

SJF NEWS

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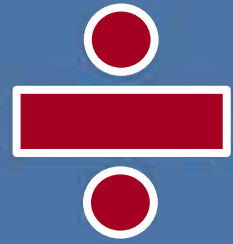
Friday 18th October 2019 (Issue 7 - 2019/20)



Citizen of the Week

Our recipient this week is **Amelia** (Y6) who understands that it is important to stand up for others when they are being hurt, in line with our 'Statement to Live by' this week. In so many ways Amelia is a role-model to others. She is also kind and generous with the help she offers others. Amelia has a strong sense of justice and of what she believes is right and wrong and she understands the importance of speaking up for herself and others. In demonstrating this understanding, she has impressed us all. Congratulations Amelia!

REMINDER



PARENT & CARER

MATHS

WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER | 3.30PM | MEET IN Y6

Thank You!

Thank you to my colleagues and everyone who attended our first workshop this week. Lots of important information about our approaches to the teaching of addition and subtraction was shared and the feedback was extremely positive. The next workshop, on **6th November 2019**, will focus on multiplication and subtraction.

Term 1 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House



381

St David's House



300

St Patrick's House



314

St George's House



354



Forthcoming Events

Please refer to the **SJF calendar** via this link: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/calendar/2018---2019-calendars/>

21-10-19	• Y5 Oakes residential (Day 1)
22-10-19	• Y5 Oakes residential (Day 2)
23-10-19	• Y5 Oakes residential (Day 3)
24-10-19	• No Liturgy of the Word
25-10-19	• End of SJF Black History Month (work will be displayed during Curriculum Showcase) • Harvest Festival Community Mass (9.30am, Our Lady of Lourdes) • End of Term 1
School Holiday (28-10-19 to 01-11-19)	
04-11-19	• Start of Term 2 • Be Safe Be Happy Week (Day 1)
05-11-19	• Be Safe Be Happy Week (Day 2) • PTFA Monthly Meeting ALL INVITED (6.30pm, School Hall) – please come along
06-11-19	• Be Safe Be Happy Week (Day 3) • Parent/Carer Maths Workshop focused on multiplication and division (3.30pm Y6 classroom)
07-11-19	• Be Safe Be Happy Week (Day 4) • Y4 Liturgy of the Word (9.05, School Hall) – the family and friends of our Y4 pupils invited
08-11-19	• Be Safe Be Happy Week (Day 5) • FS2 Celebration Assembly (9.05, School Hall) – the family and friends of our FS2 pupils invited
11-11-19	• SJF Community Service of Remembrance (10.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes) - led by Y6
14-11-19	• No Liturgy
15-11-19	• Children in Need Day (non-uniform day for a £1+ contribution in aid of the BBC appeal) • Y5 Celebration Assembly (9.05, School Hall) – the family and friends of our Y5 pupils invited

Be Safe Be Happy Week 2019

Our annual 'Be Safe, Be Happy Week' takes place after the holiday, in the first week of Term 2. There will be the usual focus on pupils' wellbeing and the promotion of respect, tolerance and understanding of others as a way of preventing bullying from ever taking root in our school. There will also be lessons and assemblies delivered by staff and friends from partner organisations including the Health Service, Fire and Rescue, the Police, Yorkshire Water, Gist (road safety), LINKS School Sports Partnership, Castle Martial Arts and a construction company aimed at promoting pupil happiness, awareness and general safety in a fun and engaging way.



The SJF Harvest Festival 2019

Our annual 'Harvest Festival' Community Mass takes place next **Friday 25th October 2019**, at 9.30am at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Please come along and join us!

As in previous years, we would be extremely grateful if you could donate some food which we will then pass on directly to the St Wilfred's Centre in Sheffield.

It is important that donated food is **non-perishable**, so items such as tins of meat, fish, soup, vegetables and fruit; packets of crisps, cereals, dried 'Pot Noodle'-type products, biscuits, drinking chocolate, instant mashed potato, pasta, rice and dried noodles are ideal. Anything tinned or dried is perfect.

All donations will be gratefully received and can be left in the box at the pedestrian gate with Mr Andrews at the beginning and end of each school day. Please help us to help some of the most vulnerable in our city. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity and support.



SJF Community Service of Remembrance 2019

On **Monday 11th November 2019** our community will come together to mark Armistice Day. Our service will start at 10.45am at Our Lady Lourdes Catholic Church and will include a minute's silence in honour of both the fallen and all those who loved and lost them. It is an important annual event in our SJF school calendar.

If you, a relative, or someone you know is a serving or retired member of the armed services and would be willing to play a small part in our service (placing a wreath at the foot of a cross), please let us know.



Also we are looking for serving and/or retired service personnel who would be willing to visit school in order to talk to some of the classes about why the act of national remembrance is so important. Again if you can help, please get in touch. Finally if you know someone who would like to just come along and join us for our service, please tell them! They would be most welcome to join us for this very special community event.

Beat Your Best!

The SJF Weekly Personal Challenge!

Here is a message from Mr Johnson and his team of fantastic Sports Majors:

This week's game was a lot of fun and many students got involved! The aim of the game was for pupils to run around various hoops, of different sizes, which had been laid on the ground. When the countdown began they had to make sure they were in a hoop at the precise moment the leader said "One!". This game was designed to improve pupils' reaction times and listening skills as they had to make sure they were listening for the countdown carefully in order to react quickly and get in a hoop on time.



PTFA News

Thank you to everyone who supported the latest PTFA Bags2School collection today. Thanks to your generous donation of clothing a very impressive **£133** was raised! Incredible! Thank you to the PTFA committee and everyone who helped them. If you would like to get involved, even in just a small way, the PTFA is always looking for new members and ideas. Please contact them via their email address: ptfa@st-johnfisher.org. Thank you.

Golden Children

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| FS2 | Hector for always listening really well in class and for great number work this week! What a star you are! |
| Y1 | Rebecca for always doing the right thing and for putting 100% effort into all her work! It is always a pleasure to teach Rebecca! |
| Y2 | Connie for quietly always getting on with her work without ever making a fuss and for helping others when needed! |
| Y3 | Logan for persisting when struggling to sketch lightly because he was so determined to produce an amazing piece of artwork! |
| Y4 | Olivia for just having the most fantastic week, working hard in all subjects! Well done superstar! |
| Y5 | William for making a brilliant effort with column addition and subtraction this week! We are all proud of you William! |
| Y6 | Daisy for having such a positive attitude to her work and for always trying hard! What a great example you are! We are all very proud of you! |

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jan Z	Isabelle	Seb	Isabelle	Alan	Lottie	Mitchell



Attendance this week			
1 st	Y3	99.4%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
1 st	Y5	99.3%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y4	99.1%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	FS2	98.1%	
5 th	Y2	98.0%	
6 th	Y1	97.3%	
7 th	Y6	94.4%	
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 96.1%	



Get Set, GO!			
1 st	Y3	89%	
2 nd	Y6	87%	
3 rd	Y2	83%	
4 th	Y1	82%	
5 th	Y5	81%	
6 th	FS2	80%	
7 th	Y4	80%	
		Average = 83%	

The overall attendance is pleasing this week with all but two classes at or above the 98% target. Thank you. Congratulations to the children of Y4 for a big improvement this week. The overall average for Get Set, GO! is also up on last week. A reminder that this figure represents the number of children in class and completing the challenge activity at the start of Get Set, GO! straight after 'Wake Up! Shake Up!' each morning.

Achievements Outside of School

At St John Fisher we recognise and celebrate all achievements in and out of school. Whether the achievements are big or small we will publish and celebrate them. This week's achievements are:

- **Jacob** in **Y3** took part in a 24 hour 'Sparathon' with his martial arts team to raise money for both the Sheffield Spinal Cord Injury Unit and a special pop up gym that works with wheelchair users and amputees, to keep them active! What a fantastic achievement for two very special and deserving causes! Well done Jacob!
- **Jessica** in **Y4** has been very busy. Firstly she achieved Level 6 in trampolining and secondly she has received a 'Postgraduate Gold Certificate' from Sheffield Children's University for completing 600 hours of extracurricular activities! Congratulations superstar!
- **Mia** in **Y5** has received a beautiful certificate and badge for completing the Stage 2 of the Swim England Learn to Swim programme! A fantastic achievement! Congratulations Mia, everyone is very proud of you!

Opportunities to Join the SJF Governing Body



Our SJF Governing Body plays a key strategic leadership and management role in the running of our school community. There are vacancies currently for both Foundation and Parent Governors. The Governing Body therefore invites applications from any eligible parents and carers who would like to play a key part in our continuing journey.

Foundation Governors

Foundation Governors must be practicing Catholics. They are nominated by Parish Priests and appointed by the Bishop. As the Bishop's appointees, Foundation Governors' primary responsibility is to safeguard the Catholic foundation and nature of the school in terms of our strategic direction. There are vacancies for Foundations Governors currently. If you would like to find out more about being a Foundation Governor please contact Mrs Ramsden (0114 2485009 or enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) or speak directly with Fr Paul.

Parent Governors

The Governing Body of all Sheffield Schools and academies have at least one place reserved for a Parent/Carer Governor.

Unlike a Foundation Governor, a Parent Governor must have a child at school. Crucially Parent Governors do not have to be a Catholic, though they must commit to supporting our Catholic ethos. Therefore it is a wonderful opportunity for any member of our community who is passionate about our school, to join our Governing Body and support us on our onward journey. The term of office for Parent Governor is four years.

Being a Governor is special. It is a chance for you to influence school life and the education we provide for all our children. Lots of information is shared so that Governors can offer advice and make key strategic decisions about many aspects of school life including the curriculum, staffing and finances. We would especially welcome enquiries from anyone who has a background/skillset linked to education, business, finance, law, health and safety, fundraising and human resources.

All new Governors will have access to training and the support of experienced Governors to help them understand their new role and responsibilities.



Parent Governors also provide a link between the school and parents and carers. The Parent Governor will be expected to attend at least three full meetings of the School Governing Body each year long as well as meetings for one of the three SJF Governor sub-committees.

Some Governors may also be involved in further meetings around admissions, staff recruitment and retention matters and complaints if and when they arise. Governors are therefore expected to take an active interest in the school community by helping to promote the parental view at meetings of the School Governing Body.

Eligibility & Process for Parent Governors

- ✓ anyone with parental responsibility for a child attending SJF is eligible to stand for election
- ✓ faith or background is no bar
- ✓ an election will be held if more than one nomination from eligible candidates are received
- ✓ in the event of an election, all current parents/carers will be eligible to vote by secret ballot
- ✓ detailed arrangements and a list of candidates will be sent out once all nominations have been received
- ✓ the term of office for an elected Parent Governor is **four** years
- ✓ parents/carers can nominate themselves to be a candidate
- ✓ no 'proposer' or 'seconder' is required but you must tell us that you wish to stand, in writing, **no later than Wednesday 6 November 2019**
- ✓ candidates are also asked to provide a short personal statement with their nomination which will then be circulated to parents/carers

Catholic Life

October Prayer

As October is the month of Mary our song is 'Ave Maria' and our prayer is 'Hail Holy Queen', a traditional Catholic prayer. If you would like to share the prayer as part of your prayer life at home here are the words:

*Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy,
 Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.
 To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.
 To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
 Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us,
 And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
 O clement, o loving, o sweet Virgin Mary!*

November Prayer

During November we remember all those who have died and pray for the repose of their souls. We also remember the dead of war. So when we return our prayer will be:

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
 And let perpetual light shine upon them,
 May they rest in peace.
 Amen.*

Community Harvest Mass

You are all invited to join us for our Community Harvest Mass on the last day of Term 1, **Friday 25th October 2019**. It will be led by the young people of Y5. Mass takes place at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and starts at 9.30am. All are welcome! Donations of non-perishable food for the St Wilfrid's Centre can be left with Mr Andrews at the start and end of each school day leading up to and including Friday. Thank you.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

As we have our Harvest Mass there will be no Liturgy of the Word next week. Our next liturgy will therefore be after the forthcoming holiday on **Thursday 7th November 2019** and will be led by the children of **Y4**. We invite the family and friends of our Y4 children to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

Celebration Assembly

There will be no Celebration Assembly next week because of our Community Harvest Mass. The next Celebration Assembly will therefore take place on **Friday 8th November 2019** and we invite the family and friends of our **FS2** children to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.



Reading Records

Please return your reading records next week so your teachers can find out what exciting stories you have been enjoying on your reading adventures and organise reading awards and smilies. Thank you.

Y6 Residential 2018



Below is a report by Vilius about last week's Y6 residential to the Hollowford Centre, Castleton. Everyone had a fantastic time. I received positive feedback about our pupils' attitudes and behaviour. My thanks go to the children and to Mrs Barrett, Miss D'Roza and Mr Johnson who joined them.

At Hollowford we did some great activities including: caving, abseiling, canoeing, hill walking and orienteering. It was a great experience I learned and experienced many new things.

I enjoyed caving the most because it was a totally new experience for me and I enjoyed doing the challenges in the cave such as crawling through a tight space, and helping and encouraging children who were not as confident and who felt more challenged than me, to come out of their comfort zones and try new things.

Also I enjoyed abseiling which is something I have never before. We abseiled from a bridge. It was which was about a 50-60ft drop. We had to go down on our own, using a rope to lower ourselves until we reached the bottom and could be unhooked by our teacher. It was a really scary but a fun experience and I am really glad I pushed myself to do it.

Overall the Hollowford experience was fantastic and I really feel I gained new skills and confidence that I will carry through to future experiences.



Please follow the link to see more pictures: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/hollowford-2019/>



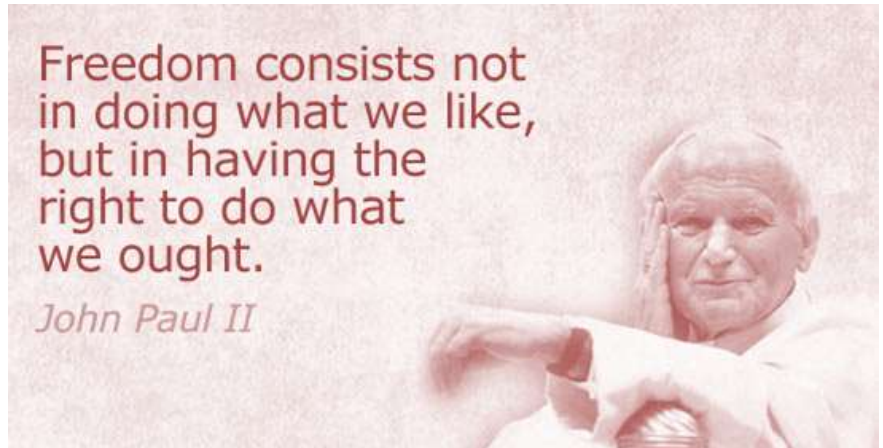
Statement to Live By

Our statement next week is 'I know that rights match responsibility.'

Time to talk: Our rights are what every human being deserves, no matter who they are or where they live, so that we can live in a world that is fair and just.

Everyone has the right to:

- ✓ be happy
- ✓ be safe
- ✓ be loved
- ✓ be safe
- ✓ be educated
- ✓ shelter (somewhere to live)
- ✓ warmth
- ✓ food
- ✓ clothing
- ✓ personal space
- ✓ freedom of speech
- ✓ freedom to be different
- ✓ to feel comfortable
- ✓ equal opportunities - given the chance to be what you want regardless of wealth, religion or race



Responsibility

Of course since these rights are for everybody, it means we all have responsibilities too. A responsibility is something that is your job to do something about, or to think about. It is something that affects our lives and other people's lives.

Some of our responsibilities:

- ✓ to follow the rules at home, at school and in the community - after all they are there for our safety and to protect our rights and the rights of others
- ✓ to stand up for our rights and the rights of others as much as we can
- ✓ to be the best person that we can be
- ✓ to take care of our own bodies as best we can
- ✓ to respect the rights of others
- ✓ to look after our own belongings and respect the belongings of others
- ✓ to learn as well as we can
- ✓ to care about others who are not as strong in some ways as we are

What do you think are the most important rights and responsibilities? Why? Everyone in the world is an important and special person.

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

