



St John Fisher Weekly News



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Visit of the HMI

On Tuesday we will be visited by an HMI who will be working with us whilst we progress out of our current 'Special Measures' category. He will be keen to get to know the school and understand the journey we have been on over the past twelve months and most importantly since the OFSTED report was published.

Pupil Premium & Free School Meals

The pupil Premium is fund established by the government which is awarded to schools so that they can offer additional support to children:

- Whose parents are serving in the military
- Who are 'looked after children'
- Eligible to free school meals.

If your child falls within one or more of these categories it is important that you contact school so that we can claim the premium on behalf of your child. We are obliged to share what we do to support children entitled to the Pupil Premium and demonstrate that we are doing all we can to maximise the opportunities for those children in school. I would like to reassure you that children in receipt of the premium are not singled out. On the contrary it can fund additional support in school that will ensure that they have the same opportunities as everyone else.

A letter will be sent home by Mrs Battams shortly explaining how you can claim free school meals if you feel that you could be entitled to them. Nationally it is an issue that many parents who are entitled to claim free school meals choose not to for fear that this will cause embarrassment to their children. Let me reassure you that the systems we have in place will not allow this to happen. I therefore urge you strongly to please claim free school meals if you are entitled. If you have any questions please get in touch (enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk).

Earrings & PE

Currently pupils are permitted to wear small, plain and simple silver or gold studs to school if they have their ears pierced. Pupils are not permitted to wear earrings or anything that dangles from their ear(s). They are also not permitted to wear brightly coloured plastic studs or anything with diamante etc.

Pupils are only allowed to wear small, plain and simple silver or gold studs.

Children are not permitted under school and local authority procedures to wear studs during PE lessons. They **MUST** be removed **by the child** before the lesson. The guidance does not allow them to use a sticky plaster to cover them and adults in school are not permitted to help them either. If your child cannot remove his/her own studs then we ask that they do not wear them at all on a PE day.

PE is an important curriculum subject and I am sure you will understand that it is not acceptable for children to miss it merely because they are wearing studs in their ears that they cannot remove.

PTFA Cheese and Wine

I would like to thank the PTFA for arranging yesterday evening's cheese and wine social. It was nice to see some new faces and I was delighted that we were also joined by a representative of the parish fund raising group. The PTFA has quickly established itself as a key part of our community in a very short space time and it was great to hear the chair, Donna Murphy talk about their great achievements and plans for the future. Donna and the PTFA extended a warm welcome to new parents and emphasised that anyone interested in getting involved in small ways or big would be made to feel very welcome. If you are interested in finding out more please speak to a member of the PTFA any time on the playground. All are welcome.



Golden Children

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

• F 2	Erin Gent for trying hard and for always being ready to learn!
• Year 1	Rafal Boratyn for working really hard in Read Write Inc; listening at Carpet Time and for having a go at writing all by himself!
• Year 2	Alfie Saxton-Clayton for persevering with his learning in mathematics and for always paying attention in Read Write inc!
• Year 3	Eden Hague for showing good learning behaviours, for being polite and hard working!
• Year 4	Joseph Holmeshaw for showing great learning behaviour and for being really independent!
• Year 5	Ciara Brady for really challenging herself in mathematics!
• Year 6	Jun Wu for giving one 100% effort in his work and dedication to school!

Parent and Carer Focus Group

Thank you to everyone who attended last night's meeting. It was great to welcome new members. The group is focusing on helping us review our anti-bullying and behaviour codes and policies so that they are parent and child friendly. The details of the next meeting will be notified to you in due course. All parents and carers are welcome.

Weekly Attendance Winners

For the week ending 13-09-13 the girls and boys of Year 5 achieved 100% attendance and so will be visited by Bobby Bear. In second place were the young people of Year 2 who managed 99.3% attendance and will be visited by Bertie Bear. In third place again were the children of Year 3 who managed 99.1% and will be visited by Elvis the Owl. Well done all of you!

The average attendance was 98.3% which beats our target of 96%. Well done everybody!

Welcome Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended the last two Welcome Meetings in Years 1 and 2 this week, and thank you to Ms Farrow and Miss McCann for all their hard work in preparing for them.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Next Thursday our liturgy will be led by the boys and girls of Year 3. The liturgy begins 9.00am and the parents and carers of children in Year 3 are most welcome to join us.

House Points

St Andrew	St David	St George	St Patrick
138	115	99	141

Achievements Outside School

- Isabelle Rolfe who left us in the summer and her brother Dominic both took part in the 5km Starlight Walk in aid of St Luke's Hospice in July. They raised a very impressive £250 in sponsorship for this worthwhile charity and everyone is extremely proud of them.
- Kiera Beck in Year 4 won the first place rosette at the Norton Show for 'Young Dog Handler of the Year' with her dog Taz, She also won the first place rosette for showing her pony Max in the 'Bonny Pony' category. Congratulations Kiera!
- Thomas Wood achieved his 20m breaststroke award for swimming! Thomas we are all very proud of you!
- Emily Cowlshaw has recently passed her level 2 ASA learn to swim award and is working towards her level 3.

Statement to Live By

Next week our statement to live by is: "**I can say how I feel.**"

Time to talk: Together you could explore why it is important to feel that you can say how you feel, especially if something does not seem quite right. Who can you turn to at home and at school if you need to tell?

Have a great weekend,

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt