



St John Fisher News

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Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **William Ludlam** in **Y5** who has demonstrated that he understands the importance of living by school and classroom rules in line with this week's 'Statement to Live By'. William knows that rules exist to protect us. This week he has been very mature and used this knowledge to help others in a particularly important and special way. Congratulations, we are all very proud of you!

School Review

On Monday we will be visited by Mr Jamie Kilner who is working on behalf of the Diocese to review the performance of all schools in the Diocese as part of an ongoing rolling programme. Mr Kilner is an Ofsted inspector who is familiar with our community having visited us many times over the past four years.

Interim Pupil Reports

You should all have received pupil progress and achievement updates which relate to the outcomes of assessments completed by the children in December. At St John Fisher we aim to share updates after each assessment point as well as an annual end of year report so that you know exactly how your children are doing throughout the year, and what their individual targets and priorities are.

As you may know the previous national system of 'Levels', which many parents and carers had become familiar with, was removed and schools were instead tasked with introducing their own tracking systems. We invited parents and carers to help us develop a format as part of a Focus Group. However as this was a couple of years ago we would like to invite everyone to a **workshop** to bring you up-to-date about assessment and share information about our tracking system and report formats.

There will be two workshops on **Monday 13th February 2017**. The first will be straight after school at **3.30pm** and this will be repeated at **5.00pm**. Both workshops will take place in Mr Smith's Y6 classroom.

Please note that we will also be able to provide childcare during the first session. Thank you.

First Aid Notice

Here is a message from Mrs Pickering, our lead for First Aid:

I would like to remind parents that if your children are fit for school but might require additional pain relief during the first day or so after they return you are asked to contact me so that:

- ✓ *a care plan can be completed*
- ✓ *medications sent in to school are in their original packaging (with dosage information, box and information leaflet)*

This is to ensure that we are compliant with legal requirements. Please contact me if you have any concerns or questions, thank you.

Parent & Carer Questionnaires

Today was the last date for returning questionnaires and I would like to thank everyone who was able to respond. We will go through each of them and may contact some of you about your comments and feedback. I will also publish the results in due course both in the newsletter and on the website. Thank you.

Curriculum Overviews

The Term 3 Curriculum Overviews were sent out at the beginning of the week containing information about what your children will be learning in school this term along with tips on how you can support them at home. If you have skills, experiences, resources/artefacts and contacts linked to anything covered in the overview please get in touch. All offers of help are appreciated greatly. Thank you for your support.

Curriculum Exhibition

I would like to thank everyone who was able to join us for our curriculum exhibition yesterday. It is a great way to recognise, appreciate and celebrate the children's learning. I was so proud of the children both in terms of the work produced and of the way they acted as curators. It was really great to listen to them talk so enthusiastically about their learning. I would like to thank the children and my colleagues as well as the PTFA for laying on refreshments. I would also like to thank everyone who came along to support us.

Forthcoming Events

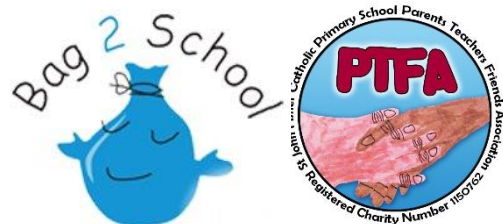
Don't forget that our calendar is on our website or via this link: www.st-johnfisher.org/parents/school-dates/

Bags2School

The PTFA would like to advise you of a change to the published dates of Bags2School this year.

Collections will now take place on:

- Friday 10th February 2017
- Friday 5th May 2017



Parent Advice and Support – Drop-in Sessions

Please remember that all parents and carers can access advice and support from the MAST Parent Support Team. There are weekly drop in sessions in the school library from **8.30am on Thursday mornings** which are open to everyone.

Advice can be on a wide range of issues, from general information about services available to Sheffield parents/carers to more personal and specific advice on parenting, housing, debt- management and coping with addiction etc. If you would like an appointment please speak to Mrs Asquith. Thank you.

Advice and support
for children and
families



Contact MAST when
your family needs
some extra help

Our Catholic Life

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next Liturgy of the Word will be led by the children of **FS2** on **Thursday 26th January 2017**. The family and friends of our **FS2** children are invited to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am on the day.

Celebration Assembly

We invite the family and friends of our Y6 children to join us for our Celebration Assembly next **Friday 27th January 2017** in the School Hall at 2.55pm.

Parish News

Please note that important information about services and events in our parish of Our Lady of Lourdes is available via the website: www.ourladyoflourdesheffield.org.uk.

Term 3 Smiley Scores So Far...



Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Mateusz Kepinski	Isobel Stoeman	Summer Marsden	Bethany Beatson	Max Peckham	Poppy Walton	Asia Robinson

Golden Children

FS2	Lena Zasina for showing improved confidence and for speaking lots more to adults! She is a super helper too and we are all very proud of her!
Year 1	Max Oadley for impressing Miss Kiernan and Mrs Pickering in Mathematics! Keep it up superstar!
Year 2	Oscar Diaz for trying to be the role-model for Y2 by completing his tasks on time! A great improvement Oscar, keep it up!
Year 3	Jia Robinson for trying really hard in all her lessons this week! Well done we are all very proud of you!
Year 4	Israel Adelanwa for having a better attitude towards his work! Well done, keep it up!
Year 5	Ben Forgo for being determined and for persevering in Mathematics this week! Keep it up superstar!
Year 6	Fran Needham for making a super effort with spelling in all his writing! Well done, keep it up!

PDSA Visit

Following the KS1 topic about animals and the KS2 involvement in Pet Club, Kaya from the PDSA will be visiting our school on Monday 23rd January in order to give various talks to each of our classes.

KS1 will learn about the five welfare needs of pets looking at the importance of feeding, training and looking after their pets.

KS2 will be finding out about animal heroes in terms of animals who support people with disabilities, war time bravery etc.

At home-time, Kaya will have a little stall outside (if weather permits) or in the library selling affordable items priced between 50p and £2.00 to raise money for the services that the PDSA provides for pets and their owners. We hope that you will have time to stop and perhaps support the work of the PDSA by purchasing a small souvenir for your child.



Achievements Outside of School

- **Eleanor Checkley** in **Y2** has achieved the Stage 4 ASA 'Learn to Swim' award! Congratulations!
- **Harry Cawthorne** in **Y3** achieved Level 7 at swimming which means he is now a lane swimmer! Congratulations Harry!
- **Tamzin Samba** in **Y3** took part in a festive spectacular as part of Susan's Dance Studios on Sunday 18th December! Well done Tamzin!

- **Laurie Paige** and **Odette Paige** in **Y4** took part in a special ceremony this week to mark the official handing over of local playing fields to the 'Fields in Trust' - the culmination of eight years' work to save local green spaces from development. Odette and Laurie have both played their part by planting trees. The final tree they helped to plant on Wednesday is a trembling poplar which grows around Israel. The trees' leaves move in the breeze and it is said to tremble because it is the tree from which the wood was taken to make the cross on which Jesus was crucified. The trees Hebrew name is Beca which is also the name of the Valley of the Weeping mentioned in Psalm 84. The Parks Department tree officer also gave a little speech about the tree.



Attendance This Week			
FS2		97.7%	
Year 1		95.4%	
Year 2		99.3%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
Year 3		97.3%	
Year 4		99.4%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
Year 5		97.2%	
Year 6		99.1%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week
Weekly Target	97%	This week's Average Attendance	97.9%

Even though our overall school average has dropped slightly compared to last week, it remains above 97%.

Thank you.

Young Voices

Last Friday a large group of our pupils from different classes took part in the 2017 Young Voices concert at the Sheffield Arena along with hundreds of pupils from different schools across the region to perform songs they had been learning over a number of weeks and to enjoy a variety of different musical and dance acts. Everyone had a fantastic time and the children were fantastic ambassadors of our school both in terms of their enthusiastic participation and their good manners. I would like to thank Miss Pendlebury, Mrs Asquith, Miss Kiernan, Mrs Ramsden and everyone who supported the children. I know everyone thoroughly enjoyed a very special evening!

Reading Awards

Well done to the children who have achieved a reading award for excellent home reading last term.

Bronze Award - for having a go and reading most weeks

FS2	• Priscilla Asumadu	• Connor Whitehead	• Emily Wood	• Lena Zasina
Y1	• Ruby Adelanwa • Azaan Javid	• Marika De Caro • Courtney Nyamande	• Lexi Gascoigne • Finley Page	• Tyler Hague
Y2	• Philemon Asumadu	• Faith Tough	• Mia Whitehead	
Y3	• Hibah Javid			
Y4				
Y5				
Y6	• Arianne Alfonso • Jack Green • Emma Watters	• Vinny Ambrose • Eden Hague	• Lucas Diaz • Joseph Hurst	• Hannah Downes • Abigail Morgan

Silver Award - for reading three or four times most weeks

FS2	• Frederick Field	• Oscar Nelson	• Isabelle Town	
Y1	• Alan Cudnowski • Maya Ptucha	• Polly Flude • Isobel Stoeman	• Alfie Marsden • Kiya Griffiths	• Giovanni Mukendi
Y2	• Dara Aloba	• Frederick Antwi	• Leon Chudzinski	• Taylor Shaw
Y3	• Bethany Beatson	• Tamzin Samba		
Y4	• Willis Stoeman			
Y5				
Y6	• Arianne Alfonso • Jack Green • Emma Watters	• Vinny Ambrose • Eden Hague	• Lucas Diaz • Joseph Hurst	• Hannah Downes • Abigail Morgan

Gold Award - for reading at least five times every week

FS2	• Cavani Alvaranga • Hannah Dworak • Finn Horsfield • Mateusz Kepinski • Lydia Prestige • Bronte Webb	• Mia Augustyniak • James Christopherson • Lola Harris-Shaw • Zack Mahovo • Lily Reaney	• Kathryn Beatson • Owen Ford • Alexia Houghton • Charlie Morgan • Edie-Mae Smith	• Ellie Beever • Ellie Beever • Logan Howells • Charlie Morgan • Isabella Walton
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Gold Award - for reading at least five times every week (continued)				
Y1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica Ball • Lacey Lou Lockety • Max Oadley • Olivia Whiteley 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filip Dworak • Caleb McAuley • Annabell Ost • Riley Wood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlie Emmett • Olivia Moomba • Phoenix Schmelz 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kessy Higiroy • Emily Murray • Dylan Steenson
Y2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marisa Avelino • Lottie Fitzpatrick • Daniel Hill • Jacob Nelson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alhamzah Al-Rammahi • Jacob Genita • Sophie Hemmingway • Emilia Rodgers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eleanor Checkley • Daisy Green • Summer Marsden 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Denham • Caitlin Hardy • Mike Masuka
Y3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phoebe Asumadu • Emily Cowlshaw • Isla Thompson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vilius Bagdonas • Archie Saxton-Clayton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophie Ball • Phoebe Kilbride 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitchell Clayton • Erin Gent
Y4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rafal Boratyn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack Swain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reuben Hasting-Quainoo 	
Y5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joel Broadhead • Owen Pack 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saffron Kilbride • Alfie Saxton-Clayton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ellie Cope • Isabelle Walton-Hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samuel Orbell • Jared Ward
Y6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mo Aloba • Francis Needham • Jack Waldron 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melissa Clayton • Isabella Ramsden • Isaac Woolhouse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jensen Gough • Evie Stamford 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kimi Hardy • Isaac Thompson

Crucial Crew 2017

This week the Y6 children took part in the annual Crucial Crew event in Rotherham. They participated in various activities facilitated by the Police, Fire and Rescue, and other health and community agencies and services. They learned more about online safety, first aid, the dangers of arson and what to do if trapped in a fire. They also participated in a mock courtroom scenario to see and experience what a Magistrates Court is like. All the children were impeccably behaved and enjoyed themselves and learned lots.

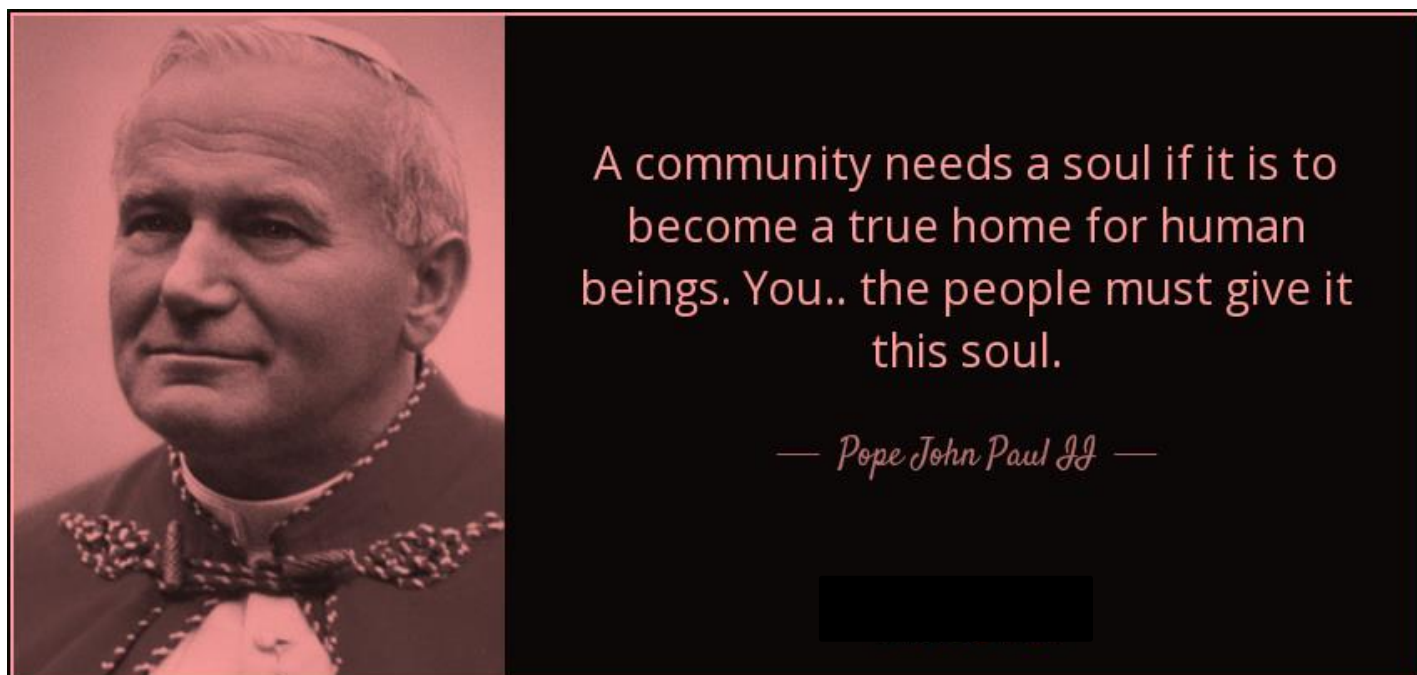
KIDZONE

Please see the attached notice from KIDZONE about the holiday club in the February holiday.

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **'I know I belong to a community that includes my school'**

Time to talk: Together why not think about what the word 'community' means and then use a dictionary to see if you are right? What makes a community strong and special? Why is our school a community? Who is in your community?



Have a fantastic weekend,
Mr Barratt