

SJF NEWS

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Friday 20th December 2019 (Issue 15 - 2019/20)



Citizen of the Week

Today we enjoyed a special end of term Celebration Assembly to which the family and friends of children in all classes were invited. Our jam-packed school calendar meant that it had not been possible to have our Celebration Assembly for three weeks, so we presented three 'Citizen of the Week' awards on the final day. Congratulations to the three recipients:

- **Aalia** in **Y2** who received the award for **Friday 6th December 2019** for knowing how to work, rest and pray in line with that week's 'Statement to Live By'. Aalia is an excellent role-model, and always tries to do the right thing. She sets such a great example! Congratulations Aalia, what a superstar you are!
- **Florence** in **Y1** who received the award for **Friday 13th December 2019** for understanding that only the simple things that we give and receive, like hope, joy, love and peace, can truly make us happy, in line with our 'Statement to Live By' for that week. We are all so proud of you Florence, well done!
- **Bronte** in **Y3** who received the award for **Friday 20th December 2019** for understanding that everyone must continually try to reach out to (and love) one another, as we love ourselves, in line with that week's statement to live by. Congratulations Bronte! You have such a generous and kind spirit and you always put others first. Everyone is proud of you and grateful too for the fantastic example you give others!

Term 2 Smiley Scores

Week ending 13-12-19

St Andrew's House  461	St David's House  408	St Patrick's House  383	St George's House  405
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Week ending 20-12-19

St Andrew's House   515	St David's House  460	St Patrick's House  477	St George's House  471
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Congratulations to the young people of St Andrew's House, our Term 2 champions, who will enjoy some 'Golden Time' at the start of Term 3!

Calendar Reminders

The **SJF calendar** is available online on the Homepage and in two formats via these links:

- <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents-and-carers-zone/calendar/>
- [http://www.st-johnfisher.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/doclett-20180713194822-9030/SJF%20CALENDAR%20%20\(2018-2019\).pdf](http://www.st-johnfisher.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/doclett-20180713194822-9030/SJF%20CALENDAR%20%20(2018-2019).pdf)

06-01-20	• INSET Day (school closed to pupils for staff training)
07-01-20	• Start of Term 3 (School reopens to pupils with Wake Up Shake Up at 8.40am)
09-01-20	• No Liturgy (New Year Mass on 10-01-20)
07-01-20	• New Year Mass (9.30am, Our Lady of Lourdes – led by Y6)
16-01-20	• Y1 Liturgy (9.05am, School Hall) – family and friends of Y1 pupils are invited
17-01-20	• Y5 Celebration Assembly (9.05am, School Hall) – family and friends of Y5 pupils are invited
	• Y3 & Y4 visit to the Yorkshire Farming Museum (all day)



Our Catholic Life

SJF Annual New Year Mass

You are all invited to our New Year Mass on **Friday 10th January 2019**, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Mass will start at 9.30am. Thank you.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word The next 'Liturgy of the Word' will be on **Thursday 16th January 2020**. It will be led by the young people of **Y1** and we invite their family and friends to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am. Please note that there is no liturgy in the first week because of our annual New Year Mass on the Friday.

Celebration Assembly

The next Celebration Assembly will be on **Friday 17th January 2020** just after 9.00m in the School Hall. The family and friends of our **Y5** pupils are invited to join us.

Our January Prayer

In January we return to 'Ordinary Time' within the Catholic liturgical calendar. The prayer we will share during January will be the Agnus Dei or 'The Lamb of God'. The prayer is said during the most solemn and special part of the Catholic Mass, which we call 'The Liturgy of the Eucharist'. It is during this time that we are invited to recall the Last Supper, when Jesus transformed bread and wine in to His body and blood, for the very first time. The prayer reminds us that no one is beyond God's love, and that as a consequence of Jesus' death and resurrection our sins are forgiven. The prayer is therefore very special and important. The words are:



Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace

Reminders

Footwear

Children must wear black school shoes in school every day. Trainers (even all-black trainers) and high boots are not permitted. Children can wear them to/from school and at playtime but must wear shoes in school.

PE Uniform

Children must wear school PE uniform on PE days either from our two official suppliers (with the school logo) or from elsewhere as long as it is a completely plain. Items which are not bought from one of our two official suppliers must be **completely plain** and not 'designer' e.g. Adidas, Nike, Puma or have any additional labels, pictures, slogans and embellishments. The sweatshirt is burgundy and the jogging pants are **light** grey.

Labelling Uniform

Please ensure that **all** items of uniform are labelled clearly with children's names. It is a good idea to also label shoes (under the 'tongue' of the shoe) and underwear for younger children, as it can be identical. Thank you.

Jewellery & Earrings

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery and earrings to school, including on non-uniform days. The wearing of appropriate, sensible and practical children's watches is, of course, encouraged.



Our Official Uniform Suppliers



Follow either of the links below:

<https://www.logoleisurewear.com/index.php?route=product/category&path=113>

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/StJohnFisherCatholicPrimarySchoolS124HJ>

KS1 Nativity 2019

Congratulations to all the KS1 children in Years 1 and 2 who each played their important parts to make this year's nativity play; 'The INN-Spectors' so brilliant! They performed brilliantly and it was wonderful to see them express themselves so beautifully and with such confidence as they retold the Christmas story in front of family and friends. The dancing, singing and acting was all fantastic and I would like to thank my colleagues for their hard work and for the encouragement and support they gave to enable our children to enjoy themselves as they performed. More pictures are available via this link: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/nativity---the-inn-sprecors/>.



Achievements Outside of School

We celebrate achievements in and out of school. Whether they are big or small we love to publish them and share the good news. Please email them in via: enquiries@st-johnfisher.org. This week's achievements are:

- **Phelan** in **FS2** received a certificate recently for achieving the 'Octopus 1 standard in swimming. He also received the 'Messy of the Week' award in football. Congratulations Phelan!
- **Olivia O** in **Y1** recently received a certificate for working hard on her handwriting! Well done Olivia!
- **Luca** in **Y2** achieved the required standard to be awarded a Yellow Belt from Ki-Ma-Do Mixed Martial Arts and Kickboxing! Amazing achievement Luca, well done!
- **Jacob** in **Y4** decided to make everyone in school a bun before Christmas because he likes doing things for others! He made 260 cupcakes with the help of his mum and nan! Thank you Jacob!
- **Amelia** in **Y6** took part in her IDTA 'Silver 2' dance examinations, managing to pass (with Honours) in all four genres: Ballroom, Latin, Freestyle and Street Dance! Amazing achievements Amelia! Well done!
- **Tamzin** in **Y6** achieved the required standard to be awarded a Yellow Belt from Ki-Ma-Do Mixed Martial Arts and Kickboxing! Congratulations Tamzin!



Beat Your Best

The SJF Weekly Personal Challenge! Mr Johnson says:

This week's 'Beat Your Best' personal challenge was a variation of the popular game 'tig'. This challenge involved one person being in the middle of a coned and squared area. This person's objective was to try to *tig* as many children as possible in 30 seconds. The number of people *tigged* first time was and their challenge was to *tig* more people each time they repeated the challenge! It was great fun! Children not only got better at chasing others but also were better at avoiding being *tigged*.



Special mentions to the following managed to improve most during the challenge!

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Elliot Tilly	Jacob Lincoln	Erin Lexi	Daniel Isabelle	Phoenix Riley	Fred Sophie	Vilius

Term 2 Spelling Bee and Time Tables Rock Star Grand Finals



Well done to all our amazing Term 2 Grand Final qualifiers and congratulations to our Term 2 Champions:

- **Hibah** (Y6) our Term 2 Spelling Bee Champion (<http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/term-2-grand-final-spelling-bee/>)
- **Daniel** (Y5) our Term 2 Times Tables Rock Stars Champion (<http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/ft-rockstars/>)

(Please note that all finalists were only asked age-appropriate questions to ensure a level playing field)

Golden Children

FS2	Freya for excellent listening during 'carpet time'! Well done Freya!
Y1	Olivia for trying hard to listen actively and for being an amazing role-model for all the children in Y1! You are a star Olivia!
Y2	Luca for having a great final week and for being so supportive of his classmates – a great role-model!
Y3	Lena for always being kind and helpful to everyone in class! What a star you are!
Y4	Courtney for quietly getting on with her work in all lessons – and especially in Mathematics! keep it up superstar!
Y5	Jack for making an absolutely fantastic start to his SJF journey! We are so delighted he is now part of our family! Amazing!
Y6	Amelia for ALWAYS working hard and for never ever giving up! Amelia always tries her best, well done!



Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Drew	Lincoln	Alana	Jacob	Polly	Faith	Sami

KS2 Annual Community Carol Service 2019

Thank you to all the children in Years 3-6 and to my colleagues who worked so hard to prepare them in order to lead our annual Community Carol Service! Many children read texts they had written, describing, in precise detail, the events of the first Christmas. The singing and reading was spectacular and the church was packed with family and friends. Thank you for your support! Afterwards everyone enjoyed refreshments laid on by PTFA volunteers back at school! What a fantastic way to end the term and prepare for the Christmas Season! Please follow the link for more pictures: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/community-carol-service-2019/>



Weekly Attendance (06-12-19 to 13-12-19)

1st	Y1	98.9%
1st	Y5	98.9%
3rd	Y2	97.8%
3rd	Y6	97.8%
5th	Y4	97.1%
6th	Y3	95.4%
7th	FS2	94.4%

Target = 98% Average Attendance = 97.2%

Weekly Attendance (Final week of Term 2)

1st	Y1	98.0%	Bobby Bear will visit
2nd	Y4	94.7%	Brenda Bear will visit
3rd	Y5	94.3%	Elvis the Owl will visit
3rd	Y3	94.2%	
5th	Y6	93.5%	
6th	FS2	91.9%	
7th	Y2	91.7%	

Target = 98% Average Attendance = 94.0%

Term 2 Attendance

1st	Y6	96.4%
2nd	Y3	95.6%
3rd	Y2	95.1%
4th	Y4	94.7%
4th	Y5	94.7%
6th	FS2	94.5%
7th	Y1	93.8%

Target = 98%

Average = 95.0% (96.7%)

2018/19 Attendance

1st	Y6	97.0%
2nd	FS2	96.3%
3rd	Y3	96.3%
4th	Y2	96.0%
5th	Y1	95.9%
5th	Y5	95.5%
7th	Y4	95.4%

Target = 98%

Average = 96.1 (97.2%)

Get Set, GO!

1st	FS2	88%
2nd	Y3	86%
3rd	Y6	81%
4th	Y1	79%
4th	Y2	79%
6th	Y5	78%
7th	Y4	70%

Average = 80%

Get Set, GO!

1st	FS2	85%
2nd	Y5	81%
3rd	Y1	72%
3rd	Y4	72%
5th	Y3	67%
6th	Y2	65%
7th	Y6	62%

Average = 72%



The tables show attendance figures for each class. The figures in brackets in the blue and grey tables are the figures for last year. You will note that they are significantly lower. This is will be picked up.

There are just **190** school days in an academic year for learning, so **every** day counts. There are actually **175** non-school days to use for holidays and appointments where there is the flexibility to book outside of term time. Please ensure your child attends school every day s/he is well enough to attend. Thank you.



Statement to Live By

Our 'statement to live by' is:

'I try to follow school and classroom rules'

Time to talk: Why do we have rules? Do they actually help us?
 What would happen if there were no rules?
 How do rules help us and others to feel happy, safe and loved?
 What rules do you have at home?
 What rules does Jesus give us so that we can grow closer to Him?

**Knowledge speaks,
 but wisdom listens.**

The secret of being
Happy
 is accepting where
 you are in life and
 making the most
 out of everyday.

In Our Home
Always be honest

PROVERBS 12:22

Forgive and forget

MICAH 7:18

Be kind hearted

EPHESIANS 4:32

Keep your promises

ROMANS 4:21

Work hard

COLOSSIANS 3:23

Be thankful

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

Never give up

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

But most important

Love One Another

1 PETER 1:22

A reminder that school will be **closed** on Monday 6th January 2020 as it is a staff training (INSET) day. School will therefore reopen on Tuesday 7th January 2020, at 8.40am with 'Wake Up & Shake Up' on the school playground.

I would like to thank all my colleagues and our trainees for all their hard work and dedication over the first two terms; the Governors, Fr Paul, the PTFA and all volunteers who have worked so hard to support us in so many ways. I hope you all had a very peaceful and happy Christmas, and I pray that 2020 is a very happy, prosperous and healthy year for you.

Best wishes,
 Mr Barratt

