



# St John Fisher Weekly News



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## **Thank you**

Children came to school in their own clothes today to raise money for Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice. This is a wonderful cause and despite the short notice for the event, we think we have raised a significant amount of money. We will count the exact amount after the holiday. Thank you very much for your support.



## **PTFA News**

### **Big Lunch 2014**

Our PTFA welcome you all to their second annual 'Big Lunch' event which will take place on the lower school field on **Saturday 14th June 2014 from 1.00pm to 4.00pm**. All our families are invited, along with parishioners and everyone who lives around school, so please spread the word!

This year's event will be hosted by 'Big Al' and you are invited to bring a picnic lunch and watch the entertainment and join in with all the fun. There will be tea, coffee and other refreshments on sale as well as a raffle and tombola. There will also be some PTFA stalls.

If you or your children are involved in a group outside of school who would like to do a display, please contact Sally Watters via her email address: [sallyanne6480@sky.com](mailto:sallyanne6480@sky.com) as soon as possible. Examples of the sorts of clubs that might wish to do a display include dance, gymnastic and martial groups, but **all** are invited to get in touch.

### **PTFA Sportswear Day**

Thursday 19th June 2014 will be a non-uniform day when all the children will be invited to come to school dressed in their favourite sportswear in support of our PTFA. This is to mark the fact that the FIFA World Cup and Commonwealth Games are taking place this summer. Each child will be invited to make a voluntary £1 contribution. Children can wear football kits, dancewear or simply a tracksuit or t-shirt and shorts. There is no expectation that you will go out buy special clothes for specifically for this day.

Children are asked to bring 50p if they would like to buy a bun from the PTFA during the afternoon break. The PTFA will then sell what is left to parents/carers at the end of the day.

### **FS2 Update**

The path leading from the playground to the FS2 classroom will be re-done during this half-term holiday. Thank you for your patience and understanding while we have waited for this to be sorted out. A new fence will also go up to create a larger, natural outside environment which the FS2 children will have access to, in order to enhance their learning.

### **CBBC Joke Machine**

Earlier in the year, children from Y6 were involved in filming for a new programme, The Joke Machine, which will be aired on CBBC starting this Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> May. The programme makers have emailed us with proposed dates for the programmes involving St John Fisher children, but have stressed that because of the large number of episodes, CBBC have said that the dates and times could be subject to change. The series will start on Monday at 5.55pm and episodes will be airing chronologically from Monday to Friday. The producers suggest keeping an eye on the scheduling to look out for the episode numbers which will feature our children, but episodes and various images from the show will be available on i-player too, so you should definitely catch it!

The confirmed episode numbers for St John Fisher are the following -

**Episode 8 (Wednesday 4th June)**

**Episode 29 (est 4th July)**

The children, Mr Smith, Mrs Bower and Mrs Pinto were also thanked for their integral involvement in making the show. The makers commented on how polite, intelligent and, above all, witty the children were. As the company had stressed beforehand, unfortunately not all of the children's jokes will have made the final edit for a variety of reasons, including repeat jokes and tight duration, but the main thing is that all children enjoyed taking part in the experience.

### Feast Day/First Holy Communion Mass 2014

On Friday 20th June we will have our annual Mass to honour the feast of our patron and to give thanks for the children who have made their first Holy Communion. It will take place *in school* (rather than at church) and start at 2.00pm.

### Working with the Sheffield Wildlife Trust

A small group of our Year 6 and Year 5 children have been working with the Wildlife Trust to create artwork made out of natural materials to be displayed in the new development of the Dyke Vale Park. On 10<sup>th</sup> June the Year 6 members of the Team will be attending a conference to talk about their experiences and the objects they have completed. Later in the term the Year 5 children will represent us at the opening of the new development at the Dyke Vale Park. Well done children, we are very proud of your commitment and hard work.

### Sports Day

Sports day will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. The day will follow a similar format to that of previous years, with children taking part in different activities in the morning and then races in the afternoon. In honour of the Commonwealth Games taking place in Glasgow, there will be a Commonwealth theme for our sports day. We will send further details after the half term break.

### Achievements Outside of School

- **Patrick Lodge** in Y4 has attained his Level 6 swimming award and moved on to the next stage. Well done, Patrick!
- **Finn Lodge** won and then successfully defended his title in the putting competition at his golf lessons this week. Congratulations!
- **Elizabeth and Stella Avelino** completed a 5km Starlight walk on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May from Endcliffe Park to Forge Dam and back to support St Luke's Hospice charity. They walked with their mum and little sister, starting at 8.45pm and completing the walk at 11pm. We are all very proud of you, girls!

### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next weekly liturgy of the Word will be after the holidays, on **Thursday 12th June**. It will be led by the children of **Y6** and as always, the family and friends of those children are very welcome to join us in the school hall, just after 9.00am.



### Links Partnership Sports Stars of the Week

The children who were identified as Sports Stars this week were Reuben Hastings-Quainoo, Lola Pardo-Figueroa, Finlay Jones, Lily Sanders, Finley Mappin, Sam Orbell, Matthew Ford and Isaac Pattison. Congratulations!

### 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
Erin Gent	Lorenzo Dizon	May Woodhouse	Evie Stamford & Vinnie Ambrose	Zak Pilkington	David Crosby-Griffin	Norbert Boratyn

### Golden Children

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

• F 2	<b>Maksymilian Jasinski</b> for wonderful speaking and reading. Well done Max!
• Year 1	<b>Jack Swain</b> for being a really good friend and working well with others!
• Year 2	<b>Nedas Bagdonas</b> for excellent progress in his writing!
• Year 3	<b>Lucille Owens</b> for being polite, a good friend and a really valuable member of the class!
• Year 4	<b>Anca Nicula</b> for a superb piece of writing! Excellent handwriting, punctuation and word choices. Well done!
• Year 5	<b>Abigail Watters</b> for a great attitude towards her learning. She always gives 100%!
• Year 6	<b>Bethany Croft and Ipanda Kalyata</b> for excellent progress and development in their writing!

### Annual School Reports

As you know we have sent home mini reports detailing the children's progress etc. after each assessment point. The reason for this is to keep you informed and to give you an opportunity to raise an issue there and then whilst there is still time to deal with it. This sharing of information is a key part of our six-point assessment cycle which has been designed to be rigorous so that achievements can be recognised and celebrated

quickly and so that issues can also be addressed effectively. It is also important that you feel very much involved in it.

Staff are currently in the process of writing the children's annual reports which will take account of performance up to the fifth and most recent assessment point. The report has been adapted slightly since last year so that part of it now looks like the mini report that you are familiar with. These will be sent home at the end of June. Children up to and including Year 5 will have their final set of assessments in July so that we can measure performance over a whole academic year - which is fairer for the child as well as the teachers. This information will then be reported to you at the beginning of the next academic year. Thank you.

### **Weekly Attendance Winners**

For the week ending 23-05-14 the girls and boys of **Y2** were in first place with **97.9%** attendance and will be visited by Bobby Bear. In second place were the children of **Y3** with **97.8%** attendance and they will be visited by our Brenda Bear. In third place were the young people of **Y6** who were just behind with **97.3%** attendance and who will be visited by Elvis the Owl. Congratulations all of you! The average overall attendance for the week was **97%** which is above our target. Thank you for your continued support.

Good attendance is vital for ensuring good levels of pupil progress. It is for this reason that attendance is used to measure a schools' effectiveness. Our target is a minimum of 96% and this is how we have done over this term.

<b>Term 5 (April &amp; May 2014)</b>			
FS2	98.1%	Y4	98.1%
Y1	95.4%	Y5	97.2%
Y2	96.6%	Y6	98.9%
Y3	97.5%	<b>Average</b>	<b>97.4%</b>

Year 6 will have Golden Time next term!

From September our weekly attendance target will rise to 97% to meet increased government expectations.

### **Statement to Live By**

When we come back after the holiday, our statement to live by will be: **"I stand up for people who are being treated unfairly."**

**Time to talk:** Together, you can talk about this statement and why it is important. In how many different ways is it possible to stand up for someone else? What can you do if you see someone being treated unfairly? Who can help to stop people being treated unfairly, and who can you turn to if you are treated unfairly?

Have a wonderful half term break.