		96.8%	97.5%
Year 3	96.9%	Elvis Owl will visit next term!	97.4%	96.7%
Year 4	97.8%	Brenda Bear will visit next term!	96.6%	96.7%
Year 5	99.4%	Bobby Bear will visit next term!	98.6%	98.0%
Year 6	96.0%		95.9%	96.4%
<b>Total Average</b>	<b>97.1%</b>		<b>Total Average 96.9%</b>	<b>Total Average 96.9%</b>

The children of Y5 who are the weekly winners and champions for both Term 2 and the year so far! The children will receive Golden Time next term as a reward for their efforts! Congratulations!

### Achievements Outside of School

- **Jack Swaine** in **Y3** achieved his Level 5 Super Swimmers award this week! We have all been following Jack's swimming journey over the years from nervous non-swimmer all the way to this great achievement, and I am absolutely delighted for him! At Level 5 he has to be able to do so many things, and this achievement just goes to show what can be done if you are resilient and focused! Well done superstar!

### Top Table

This week's winning family - chosen by Mrs Bower and our lunchtime supervisors - is the Nightingale family! Congratulations to James, Byron, John G, Arianne, Melissa, Lucy, Evie R and Lola! Well done!

### Farewell

This week we have said fond farewell to Mrs Miller who leaves with all our best wishes for a very happy and successful future in her new role.

### Statement to Live By

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

**Time to talk:** Together you could think about what the word *united* means. Why do some football teams have the word 'united' in their names? Can you think of a team with the word 'united' in? What is the opposite of united? Why would this *not* be good in a family or community like St John Fisher? Why do you think being united can make us feel happier? Why not talk about the different things we do or could do to help keep our school community united?



I would like to thank you for your support and wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and new year.

Best wishes,

Mr Barratt