



St John Fisher Weekly News



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Meet the Governors: Mrs Sandra Callaghan

My name is Sandra Callaghan, and I have been a Foundation Governor since September 2011. I have been associated with St. John Fisher School since the late 1980s when both my children, Sarah and Jennifer, began their education here, and, as a parent, I was very pleased with every aspect of the school. My children both went on to All Saints and subsequently to University.

In 1992, I was appointed to the teaching staff as the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator and spent nineteen happy years teaching here until I retired in July 2011 in order to look after my granddaughter, Charlotte four days a week.

Even though I have retired, I am still passionate about the school and being a Governor is a very productive way for me to still be part of a wonderful community which will continue to provide the best for the children who attend here.

Parish News

The Next Children's Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes is on Sunday 20th of October. Rehearsal - Friday 18 Oct 6.00pm in church hall. All children who want to join in with the Mass are asked to attend the rehearsal.

Year 3 and 4 Vikings

Our Vikings had an amazing day in York on Wednesday which included a visit to the Jorvik Centre. It was a fantastic learning opportunity and the children had a really wonderful time. I would like to thank my colleagues Miss Kiernan, Mrs Evans and Miss Rybka for all they have done to inspire our children throughout the topic and for arranging this important visit. I would like to thank all the parent volunteers who gave up time in their busy lives in order to join us to make the visit possible and finally I would like to thank our mini Vikings who were an absolute credit to themselves and our school. I really am very proud of you, well done!

Year 6 Hollowford Residential

The Hollowford Centre is an action-packed, adventure-filled, absolutely amazing place! All the Hollowford staff are extremely helpful and understand your fears. There are a number of mini-buses to transport you around so you can do some great activities including: canoeing, weaselling, walks, caving and so much more! Personally I really enjoyed the high ropes and I give many thanks to Alan, one of the group instructors!

By Lydia Cartwright



INSET Day Reminder

Please note that school is closed to all children on Friday 25th October 2013 as it will be a staff training day.

Parent/Carer Drop In

A reminder that Miss Kiernan is available each Friday afternoon from 3.00pm to meet with any parents/carers looking for information or support regarding their their child(ren).

Harvest Mass

Today is our annual harvest Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes church. Mass will begin at 2.00pm and all parents, carers and friends of the school are invited to join us for this special service of thanksgiving. I am very grateful to Father Paul who will lead our special celebration. I would also like to thank Miss Kipling for arranging the liturgy, Miss Pendlebury and Miss Kiernan for preparing and leading the music. Today will be the first time our Foundation 2 children will join the rest of the community for Mass, so it will be a very special occasion. The children in Foundation 2 and Year 1 will be supported by their buddies who will have the special responsibility of being a positive role-model.

As in previous years all the non-perishable foods donated by families will be divided equally and donated to the Gleadless Food Bank and the St Wilfrid's Centre.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

On Thursday 24th October (the last day of term) our simple liturgy will be led by the boys and girls of Year 6. The family and friends of our Year children are welcome. The liturgy will begin at 9.00am. Thank you.

Rainbow Zone: Appeal for Help!

Miss Kiernan and Mrs Asquith are looking for some decorating advice for the new inclusion zone we are developing in the spaces used currently as offices by Mrs Battams, Mrs Birch and me. They are also open to any ideas in order to make it a vibrant, exciting and welcoming area for our children to use. We would also welcome any ideas about where we can get hold of cheap/free paint and materials etc. So if you have useful connections, have a flair for interior design, enjoy decorating and are willing to help we would really like to hear from you! You can contact school by phone, speak to Miss Kiernan at her 'drop in' session from 3.00pm today or email her on c.kiernan@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk . Thank you for your support.

Golden Children

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

• F 2	Lily Peters for showing great enthusiasm in all learning, for participating so well in Read Write Inc and for learning her sounds!
• Year 1	Reuben Hastings-Quainoo for wonderful reading – full of expression!
• Year 2	Ricardo Mwale for always contributing in lessons by answering questions and being involved in discussions!
• Year 3	Emma Watters for being a good team member and for showing good learning behaviours!
• Year 4	Matthew Bond for making and EXCELLENT effort in writing a story for his buddy!
• Year 5	Charlotte Cope for making fantastic progress in her reading!
• Year 6	Charlotte Williamson for working really hard in everything she does in a fantastic start to the year! Corey Goodinson for showing his fantastic mathematical ability in his recent assessment

Writing Champions

The following children are our Writing Champions this week because they have really tried hard and made a personal leap forward as a result. Their fantastic writing can be viewed in our hall over the next week.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jack Swaine	Harry Parkin	Eden Hague	Matthew Bond	Stella Avelino	Lydia cartwright

Names in Uniform

Please can you ensure that your children's uniform is fully named/labelled, including shoes. Thank you.

House Points

St Andrew	St David	St George	St Patrick
Smilies This week			
126	50	103	110
Term 1 Running Total			
655	408	688	736



Links Partnership Sport Stars of the Week

The following children have been identified by our coaches as stars this week: James Fitzpatrick, Zarnetta Moomba, Daphney Adebayo, Natash Sanders, Sahil Yunis and Amna Javid. Congratulations boys and girls, we are all very proud of you!

Weekly Attendance Winners

For the week ending 07-10-13 in first place are the girls and boys of Year 6 who achieved a 99.4% attendance - and will be visited by Bobbie Bear. In second place were the children of Year 2 with 98.7% attendance. They will receive a visit from Bertie Bear. In third place were the young people of Year 5 who managed 98.6% attendance and will be visited by Elvis the Owl. Congratulations all of you!

The average attendance was 97.5% which is back above our target of 96%. Thank you for your support.

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 special community has the right to feel happy, safe and loved.

I hope the weather is kind and that you all have a really good weekend.

Mr Barratt