

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

The week's recipient is **Alice** in **Y6** who understands the importance of being resilient and never giving up in line with this week's 'Statement to Live By'. Alice is such a positive learner and will never give up until she can achieve a goal. She understands that sometimes things can take more time and need more work, and she is comfortable with this. She also understands that it is ok to ask for help. Congratulations Alice!

Calendar Reminders

Our **SJF calendar** is available online on the Homepage of our website and in two formats via these links:

- <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents-and-carers-zone/calendar/>
- [http://www.st-johnfisher.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/doclett-20180713194822-9030/SJF%20CALENDAR%20%20\(2018-2019\).pdf](http://www.st-johnfisher.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/doclett-20180713194822-9030/SJF%20CALENDAR%20%20(2018-2019).pdf)

25-03-19	• Parent Support information – Mrs Pickering and specialist available (from 9.15am, 'The Ark')
27-03-19	• FS2 Important Reading Workshop (3.30pm, FS2 Classroom)
28-03-19	• Curriculum Exhibition (08.45, School Hall) – all invited! • PTFA Easter Egg Competition 2019
29-03-19	• Non-Uniform Day (£1+ per child) • End of Term 4
15-04-19	• Start of Term 5 (8.40am: Wake Up! Shake Up! 8.45am: Get Set, GO!) • Pupil Progress Review & Target-Setting Meetings (2.00pm – 5.00pm, School Hall)
16-04-19	• Pupil Progress Review & Target-Setting Meetings (5.00pm – 7.00pm, School Hall)
17-04-19	• Community Easter Service Dress Rehearsal (for pupils only)
18-04-19	• Maundy Thursday • Community Easter Service (Our Lady of Lourdes, 2.00pm for family/friends of Years 3-5 pupils)
19-04-19	• Good Friday (school closed)
22-04-19	• Easter Monday (school closed)
23-04-19	• Y6 Mock SATs Week (full attendance is especially important) • Y1 Phonics Meeting for parents and carers (3.30pm, Y1 classroom)
25-04-19	• No Liturgy of the Word (because of the Resurrection Mass)
26-04-19	• Resurrection Mass (9.30am, Our Lady of Lourdes) • No Celebration Assembly
23-04-19	• Y6 Mock SATs Week (full attendance is especially important) • Y1 Phonics Meeting for parents and carers (3.30pm, Y1 classroom)
29-04-19	• Red Day (for pupils of St George's House only carried forward from 23-04-19)

Term 4 House Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House  212	St David's House  210	St Patrick's House  232	St George's House  178
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Climbing Frames & Tyres

Please do **NOT** allow your children to use the climbing frame or tyres before and after school. Pupils using the equipment during the school day are supervised by school staff.

Pupils will be reminded, but we ask that you also support us. Thank you.

Collective Worship

Lenten Class Liturgies

If you would like to attend a liturgy please book through the School Office and arrive at 3.00pm. Thank you!

Tuesdays (Years 3 and 4)	Wednesdays (FS2, Years 5 and 6)	Thursdays (Years 1 and 2)
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Our Lenten Prayer: 'The Confiteor'

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.



Community Easter Service 2019

Our annual service will again take place at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, this time on **Mundy Thursday** (18-04-19). As in previous years it will be led by the young people of Years 3, 4 and 5 and will start promptly at **2.00pm**. It is not a ticketed event but as space in the church is limited we ask that only the family and friends of children involved attend. We thank Fr Paul for allowing us to use our beautiful church for this special service depicting the key events of Holy Week leading up to the crucifixion of Our Lord.

Annual Resurrection Mass 2019

We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with a special community Mass on **Friday 26th April 2019** at **9.30am** at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

Parish Life during Lent and Easter 2019

If you are looking to make this year's Lenten season extra special for you and your family you can use the link to find out what is happening in the parish website: www.ourladyoflourdesheffield.org.uk.

The Great SJF Penny War Fundraiser in Aid of 'The Good Shepherd Appeal'

Please support our great **2019 SJF Penny War** fundraising event in support the Bishop's annual 'Good Shepherd' appeal which supports small charities that provide a vital service to vulnerable people across South Yorkshire, north Derbyshire and north Nottinghamshire.

In our 'Penny War' the children collect pennies and two-pennies for their class. These are placed in class collecting tins at the start of the day. A penny is worth one point and a two-pence coin is worth two points. Silver coins can also be used by children to 'sabotage' another class' total. Silver coins placed in another class' tin will reduce its total. A 5p coin will reduce the total by 5 points; a 10p coin will reduce the total by 10 points; a pound coin will reduce it by 100 points; and a two-pound coin will reduce a class total by 200 points. Paper money can also be used to devastate another class' total! The tins will be opened at the end of Holy Week and the money counted. Silver coins and notes will be deducted. The class managing to collect the most points *after deductions* will earn a 'Golden afternoon'!

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

There is no liturgy next week because it is our Curriculum Exhibition. Our next 'Liturgy of the Word' will be on **Thursday 2nd May 2019** and will be led by **Y5**. We invite our Y5 families and friends to join us in the School Hall.

Celebration Assembly

Our next assembly is on **Friday 29th March 2019** just after 9.00m in the School Hall and we invite the family and friends of our **Y1** pupils to join us.



Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Luke	Poppy	Connor	Tyler	Faith	Emily C	Lola

Golden Children

The Golden children are chosen by teachers each week.

- FS2** **Charly** for trying really hard to do the right thing and for his grown-up and sensible behaviour on our school trip to the farm this week!
- Y1** **Bella-Rae** for trying so hard to work independently and for always wanting to do her best!
- Y2** **Logan** for trying so hard to complete his work independently and for writing a fabulous story about Jesus in the temple and everything that happened!
- Y3** **Polly** for being a superstar all week and for getting 'stuck in' at the Y3 inter-school sports day at the EIS this week. She showed some excellent teamwork!
- Y4** **Ethan U** for showing great maturity towards his learning – which is increasingly evident in his work too! Keep it up superstar!
- Y5** **Archie** for having such a wonderful "no fuss" resilient attitude to everything and for just getting on with things! A real star!
- Y6** **Owen** for making an excellent effort in all lessons and for making a massive improvement in his attitude to learning! Fantastic!

The Great St John Fisher Spelling Bee

Please support your children are learning their spellings in readiness for the 'Spelling Bee' competitions. Mrs Barrett will be back with us next week and so everything will be back on schedule. Who will be our first spelling 'Champion of Champions'?



Attendance this Week

1st	Y4	99.6%	Bobby Bear will visit
2nd	FS2	99.0%	Brenda Bear will visit
3rd	Y2	96.3%	Elvis the Owl will visit
4th	Y3	95.9%	
5th	Y1	92.5%	
6th	Y6	90.0%	
7th	Y5	81.7%	

Target = 98% **Average Attendance = 93.6%** ↓



Get Set, GO! from 8.45am

1st	Y4	92%
2nd	Y2	88%
3rd	FS2	86%
4th	Y3	84%
5th	Y6	82%
6th	Y1	79%
7th	Y5	72%

Average = 83% ↓

Achievements Outside of School

These can be posted in the foyer or emailed (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org). Remember it does not matter if the achievement is big or small, if it matters to your child then we will share and celebrate the good news!

Extreme Reading Challenge 2019

Thank you again to all those who entered the competition. Staff and Governors have been voting and the result will be shared in next week's newsletter. Thank you.

Family Fit Boot Camp

For the past month Mr Cross has run a 'Family Fit Boot Camp' after school for pupils and parents/carers. The sessions are on Thursdays at 3.30pm in the parish centre and last about an hour. There is an accessible circuit training session and a fun challenge. The emphasis is on having fun. The 'Family Fit Boot Camp' will continue for the remainder of the school year and it would great to see even more people attend.





Schools Funding Crisis

Last week a group of Sheffield Headteachers travelled down to Westminster to meet with local MPs; in order to raise awareness about the impact of funding cuts; and to lobby for greater funding for Sheffield schools.

They took with them a letter that all Sheffield Headteachers had signed on behalf of our children and families, which explained what the impact of these relentless real-terms funding cuts have been on them.

Our letter was also shared far and wide and so the Headteachers also took with them many messages of sympathy and encouragement from across the country for the particular plight that Sheffield schools face having lost out on more than £46 million in per pupil funding in recent years because of the Government cuts.

Please contact your local MP if you share our concerns and support our stance against school cuts and the continued underfunding of Sheffield schools.

The group of Headteachers is pictured with Paul Blomfield MP and Clive Betts MP outside the Downing Street gates in Westminster.



Y2 and Y3 LINKS Sports Day

Here is a message from Mrs Shepherd

On Wednesday and Thursday pupils from Y2 and Y3 travelled to the English Institute of Sport (EIS) in order to take part in a special LINKS sports day event. We took three teams from each class and were led through lots of fun and exciting activities – as we competed against pupils from other Sheffield schools. The day was action-packed and so much fun for everyone! We would like to say a big ‘thank you’ to the parent-volunteers who came along and helped us over both days.



School Council

Here is a message from Mr MacInnes.

This week the St John Fisher School Council hosted Councillor Denise Fox and Councillor Bryan Lodge. Councillors Fox and Lodge currently sit on Sheffield City Council. Our school councillors asked questions on a range of topics, from the importance of democracy to the responsibilities of Sheffield City Council. It was a fantastic learning experience and I would like to sincerely thank our visitors for taking the time to be with us.



Non-Uniform Day

Next Friday 29th March is the last day of Term so we will have a non-uniform day to help us cover some of the cost of last week's excellent author visit. Children are invited to dress down for a contribution of £1+ per pupil. Unfortunately it is increasingly difficult to simply cover the cost of special and important opportunities like author visits out of the school budget so any support you can offer with this would be appreciated greatly. Thank you.



SCHOOL GAMES

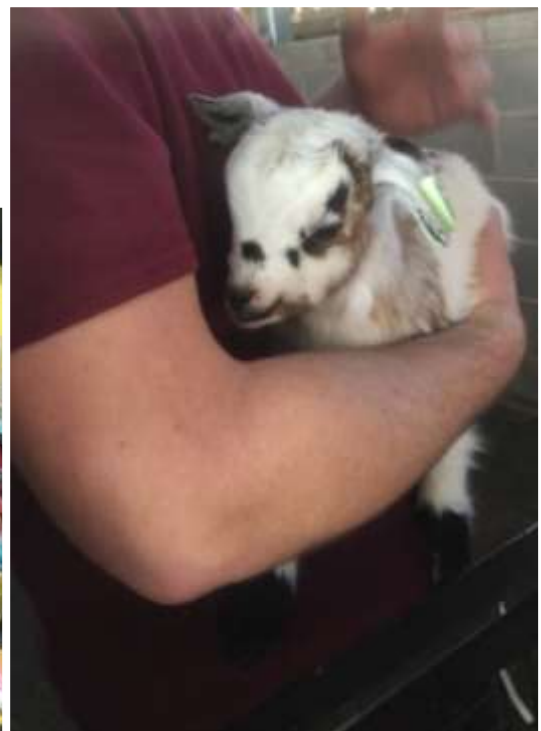
Sports Leaders' Blog

Use the links to check out our Sports Leaders' blog in order to keep up-to-date with SJF news and what is happening with the national 'School Games' programme:

- www.yourschoolgames.com
- <https://www.yourschoolgames.com/schools/st-john-fisher-catholic-primary-school-a-voluntary-academy/>

Aston Springs Farm

The pupils, staff and parent-volunteers had a lovely day at Aston Springs Farm this week, blessed with beautiful weather! The children were able to feed the goats, hens and meerkats. The children also saw two baby goats who were just two weeks old and they enjoyed being outside and just able to enjoy the spring sunshine. By the end of the day all the children were feeling very tired (and muddy) but they had lots of fun and learned a lot about farm animals. I would like to thank my colleagues and everyone who volunteered.



Curriculum Exhibition

I would like to remind you that our next exhibition is on **Thursday 28th March 2019** from 8.45am until 10.00am in the School Hall. Every class will display work completed since January and you can view the children's amazing writing which is always displayed at 'Writers' Corner'.

During the exhibition all the decorated eggs entered for the PTFA's annual Easter Egg competition will also be displayed. Our thanks go to the PTFA for their support. There is still time to enter. 'Eggs' are on sale after school each day in the playground. It costs just £1 to enter. Thank you.



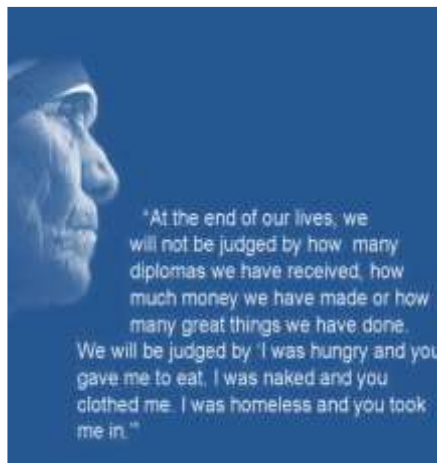
Parenting Support

Mrs Pickering has arranged a 'drop-in' session for all parents and carers on Monday 25th March 2019 in 'The Ark' in school. The purpose is to share general information and to offer help and support if parents require individual and even confidential advice – and also to listen to your thoughts and ideas for the sorts of things you would like to put on, make available and try to access. Mrs Pickering will be joined by a specialist advisor. Teas and coffees will be available, so please do try to pop in for a short while if you can. Thank you.

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **"I know when to ask for help and who to ask."**

Time to talk: Each of us has the right to feel happy, safe and loved every day. If something or someone makes us feel uneasy then we must tell. Who would you tell? Who can you trust to listen and help?



Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

