



St John Fisher News

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Staff News

As you know we have been working in partnership with Governors and the Diocese of Hallam to secure high quality new staff for September, and I am delighted to be able to inform you that Mrs Farrow will be joining our team and work in Year 1. Mrs Farrow is an experienced teacher who will also join the Leadership Team and with special responsibility for Foundation 2 and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2).

Mrs Farrow will meet the children on Monday afternoon. I have also arranged a meeting to give parents and carers of the children who are moving into Year 1 an opportunity to meet with Mrs Farrow after school on Monday at 3.30pm in Mr Smith's classroom. Children can be left with a member of staff in another classroom if you wish.

Staff for 2013/14

I am now able to share staffing profile for the next academic year:

- Foundation 2 Ms Rodgers and Ms Pugh
- Year 1 Mrs Farrow (Foundation 2 & Key Stage 1 Leader)
- Year 2 Miss McCann
- Year 3 Miss Rybka
- Year 4 Mrs Evans (Deputy Headteacher & Key Stage 2 Leader) and Miss Kiernan
- Year 5 Miss Kipling
- Year 6 Mr Smith
- Music Miss Pendlebury

Calendar

A calendar was sent home recently with details of key events next year. I believe it is important to give you as much notice as possible so that you can prepare for events – and if necessary book time off work.

I would like to draw your attention to the following opportunities to meet your child(ren)'s teacher(s) early in the next school year:

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| • Monday 2 nd September | Review & Target Setting meetings | (1.00pm -5.30pm) |
| • Tuesday 3 rd September* | Review & Target Setting meetings | (1.00pm -5.30pm) |
| • Monday 9 th September | Year 6 Welcome meeting | (3.30pm -4.30pm) |
| • Tuesday 10 th September | Year 5 Welcome meeting | (3.30pm -4.30pm) |
| • Wednesday 11 th September | Year 4 Welcome meeting | (3.30pm -4.30pm) |
| • Thursday 12 th September | Year 3 Welcome meeting | (3.30pm -4.30pm) |
| • Monday 16 th September | Year 2 Welcome meeting | (3.30pm -4.30pm) |
| • Tuesday 17 th September | Year 1 Welcome meeting | (3.30pm -4.30pm) |

*Mrs Farrow has a prior commitment on this day so the meetings will be led by Miss Rogers who has worked with school and the children in the current academic year.

Leavers' Mass

Thank you to everyone who attended last night's Leavers' Mass. It was a very moving and special occasion. I would like to thank Fr David for celebrating mass, Fr Paul for concelebrating Mass, Miss Pendlebury for providing the beautiful music, Mr Smith for preparing the liturgy, all the families and friends who turned up to support us and our special young people in Year 6 – who were an absolute credit and who made us all feel so proud. They will leave us with all our love and best wishes for a very happy future!

Parent and Carer Focus Group

The next meeting of the group will be on Thursday 5th September at 6.00pm. We will be discussing the behaviour and anti-bullying policies, looking at the questionnaire feedback and discussing the role of 'Parent's Champions' in terms of our vigorous response to our current OFSTED category. All welcome.

Results

It has been confirmed by the local authority that our (SATs) results mean that we are the fifth most improved school in Sheffield in terms of school data.

Golden Children

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

• F 2	Jack Oadley for again being very kind to our new children on their induction days!
• Year 1	Owen Pack for for always trying his best in both work and behaviour!
• Year 2	Hannah Downes for really trying to work hard in all subjects
• Year 3	Nicole Mercardo for working hard and independently with the pneumatics DT project and for being polite!
• Year 4	Evie Flint for being a really understanding friend and for having a good sense of humour!
• Year 5	Grace Woolhouse for her constant enthusiasm in all she does!
• Year 6	Jake Lazenby for having a fantastic attitude and work ethic this year. Well done!

School Reports

The reports for Year 3 and Foundation 2 will be sent home on Monday – apologies for the delay. The absences referred to on the front of the report relate to sessions and not days. There are two sessions in a day. Apologies for any confusion caused.

Weekly Attendance Winners

The classes achieving the highest attendance were:

- in joint first place was Y2 and Y4 with 99.3% attendance over the week;
- In third place was F2 with 98.7% attendance over the week

Over the week our average pupil attendance was 97.3% which is above our target of 96%. This means that Bobby and Bertie will take turns visiting Y2 and Y4 and Elvis will be visiting F2 next week.

Achievements Outside School

Sonny Wilson and **Callum Foster** represented Sheffield in a national football tournament in Leicester, making it all the way through to the quarterfinals where they lost narrowly to Southampton, who went on to win the tournament. Both have been selected to continue playing for Sheffield boys'. Congratulations both of you – a fantastic achievement!

Thank You!

I would like to thank our PTFA for running a fantastic disco last Friday. Everyone seems to have enjoyed themselves hugely and it was a great success. I would like to thank the members of the PTFA for all the time they put into organising and running the event and for all the parents who came along to offer support.

Reminder

School closes on Tuesday 23rd July and reopens on Wednesday 4th September 2013.

Finally

As this is the last newsletter of the year I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and prayers over the year. I would like to thank the Governors, Father Paul, the Diocese and Local Authority and all my colleagues for all their dedication and support.

I would like thank Mrs Humphries, Mrs Buckley, Miss Hardman, Mrs Cope and Mrs Cooper for all their hard work and dedication as we bid them farewell. They will leave with all our best wishes.

Finally I would like to thank our fantastic children who each make our community the truly wonderful place it is. Be safe over the holiday and have lots of fun!

Best wishes to you all,

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