



# St John Fisher Weekly News



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## Apologies!

Please accept our apologies for the late distribution of last week's newsletter.

## Date for you Diary

You will find dates of most events in your school calendar, below is a breakdown of forthcoming events

• Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	✓ Welcome Meeting of the parents/carers of the new children joining our community (in FS2) in September 2014 at 6.00pm starting in the FS2 class
• Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	✓ Sports Day
• Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	✓ Taster days for the first group of children joining FS2 in September 2014
• Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	✓ (9.45am-2.30pm)
• Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	
• Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	✓ Taster days for the second group of children joining FS2 in September 2014
• Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	✓ (9.45am-2.30pm)
• Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	
• Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	✓ Theme 2 Exhibition in the school hall ✓ (9.00am)
• Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	✓ Leavers' Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church ✓ (7.00pm)
• Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	✓ End of year Mass of thanksgiving at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church ✓ (9.30am)

## Feast Day & First Holy Communion Mass

I would like to thank Father Paul for leading the celebration of Mass to celebrate the feast of our patron saint, St John Fisher and to pray for all the young people of our community who received Holy Communion for the first time recently. I would like to thank all the children, my colleagues and all the parents, carers and friends of the school who were able to join us for this very special occasion.

## Big Lunch 2014

I would like to express my thanks to our wonderful PTFA for organising our second annual 'Big Lunch' event on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Though the weather was mixed it just about held off and a good time was had by all. Thank you to everyone who joined us to support the event. It was a really happy occasion and an opportunity for us all to come together for the good of our school.



## Sportswear Day

I would also like to thank everyone who supported the Sportswear Day on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014. Everyone looked great dressed in their sportswear to raise money for our school. I would like to thank the PTFA for organising it and running the cake sales.

## A Message of Thanks

Mrs Orbell, mother of Sam in Year 2 asked if we could include a message of thanks in this newsletter.

*We would like to thank everyone who donated money to help our son Max. As many of you are aware, Max has a serious and undiagnosed neurological condition which has had a huge impact on his development especially his walking and speech. He also has severe learning difficulties.*

*We have been told that the sponsored toddler event, which was organised by Hackenthorpe Hall Nursery raised approximately £2000 for Max which will enable us to buy both indoor sensory equipment and outdoor toys which will benefit him both now and in the future.*

*Thank you so much for your donations. As a family we have been overwhelmed by everyone's generosity and support.*

Alison and Mark Orbell

## **Sport Day**

Our annual sports day takes place this Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014. On this day the children are asked to come to school wearing their **PE kits** rather than school uniform.

Please ensure that your child has a suitable hat (name inside) and is wearing sun protection cream before arriving at school. Children should also bring a named water bottle with them full with water (no juice etc) and water will be available to them all day as normal.

In the morning all the children will take part in a carousel of activities run by staff. This part is not open to parents. In the afternoon, when the competitions take place, you are all invited to join us.

- 1.00pm FS2 and KS1 (Years 1 and 2) event (gate open 12.50pm and closed at 1.00pm)
- 2.00pm KS2 (Years 3-6) event (gate open 1.50pm and 2.00pm)

The FS2/KS1 event takes place first. When it is finished the children will be taken back to classes by staff where they will each be given an ice pop by our PTFA. All children will then be supervised in their classrooms until the end of the day.

If you only have children in FS2 and KS1 you can take them home after their event is finished if this is more convenient. If you would like to do this you should make your way to his/her classroom and speak to the relevant teacher first. No children will be released before they have returned to class.

The KS2 event is scheduled to start at 2.00pm. Again, at the end the children will be taken back to their classrooms by staff first to gather their belongings and receive their ice pops before being released in the usual way out onto the playground.

It is important that you inform the class teacher beforehand if your child is being collected by someone who does not normally collect him/her.

I am very grateful to the PTFA who will be providing additional water to children as they participate in their competitions as well as refreshments for spectators. They will also be providing ice pops to children in their classes after the event free of charge.

**I also ask that you please remain in the parent's area at all times. My colleagues will take very good of the children. It is an important safeguarding point and so I really would appreciate your support and cooperation. Thank you.**

If the event is not taking place because of bad weather we will text you by midday. If you do not hear from us please assume that the event is going ahead. Let us hope the weather is kind and we all have lots of fun.

## **Achievements Outside of School**

- **Ruby Hayward** in Y2 has achieved her Stage 5 ASA Swimming award during the Spring Bank holiday. Congratulations Ruby – a fantastic achievement!
- **Sam Orbell** in Y2 achieved 50m swimming distance award! Well done Sam, we are all very proud of you!
- **Brody McConaghy** in Y4 is a member of the Dronfield and District cubs and recently he won the TOTEM competition. He is also a member of the Drakehouse Dragons FC and was named as the manager's player of the year! What fantastic achievements! We are all really proud of you Brody!
- **Evie Flint** in Y5 plays in the Sheffield Wednesday Ladies under 10s football team. This year they finished a close second in the league and defeated Sheffield Utd 3-1 in the cup final. As a result they appeared in both the Sheffield Star and the SWFC club programme and were invited to do a lap of honour with their cup in front of 23,000 fans before the end of the season. Evie managed to score 13 goals in both league and cup games even though she plays in defence mainly. What a great achievement, well done Evie!

## **NSPCC**

You still have time if you would like to return sponsorship money for the recent NSPCC campaign. The final amount raised will be disclosed to children at a special 'Thank You' assembly next Monday morning.

## **Weekly Liturgy of the Word**

Our next weekly liturgy of the Word will be on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June**. It will be led by the children of **Y5** and the family and friends of our Y5 children are invited to join us just after 9.00am in the hall. Thank you.

### Writing Champions

The children who have been named as champions this week for being enthusiastic and for making (or sustaining) improvements in their writing are:

Foundation 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Harry Cawthorne	Amna Javid	Ruby Hayward	Hannah Downes	Abigael Collins	Mia Pardo-Figueroa	Libby Kilbride
Evan Siner	Fraser Owens					
Archie Saxton-Clayton	Lola Pardo-Figueroa					

### Golden Children

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

• F 2	<b>James Hopkinson</b> for always being polite and listening well during group and class discussions!
• Year 1	<b>Odette Paige</b> for working really hard in phonics and Read Write Inc!
• Year 2	<b>Poppy Walton</b> for being a role-model and for doing fantastically well in her recent assessments!
• Year 3	<b>Hannah Downes</b> for trying really hard to settle and for working really hard!
• Year 4	<b>Joshua Mercer</b> for having a fantastic attitude this week. Great listening, learning and working. Well done!
• Year 5	<b>Sam Jephson</b> for being a great captain of his team at the Kwik Cricket competition!
• Year 6	<b>Finn Lodge</b> for always giving 100% in everything he does!

### Weekly Attendance Winners

For the week ending 13-06-14 the girls and boys of **Y4** were in first place with **100%** attendance and will be visited by Bobby Bear. In second place were the children of **Y2** with **98.6%** attendance and they will be visited by our Brenda Bear. In third place were the young people of **Y5** who were just behind with **97.1%** attendance and who will be visited by Elvis the Owl. The average overall attendance for the week rose to **95.9%** which is just short of our 96% target. Thank you for your support.

### Statement to Live By

When we come back after the holiday, our statement to live by will be: **"I try to be accepting of others."**

**Time to talk:** Together you could think about this statement and why it is important to be accepting of others. Perhaps you could try and list some reasons why some people might not be accepting of others. How might it feel not to be accepted and left out? What can we do in our school to make sure everyone is accepted for who they are?

Best wishes,

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