

# SJF NEWS

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## ★ Citizen of the Week

★ Our recipient this week is **Max** (Y4) who understand the importance of forgiveness in line with our 'Statement to Live' by this week. Max understands that because we are all human and will make mistakes at some point, forgiveness is key for mending bridges ad creating peace. He is generous in forgiving others and helps others who fall out, to be friends, by encouraging them to forgive one another! What a super example he is!

## PTFA Information Evening

You are invited to the PTFA's special information evening next **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019** in the hall. Refreshments will be served from **3.30pm** and the meeting will start soon after.

Children will be supervised by a member of staff in a classroom close by.

It will be a great opportunity to meet our PTFA members and find out what they do. It is also a good way to meet people and make new friends, especially if you are new to our community.

The PTFA is always looking for new members to boost numbers and help them develop new ideas for events and activities that will bring our community together and raise much-needed funds for our wonderful children.

Your commitment would not have to be a huge one in order to make a positive difference.

I cannot stress enough what a force for good an active PTFA can be to a school community – especially during times of financial hardship.



**Please support your PTFA!**

**Please support your school!**

**Please join us on Monday!**

**Thank you!**



### Forthcoming Events

Please refer to the **SJF calendar** via this link: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/calendar/2018---2019-calendars/>  
 Below is a summary of what is coming up:

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| <b>23-09-19</b> | • <b>PTFA Welcome Meeting</b> (3.30pm in the Hall) – all welcome (children will be supervised)   |
| <b>24-09-19</b> | • <b>The Oakes Y5 Residential</b> information meeting (3.30pm, Y5 classroom) for family friends of current <b>Y4</b> children                                    |
| <b>21-09-19</b> | • <b>Hollowford Y6 Residential</b> information meeting (3.30pm, Y6 classroom) for family friends of current <b>Y5</b> children                                   |
| <b>26-09-19</b> | • <b>FS2 Welcome Liturgy</b> (9.05pm in the Hall) – all FS2 family and friends welcome<br>• <b>FS2 Reading/Phonics Workshop</b> for parents/carers (3.30pm, FS2) |
| <b>27-09-19</b> | • <b>Y3 Celebration Assembly</b> (9.05am, Y3 classroom)  |
| <b>30-09-19</b> | • <b>Start of SJF Black History Month 2019</b>   |
| <b>01-10-19</b> | • <b>PTFA monthly meeting</b> (6.30pm in the Hall) – all welcome   |
| <b>03-10-19</b> | • <b>School photographer day</b><br>• <b>Y2 Reading Workshop</b> (3.30pm, Y2 classroom)  |
| <b>04-10-19</b> | • <b>Y4 Celebration Assembly</b> (9.05am in the Hall) – family/friends of Y4 children welcome  |
| <b>05-10-19</b> | • <b>SJF Open Morning</b> (3.30pm, Y6 classroom)   |
| <b>07-10-19</b> | • <b>Sex and Relationship Education</b> meeting for all parents/carers (3.30pm, Y6)  |

### School Lunches

Please remember that children's lunches must be ordered by *midnight* each Thursday for the following week. You do have the option to order for more than one week if you choose. Taylor Shaw met with our new School Council this week in order to discuss menus and share views on the choices available. Please remember to talk to your children about their meal choices so that we can avoid disappointments in school!



### Mission Together

'Mission Together' is one of our SJF House charities. This year it will be supported by the young people of St George's House (red). Mission Together is a charity that Bishop Ralph would like all Catholic primary schools to support. I was therefore delighted to welcome Mrs Anne Dunphy back to St John Fisher recently, in order to lead a special assembly at the beginning of term.

Mission Together is the Pope's official children's charity for overseas mission. Previously known as Holy Childhood, Mission Together has been working in Catholic schools and parishes worldwide since **1843**, encouraging children to pray, fundraise and become missionaries themselves - children helping children. Mission Together in England and Wales continues this tradition by providing spiritual and educational resources throughout the year focused on the Gospel, liturgical seasons and on their various overseas projects.

Please be generous in filling the boxes over the next few weeks with your loose change and encourage your visitors to do the same in support of this very special and worthwhile charity. Please follow this link to the website for more information: <https://missiontogether.org.uk/>. Thank you.



### SJF Open Morning 2019

Our next Opening Morning will be on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019**. If you know anyone who interested in finding out more about our special school please let them know and encourage them to come along and meet us. Please note that though we prioritise Catholic children we will also accept children of other Christian denominations, world faiths and those with no faith, if there are spaces, so please do encourage friends and family to come along whether they are Catholic or not.



We are especially interested in welcoming the parents/carers of children due to start school next September. It will be a good opportunity to meet children, staff, Governors and members of the PTFA. Thank you.

### Term 1 Smiley Scores

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| <b>St Andrew's House</b><br><br><span style="font-size: 2em; color: white;">161</span> | <b>St David's House</b><br><br><span style="font-size: 2em; color: orange;">99</span> | <b>St Patrick's House</b><br><br><span style="font-size: 2em; color: white;">110</span> | <b>St George's House</b><br><br><span style="font-size: 2em; color: white;">130</span> |
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### *House Captains 2019-2020*

|                  | Bethany & Oscar   | Isla & Maya   | James & Tamzin  | Bethany & Oscar   |
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| Emblem           |  |  |  |  |
| Head of House    | Miss D'Roza   | Mrs Raynes  | Mrs Pickering   | Mr Hawley   |
| Actual Feast Day | Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup><br>November 2019  | Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup><br>March 2020  | Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup><br>March 2020  | Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>April 2020   |
| SJF Colour Day   | <b>Members' Blue Day:</b><br>Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>December 2020                | <b>Members' Yellow Day:</b><br>Friday 28 <sup>th</sup><br>February 2020             | <b>Members' Green Day:</b><br>Friday 20 <sup>th</sup><br>March 2020                 | <b>Members' Red Day:</b><br>Monday 4 <sup>th</sup><br>May 2020                      |
| 2019/20 Charity  | <b>The Bishop's<br/>Good Shepherd<br/>Appeal 2020</b>                               | <b>MIND</b>   | <b>CAFOD</b>  | <b>Mission<br/>Together</b>   |

### REMINDER: Pupil Premium Grant

If you are (or have been) in receipt of benefits of one kind or another then your children might be entitled to a Pupil Premium Grant and free school meals. The grant is also available to children in care or those with parents serving in the UK armed forces. The grant provides school with much needed additional funds to support vulnerable children. It is therefore very important that you tell us, in confidence, if you are entitled to it.

Some eligible parents/carers of children in FS2/Y1/Y2 do not think they need to claim because their children are already receiving free school meals as part of the government infant free school meals scheme. This is wrong. It is important that these parents/carers also apply for the Pupil Premium Grant if they are entitled or we will not receive the additional funding that school could have. If you think you might be entitled please phone (01142485009) or email ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)) or speak confidentially to Mrs Ramsden or Mrs Birch in the School Office in order to find out more. Thank you.

### Lost Property

The 'Lost Property' box is full! Pleased look through it for items that might belong to your child(ren). Unclaimed and unnamed items will be resold or given to families in need. Thank you.



### Mathematics Workshop for Parents/Carers

You are all invited to two special a special mathematics workshops for parents and carers for parents/carers of children in all classes.

They take place on:

- **Wednesday 16th October 2019** (addition and subtraction)
- **Wednesday 6th November** (multiplication and division)

The workshops will be led by Mrs Holloway and Mrs Broadhead, supported by colleagues and will begin in the Y6 classroom or school hall, depending on numbers attending.

Please join us if you want to understand more fully how we teach the four operations of Mathematics at SJF throughout school.

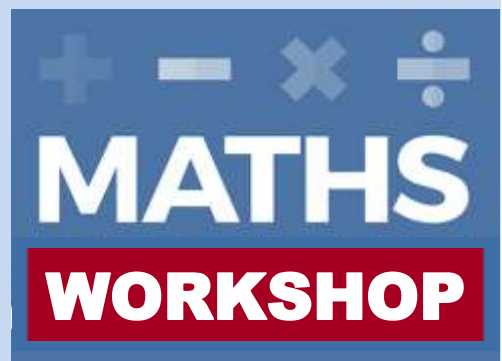
Obviously methods and approaches change and develop over time, so attending the workshops will bring you up to date with current thinking around modern approaches to teaching and learning, and particularly the drive to embed children's understanding of related mathematical vocabulary.

You will also be given tips on how you can support your children at home.

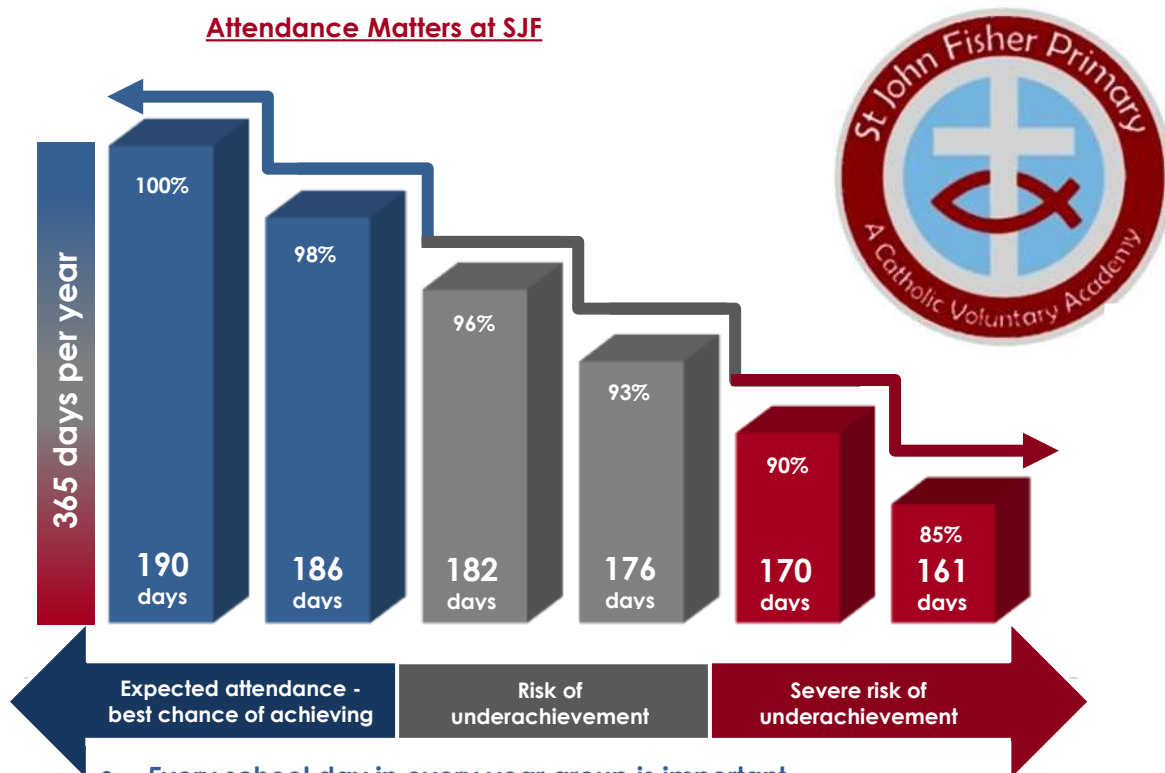
Please also join us if you struggle (or have struggled) with Mathematics and speak to one of us in confidence so that we can provide support and advice.

It would be helpful to know how many to expect so we would appreciate it if you could drop us a quick email to [enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) if you would like to come.

Supervised care will be offered to the children of those attending in another classroom close by. Thank you,



### Attendance Matters at SJF



- Every school day in every year group is important
- Holidays in term-time can have an impact on children and their progress
- 98%+ attendance is the target (186+ days) this year
- Try to have no more than 4 days off in a year
- **There are 175 non-school days for holidays and appointments** (where there is flexibility)
- **Good attenders tend to feel more happy and secure in school and achieve better**



## Catholic Life

### *September Prayer*

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee  
Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus  
Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen

### *'Coming In' Song*

Oh Lord hear my prayer, o Lord hear my prayer –  
When I call – answer me.  
Oh Lord hear my prayer, o Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me.



### *Weekly Liturgy of the Word*

Next week our liturgy will be led by the children of **FS2** supported by their buddies for their first ever liturgy! It is their official WELCOME liturgy and it takes place on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019**. As it promises to be a very special occasion we invite the family and friends of all our new FS2 children to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

### *Celebration Assembly*

We invite the family and friends of our **Y3** children to join us for our Celebration Assembly on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019** in the School Hall at 9.05am.

## Golden Children

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| <b>FS2</b> | <b>Caleb</b> for trying really hard to work as part of a team and for making such a great start to FS2! We are all very proud of him!         |
| <b>Y1</b>  | <b>Hyrum</b> for trying so hard and for putting a 100% effort into everything he is doing! We are all so proud of him!                        |
| <b>Y2</b>  | <b>Poppy</b> for showing true determination when tackling and completing her work! A great start!   |
| <b>Y3</b>  | <b>Bronte</b> for brilliant teamwork in all lessons and for always helping other people! What a star!   |
| <b>Y4</b>  | <b>Phoenix</b> for showing a mature attitude towards all his work and for listening so well!  |
| <b>Y5</b>  | <b>Caitlin</b> for having a fantastic attitude to learning and for always putting her hand up in class! Well done! A great example to others! |
| <b>Y6</b>  | <b>Archie</b> for having such a positive attitude in class! Keep it up Archie! We are all so proud of you for the great start you have made!  |

## Writing Champions

| FS2   | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3   | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|-------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|--------|
| Renaë | Jake   | Zayd   | Lily-Mae | Marika | Sophie | Sophie |

## PE & Sport @ SJF

### *Here is a message from Mr Johnson our new PE & Sport Apprentice*

Hello my name is Mr Johnson and I am your new Sports Apprentice. I am really excited to be working with all the students and hopefully share my passion for sports with you all! Children, make sure you look out for me at break-times as we will be doing different sports and fun games for everyone to join in with !

### *Sheffield Inter-School Cycling Competition (Mr Johnson)*

Earlier this week ten of our Y6 students took part in a cycling competition at Forge Valley. The day started off with an obstacle course involving all sorts of challenges, including a jump! They then had to weave in and out of cones as fast (and as accurately) as they could manage. Next our team had to complete two laps of the cycling track as fast as possible, working as a team. Our students performed brilliantly. Overall the SJF cycling team were excellent throughout and managed to secure third place which is a superb achievement!

Congratulations to everyone who took part and huge thanks to the parent volunteers for supporting us so we could take part in this fantastic event!





**Beat Your Best Challenge!**

This week's SJF weekly personal challenge was long jump! Congratulations to everyone who was involved. We will publish the results in the next.

**Wake UP! Shake Up!**

Please join in with the daily 'Wake Up! Shake Up!' session at around 8.40am each day! It is a great way to start the day!

| Attendance this week |     |                                   |                                  |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup>      | Y1  | 99.3%                             | Bobby Bear will visit next week  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>      | Y6  | 99.1%                             | Brenda Bear will visit next week |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>      | FS2 | 97.1%                             | Elvis Owl will visit next week   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>      | Y2  | 97.0%                             |                                  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>      | Y5  | 96.9%                             |                                  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>      | Y3  | 95.5%                             |                                  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>      | Y4  | 94.1%                             |                                  |
| <b>Target = 98%</b>  |     | <b>Average Attendance = 97.0%</b> |                                  |



| Get Set, GO!    |     |                      |  |
|-----------------|-----|----------------------|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Y6  | 96%                  |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Y1  | 95%                  |  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | FS2 | 90%                  |  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Y2  | 89%                  |  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Y5  | 89%                  |  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Y3  | 87%                  |  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Y4  | 86%                  |  |
|                 |     | <b>Average = 90%</b> |  |

**Achievements Outside of School**

Please send details of any of your children's achievements outside of school to us via our main email address ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)) and they will be included in the newsletter. It does not matter what the achievement is and whether it is big or small, if it is important to your child, then I would be delighted to share the good news and celebrate it!

**Statement to Live By**

Next week our 'statement to live by' continues the forgiveness theme. It is **"I know how to show I am sorry."**

A sincere apology has three parts:

I am sorry

It is my fault

What can I do to make it right?

LET THE CHURCH ALWAYS BE A PLACE OF MERCY AND HOPE, WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOMED, LOVED AND FORGIVEN.

- Pope Francis

**Time to talk:** You could think about what being sorry is really like.

- What does it mean to be truly sorry and how can we show that we are sorry?
- Why is it so hard to say sorry sometimes?
- Why does Jesus challenge us to say sorry when we have been unkind or unfair to others?
- How does it feel when you say sorry and are then forgiven?

A final thought...

*"When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down 'happy'. They told me I didn't understand the assignment and I told them they didn't understand life".*

**John Lennon**

Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt

