



# St John Fisher Weekly News



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## Staff News

I am delighted to inform you, that following a selection process, members of the Governing Body and our Diocesan partners appointed Mrs Evans as our permanent Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Evans is a key member of my team and has made such a huge contribution to our community and school improvement since starting in September. This appointment is fantastic news for our school as we continue our journey forwards.

## Bronze Awards

The following children managed to achieve their Bronze Award before Christmas. This means that they managed to earn 100 'smilies'. This week they received special certificates and enjoyed 'Bronze Time' with Miss Kiernan as a reward. The children were:

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| • Eesaa Din      | • Finlay Jones         | • Matthew Ford | • James Fitzpatrick     |
| • Ruby Hayward   | • Isabelle Walton-Hall | • Jack Waldron | • Áron Tóth-Simon       |
| • Hannah Moomba  | • Daphney Adebayo      | • Kiera Swift  | • Sara Mura             |
| • Abi Marchant   | • Evie Flint           | • Libby Hurst  | • Annabelle Langley     |
| • Leighton Gough | • Abigail Watters      | • Cerys Pope   | • Sophie Robinson-Oates |



The children who have achieved a Bronze Award since Christmas will have their 'Bronze Time' before the Easter holiday along with those who achieve their 'Silver Award'.

## Parent & Carer Meetings

I received lots of positive feedback about the format of parent's evenings especially that the atmosphere was calm, purposeful and focused. Those I talked to also liked the fact that they now receive regular pupil progress reports. I would like to thank my colleagues who worked so hard to prepare for the meetings as well as the PTFA for selling refreshments and for supervising a quiet space where children could watch films.

Mrs Asquith was on hand to talk about the six week support course for parents and carers, which is beginning in the first week back after the holiday. The course will provide an opportunity for parents to get together. The first session will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 9.15am to 11.15am. An email will be sent out to confirm the location. I am really pleased that a number of parents signed up and if you are interested in joining them or just finding out more, please speak to Mrs Asquith. Thank you.

## Feedback

During both parents' evenings there was an opportunity to give Ofsted feedback about our school via their Parent View website. You can give feedback at any time and it is my hope that you will meet with me if there is an issue that concerns so that I can investigate it thoroughly. Their website address is: [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/) or you can simply type 'Parent View' in to your preferred search engine. Ofsted, rightly, take the Parent View feedback very seriously, but it is separate to school. As we also value really your feedback, ideas and suggestions I urge you to contact me or join the Focus Group or PTFA if you would like to share your opinions and ideas. Thank you.



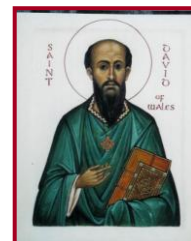
## Focus Group

You are all invited to the next meeting of the Focus Group on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** at 6.00pm here at school. The first task will be to complete the work on the school's Behaviour Policy before moving on to other issues. Miss Kiernan will be coordinating the group. Please contact her via [c.kiernan@stohnfisherlearning.co.uk](mailto:c.kiernan@stohnfisherlearning.co.uk) if you can attend or if you have any questions. Thank you for your continuing support. That evening Miss Kiernan will meet members at the new school entrance at just before 6.00pm.

## Yellow Day!

To celebrate the feast of St David (which is actually on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March) the children of St David's House do not have to wear school uniform on the first day back after the holiday (**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**) and instead are invited to come to school wearing something yellow.

**All other children should wear full school uniform on that day. Thank you.**



### Maths Workshops for Parents and Carers

Our calculation workshop will take place on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014** and focus on subtraction and addition strategies. Everyone is welcome. The demonstrations will last for 30 minutes before being repeated. This means that you will be able to see two different demonstrations if you have children in different year groups. Please contact us in confidence if you require any additional support. Thank you.

### The Big Sing

As I reported in last week's newsletter the Year 6 children took part in the 'Big Sing' last Friday. One of our pupils, David Sayers has written the following report about it:

*On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February Year 6 took part in 'The Big Sing Liturgy Thing' at All Saints catholic High School. As we got there we saw lots of other schools who were participating with us. Before lunch we sang lots of fun songs for example, 'This day' and 'Great big God'. After lunch we did the liturgy and it was great! I was the school representative and Libby Kilbride was our reader. It was a great experience!*

### House Points This Week

St Andrew	St David	St George	St Patrick
<b>Smilies This week</b>			
66	56	84	135
<b>Running Total</b>			
1037	921	1015	1031

### Golden Children

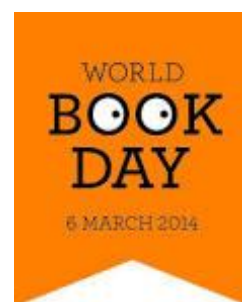
The class teachers added the names of the following children to our Golden Book this week:

• F 2	<b>Maya De Sousa</b> for always being ready to learn and join in with classroom activities!
• Year 1	<b>Rowan Lodge</b> for some fantastic writing about our alien Zug!
• Year 2	<b>Lily Sanders</b> for being very brave and really kind when her brother was poorly, and for looking after him so well!
• Year 3	<b>Ben Cartwright</b> for doing really well with his writing and for being an 'always' child!
• Year 4	<b>Dominic Rolfe</b> for making outstanding progress in writing this year. Keep it up!
• Year 5	<b>Thomas Wood</b> for his fantastic attitude to learning this week!
• Year 6	<b>Joseph Stamford</b> for having an excellent work ethic which has really made a difference to all he does in school. He has is a positive role-model to others!



### Links Partnership Sports Stars of the Week

The children who were identified as Sports Stars this week were Reuben Hastings-Quainoo, Ruby Hayward, Winnie Saxton and Oliver Peters. Congratulations all of you!



### World Book Day

I would like to remind you that it is 'World Book Day' on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March (The first Thursday back after the holiday). On that day the children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thanks Miss Rodgers, Miss Pugh, Mrs Asquith and Mrs Prentice for supporting our FS2 children as they led their first ever Liturgy of the Word this week. They were supported by their Year 4 buddies and did fantastically well. I was really proud of the girls and boys. It was great that so many were able to join us.

**Please note that there will be no liturgy in the first week back because it is World Book Day. Thank you.**

### Achievements Outside School

- **May Woodhouse** Y2 has achieved her 25m swimming (front crawl) distance badge and certificate. Wow! What an amazing achievement May, we are all very proud of you!

Please let us know if your child has an achievement that he or she is proud of so we can share it and celebrate it.

### 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
Sophie Ball	Joseph Kandare	Alex Ludlam & Joel Broadhead	Melissa Clayton	Noora Moshtael	Annabelle Langley	Sophie Tyree

### Collective Worship

During February we focused on Psalm 145 and the prayer of Mary (the Magnificat). For the first half of Lent we will be focusing on Psalm 18 (David's Song of Victory). The children's version is as follows:

*How I love you, Lord.  
You are my defender.  
The Lord is my protector  
He is my strong fortress.*

*My God is my protection and with him I am safe.  
He protects me like a shield;  
He defends me and keeps me safe.*

*I call to the Lord and he saves me from my enemies.  
Praise the Lord!*

As Lent is a special time of renewal and saying sorry we will also say the Confiteor. The words are as follows:

*I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters;  
That I have greatly sinned –  
In my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;  
Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, All the Angels and Saints and you, my brothers and sisters,  
To pray for me to the Lord our God, Amen*

### Statement to Live By

Next week our statement to live by is: **"I try to keep going when things are difficult and not give up."**

**Time to talk:** Can you think of a time when you wanted to achieve something hard and you stuck with it even though it might have been easier to just give up? Why is it important to keep going even when something is hard? Why do some people choose to give up? Who can we turn to if we feel like giving up? What would you say to encourage a friend to keep going if he or she was thinking of giving up? How does it feel when you achieve your goal?

### Weekly Attendance Winners

For the week ending 21-02-14 the girls and boys of **Y5** were in first place with **100%** attendance. They will be visited by Bobby Bear. In second place were the children of **Y6** with **99.3%** attendance and they will be visited by Brenda Bear! In third place were the young people of **FS2** who managed **98%** attendance and will be visited by Elvis the Owl. Congratulations all of you! The average overall attendance for the week was **95.6%** which is below our target of 96%, thank you.

Good attendance is vital and our target is a minimum of 96% and this is how each class did in Term 3.

September 2013 to February 2014 (Overall)			
FS2	96.7%	Y4	96.4%
Y1	94.8%	Y5	97.7%
Y2	97.5%	Y6	97.8%
Y3	96.5%	<b>Average</b>	<b>96.8%</b>

Term 3 (January & February 2014)			
FS2	97.3%	Y4	95.2%
Y1	92.2%	Y5	98%
Y2	97.3%	Y6	98%
Y3	96.7%	<b>Average</b>	<b>96.4%</b>

### Finally

I would like to wish you all the best for a fantastic holiday. I hope the weather is kind and you are able to enjoy some quality time all together. Thank you for your continuing support and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Please remember that those in St David's House can wear yellow.

Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt