



# St John Fisher News

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## CAFOD Assembly

Last Monday Andy Ogley from CAFOD came to lead our assembly. He took the theme **Hungry for Change** which is the CAFOD Lent theme this year. Mr Ogley told us about children living in other countries who are often hungry. Even though there is enough food in the world 1 in 8 do not have enough to eat because it is not shared out fairly.

Here is a prayer you could say with your child(ren) on this theme:



*Lord, we are hungry for change!  
Help us change our world –  
into a place of happiness and peace,  
where each person is valued  
and where our riches are shared.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord  
Amen*

## The Wednesday Word

I hope you like reading the Wednesday Word. It is one way we can work as a faith community to share Gospel messages with our children and families each week. I would like to remind you that we are distributing the leaflets as part of a seven week trial, after which I will be asking for feedback. There will be no cost to families.

## Community Easter Service

A reminder that our Community Easter Service will take place in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 2.45pm**. Father Paul has given permission for the service to be filmed and I am grateful to our PTFA who will be filming our service and covering arrangements for the distribution of DVDs afterwards.

## Vision and Mission

The response to our invitation to get involved with renewing our vision and mission has been fantastic! Thank you! My colleagues are now in the process of bringing all the ideas together, and we hopeful that we will achieve our ambitious Easter target for having a renewed vision and mission in place.

## Golden Children

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

• Foundation 2	<b>Eesaa Din</b> for always listening, sitting well and being an excellent role-model to others.
• Year 1	<b>Poppy Walton</b> for having an excellent attitude in all subjects and towards other children in the class.
• Year 2	<b>Emma Watters</b> for having an excellent attitude to her learning and for demonstrating good progress in all subject areas
• Year 3	<b>Matthew Bond</b> for his change in attitude towards his learning.
• Year 4	<b>Thomas Wood</b> for making excellent progress in mathematics.
• Year 5	<b>Cheryl Sigauke</b> for having an outstanding attitude to her learning in all subjects. She always challenges herself and perseveres when things are difficult.
• Year 6	<b>Victoria Hallut</b> for making excellent progress in mathematics.

### **Weekly Attendance Winners**

The classes achieving the highest attendance for the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> March were:

- In first place was Y1 with 98.3% attendance over the week
- In second place was Y6 with 95.9% attendance over the week
- In third place was Y3 with 95.0% attendance over the week

Over the week our average pupil attendance was 94.4% which is below our target of 96%.

This means that Bobby will be visiting Y1, Bertie will be visiting Y6 and Elvis will be visiting Y3 next week.

### **Statement to Live By**

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

**Time to talk:** You could talk about things that you have found really hard in your lives – problems that have seemed almost too big to see beyond. These problems can come in all shapes and sizes. They can be to do with learning and schoolwork, friendships, families and even ourselves. We talk about 'hope' as something that can help us get through a problem, but what is it? Who can we turn to for support? How can the tough times in our lives help us to each grow as children of God? As we ready ourselves for Holy Week it is perhaps helpful to reflect on the example of Jesus who faced so many challenges, but did not give hope.

### **Appeal for Dressing Up Clothes**

A reminder that if you have any unwanted but good quality dressing up clothes to donate to school for use in our role-play areas we would be very grateful. Thank you.

### **Living with Nature**

This week the children of Foundation 2 had an exciting time working with staff from the 'Living with Nature' project. They worked with natural materials such as twigs, moss, fir cones to make fantastic 'living letters' which will be used to decorate the nature trail at Dyke Vale Park. For anyone wishing to see the work, the nature trail is open to visitors and there will be an Easter egg hunt on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 1.00pm to 3.00pm in the park and surrounding woodland. All welcome.

### **Appeal for Spare Clothes**

If you have any good quality spare clothes for children to use if they have an accident in school. If your child has borrowed spare clothes I would be grateful if they could be washed and returned. Thank you.

### **Achievements Outside of School**

Finn Lodge competed in the Boys under 25kg Judo competition for the Steel City Judo Team and won a Silver Medal. Patrick received a certificate and medal for taking part in sessions for the younger children as he is not yet old enough to compete. Both boys were presented with their awards the Mayor of Rotherham. Well done boys, what great achievements!!

### **Thank You**

As I walked around school the other day I was struck by the number of people who were in school and giving so readily of their time to help us. We are a proud community here at St John Fisher; a parish school striving to be a beating heart in our community. The important links we have with our parish and wider community are key to our future development and success.

So, thank you to everyone who helps us in small ways and big: governors, Father Paul, the PTFA, reading and classroom volunteers – everyone. All you do is very much appreciated.

### **... and another Thank You**

Cid & Mo just wanted to say thank you for a fantastic World Book Day! Excellent costumes, brilliant behaviour and amazing ideas for stories. Keep writing!

Have a wonderful weekend,  
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