



# St John Fisher News

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## Citizen of the Week

This week's award goes to **Ethan Usher-Ashton** (Y1) for knowing how to show when he is sorry in line with our 'Statement to Live By'. Ethan is a good boy who loves school; enjoys learning and helping out in class and around school. He is good example. Well done, we are all very proud of you!

## 50p Friday

We have not had our 50p Friday for a couple of months so that we could focus support on Mary's Meals and the 'Backpack Appeal'. This month we will resume our charitable support for the four House charities.

Our next collection day will be **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016**.

On that day we would be grateful if the children could each bring in 50p which will be collected by the House Captains for their particular charity. This year has been designated by the Pope to be a 'Year of Mercy'. Mercy is not just about forgiveness, but about our compassion for the World in which we live. *"I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, sick and you took care of me in prison and you visited me....Indeed whenever you did this for the least of my people you did it for me."* (Matt 25:31-46). This is something which our Sunshine Chaplaincy Team will also be helping us to reflect on during the year.

## Supporting our Pupils with Nut Allergies

We have a number of children who have significant nut allergies. The allergies are potentially life-threatening. As a community we are working with the children and their families to manage the risks that are posed to them. In line with advice from 'Allergy UK' we would therefore be extremely grateful if parents/carers would consider the fact that some of our children live with these allergies when making choices about what to include in their children's packed lunches. If you have any queries about this please speak to Mrs Pickering, our lead for First Aid. Further information is also available from the following websites:

- [www.allergyuk.org](http://www.allergyuk.org)
- <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/food-allergy/Pages/Intro1.aspx>

Thank you.

## Free School Meals

Please remember that you can contact us any time if your circumstances change and you think that you might be entitled to claim income-based free school meals for your child(ren). We will offer you help and advice in confidence so that you receive the support that you are entitled to.

Children who receive income-based free school meals are not (nor have they ever been) singled out by the systems and processes we use.

Please note that if your child has free school meals because he/she is in FS2 or Years 1 and 2 it is still **very** important that you speak to us if you are also receiving income-based benefits. Your child could be entitled to the Pupil Premium which we will not be able to claim unless you notify us first. Thank you

## Term 3 Smiley Scores

<b>St Andrew's House</b>  <b>191</b>	<b>St David's House</b>  <b>141</b>	<b>St Patrick's House</b>  <b>265</b>	<b>St George's House</b>  <b>309</b>
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## Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for a Cleaning Assistant and Lunchtime Supervisor. For further information and/or an application pack please email us at [enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk). Thank you.

## Building Works

I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding as the building works have progressed. Inevitably there have been delays along the way with both the roof and toilet projects – this building is full of surprises! I am pleased to inform you that we are almost at the end of Phase 3. Throughout the works the children have been fantastic, as have my colleagues and I am very grateful to them all.

When I first started at St John Fisher I asked the children to tell me what they wanted to improve most about the building. The (almost) unanimous response was the children's toilets, so I am pleased that we have been able to finally deliver on this request.

The Department for Education is currently in the process of considering two new project proposals we have submitted to (i) update our old and inefficient heating system and (ii) to refurbish the old kitchen and the space around it, including 'The Ark' (our special nurture and inclusion area in the former School and Headteacher's offices). Competition for funds is intense but we have made a strong case and hope that we are successful. We should be notified of the result in around six weeks.

## School Closure Alerts

To receive instant school closure alerts you can sign up with the Sheffield City Council system via this link:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/register-for-alerts.html>

## Assemblies

### *Weekly Liturgy of the Word*

I would like to thank Mrs Darken, Mrs Prentice and the wonderful children of Y1 for leading yesterday's liturgy so beautifully. I would also like to thank Noora Moshtael and Lily Cox from Y6 for supporting them. You were all wonderful! I would also like to thank the family and friends of our children who were able to join us. Next week the Liturgy of the Word will be led by **Y5** on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016**. All parents, carers and friends of our Y5 children are invited to join us in the hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

### *Celebration Assembly*

Congratulations to everyone mentioned in today's assembly. Next **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January** the parents, carers, family and friends of the young people in **Y2** are invited at 2.50pm. Thank you.

## Golden Children

This week's Golden Children are:

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Caleb McCauley</b> for reading so fantastically well during the FS2 liturgy yesterday! Well done Caleb, what a superstar!
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Oscar Diaz</b> for working really hard and for being an enthusiastic and happy learner!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Ava Jones</b> for persevering with mathematics this week! Your efforts and hard work have really paid off!
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Millie Turner</b> for always doing the right thing – quietly and without fuss!
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Sam Orbell</b> for working hard to develop an amazing understanding of long multiplication! Well done!
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Isaac Thompson</b> for always working hard and for being so helpful! Isaac has a generous and kind spirit which is appreciated by everyone!
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Daphney Adebayo</b> for being caring and kind to everyone and for working hard in class! Well done superstar!

### Reading Volunteers

Many thanks to those who have already signed up to be a reading volunteer. If you have passed your details and not heard anything yet, Miss D'Roza will be contacting you shortly. If you would be interested in helping us please leave your details with my colleagues in the School Office in an envelope marked: 'Reading Volunteers – Miss D'Roza' and she will get back to you. All volunteers will be subject to the appropriate safeguarding checks. Thank you for your support.

### Achievements Outside of School

- **Tamzin Samba** in **Y2** has in fact progressed to Stage 5 in swimming and *not* Stage 3 as indicated in last week's newsletter. An excellent achievement Tamzin, congratulations!
- **Emily Cowlshaw** in **Y2** achieved her Level 7 swimming certificate! A brilliant achievement, well done!

### Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Isobel Stoeman	Eleanor Checkley	Bethany Beatson	Oliver Ost	Bertie Pickering & Harry Parkin	Francis Needham	Abigael Collins & Daphney Adebayo
Please look out for their fantastic work in the school hall						

### Special Awards

Alex Turner and Tamzin Samba received Headteacher's golden stickers at the Celebration Assembly today because I have been so impressed with both of them: Alex for trying really hard to produce an amazing piece of writing this week and Tamzin for being so consistently well-behaved and responsible.

### Attendance This Week

FS2	95.2%	
Year 1	95.9%	
Year 2	99.0%	Bobby Bear will visit next week!
Year 3	98.4%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week!
Year 4	98.8%	Brenda Bear will visit next week!
Year 5	96.9%	
Year 6	98.0%	
<b>Weekly Target</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>This week's Average Attendance</b> <b>97.5%</b>

### Top Table

This week's winning family - chosen by Mrs Bower and our lunchtime supervisors - is the Raven family! Congratulations to Faye, Lilly C, Ellie, May, Isabelle, Lily S, Lorenzo and Max. Well done!

### Pet Club

Our new 'Pet Protectors' have begun their sessions. Whilst learning about animals (and their five welfare needs) the children are also able to observe and ask questions about pets. This week 'Inca' Pardo- Figueroa joined us with her family. We learned that she is very obedient and can sit, shake paws and even give a 'high five'! She also has three beds! We think that she is definitely having *all* her welfare needs met!

### Children's Prayer Group

Since returning after the Christmas holiday the children are now able to join together in prayer each Thursday at lunchtime in 'The Ark' nurture room with Mrs Asquith. This week they have been learning about prayer through movement. A familiar hymn was chosen and then the children thought of movements we could use to symbolise the words of the hymn. The children found this quite different at first but soon were able to think of suitable movements to express the words of "Christ Be Our Light." All children are welcome.

### Easter Craft Club

The after-school sessions organised by Mrs Asquith will start at the beginning of Term 4 (straight after the next holiday) and letters will be sent out next week. If your child is interested in taking part please do not forget to return the slip. Thank you.

**Statement to Live By**

Next week our 'statement to live by' is "I try to follow our school and classroom rules."

**Time to talk:** Together you could think about rules. Why do we have them? How do they help us? What are some of the rules that we have in school? Can you think of some rules or laws in Britain? What would happen if there were no rules or laws? What rules do you have in your family?

THE RULES FOR BEING  
**AMAZING**

RISK MORE THAN IS REQUIRED LEARN MORE THAN IS NORMAL

BE **STRONG**. SHOW **COURAGE**.  
BREATHE. EXCEL. LOVE. LEAD.  
SPEAK YOUR TRUTH. LIVE YOUR VALUES.  
LAUGH. CRY. INNOVATE. **SIMPLIFY**.  
**ADORE MASTERY**. RELEASE MEDIOCRITY.  
AIM FOR **GENIUS**. STAY HUMBLE.  
**BE KINDER THAN EXPECTED**.  
DELIVER MORE THAN IS NEEDED.  
EXUDE PASSION. **SHATTER YOUR LIMITS**.  
**TRANSCEND YOUR FEARS**.  
INSPIRE OTHERS BY YOUR BIGNESS.  
DREAM BIG BUT START SMALL.  
ACT NOW **CHANGE** THE WORLD  
DON'T STOP

PosterGuy

FAMILY RULES

Always tell the truth  
**WORK HARD**  
Keep Your Promises  
Try New Things Don't Whine  
Laugh Out Loud  
Always say I Love You  
Use kind words Do Your Best  
Be Grateful Be Kind  
**BE PROUD OF YOURSELF**  
Say Please & Thank You  
remember you are LOVED

Enjoy your weekend.

Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt