



St John Fisher News

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OFSTED Inspection

As you know we were inspected last Tuesday and Wednesday. Following all inspections the reports have to go through a moderation process. The planned publication date of our report is Wednesday 12th June 2013.

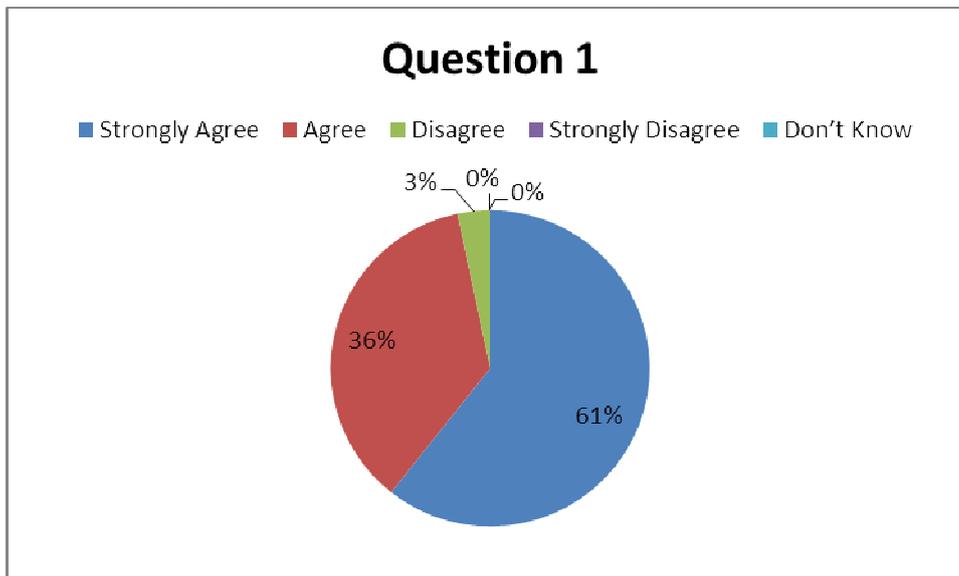
Parent and Carer Feedback

I would like to thank everyone who managed to complete the questionnaires I sent out at the end of last week. As we are informed of an inspection at midday the day before inspectors arrive I had no way of knowing that the inspection was taking place, so I would like to thank everyone who also contributed feedback via the OFSTED Parent View questionnaire.

Analysis of Questions

Question 1:

My child is happy at St John Fisher Catholic Primary School



The biggest areas of development from the feedback to the parents questionnaire have been in five main areas.

Development Area 1

(11) I receive valuable information about my child's progress.

30% of parents surveyed believe this to be a weakness of the school.

Development Area 2

(6) My child receives appropriate homework at St John Fisher Catholic Primary School.

18% of parents surveyed didn't have any knowledge of homework sent home by school.

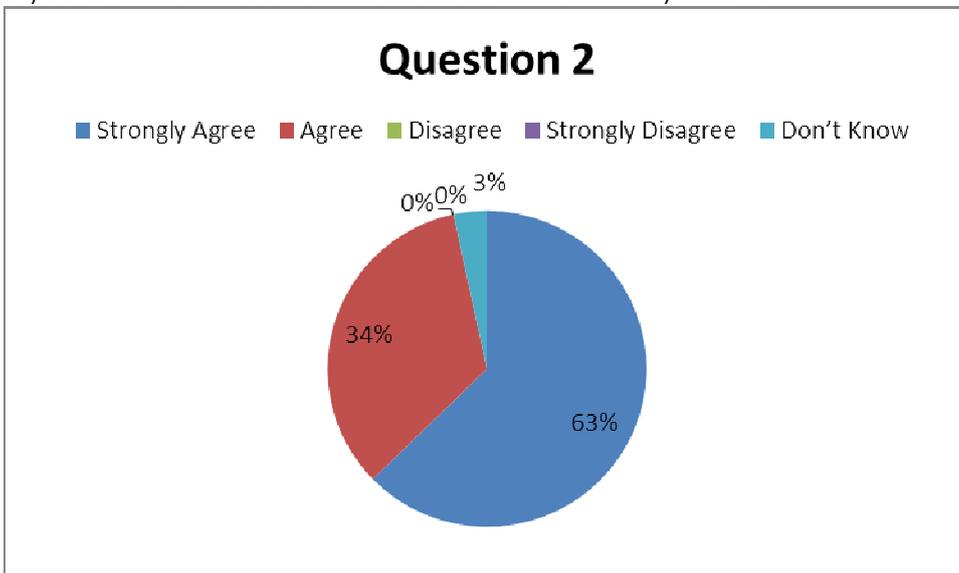
Development Area 3

(8) School deals effectively with bullying.

31% of the parents responded ticked the "Don't Know" box. This suggests that the school needs to do more to explain our policy and procedures and to promote anti-bullying information (and our response it) across the school community.

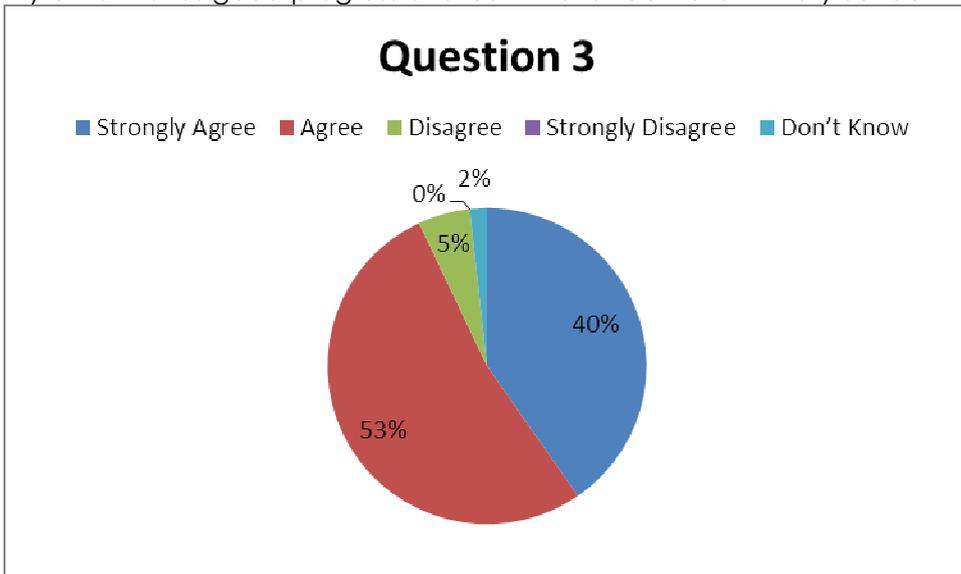
Question 2:

My child feels safe at St John Fisher Catholic Primary School



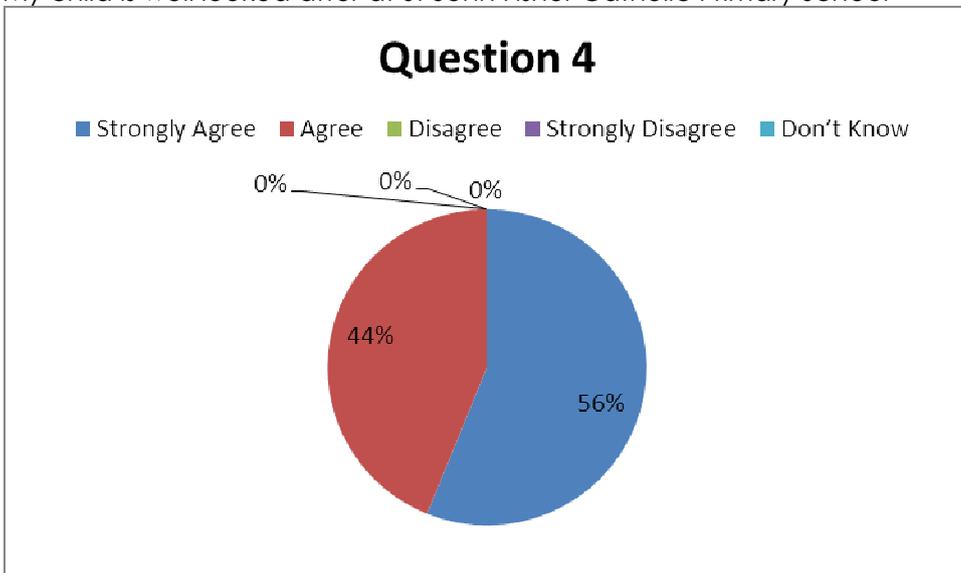
Question 3

My child makes good progress at St John Fisher Catholic Primary School



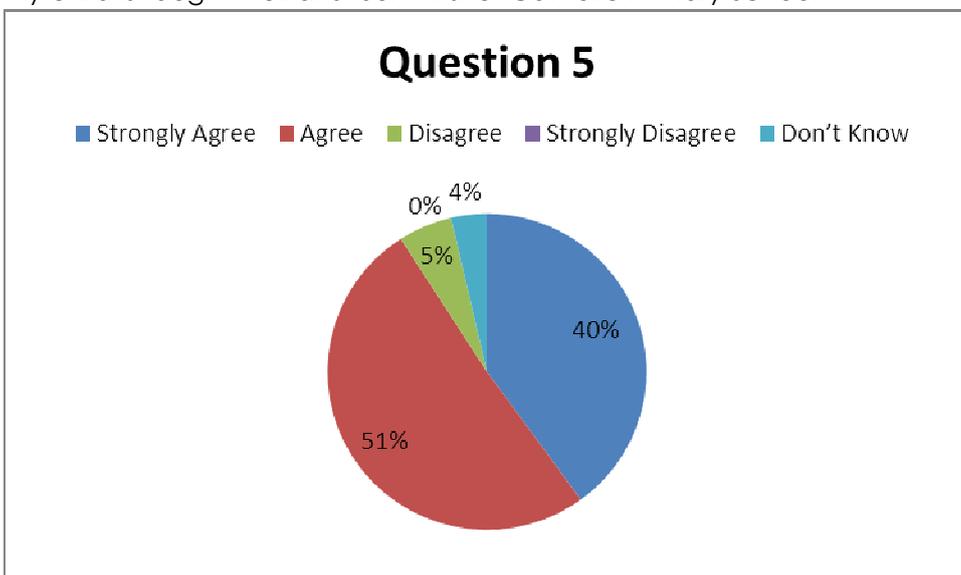
Question 4

My child is well looked after at St John Fisher Catholic Primary School



Question 5

My child is taught well at St John Fisher Catholic Primary School



Development Area 4

(8) School deals effectively with concerns I raise.

5% of respondents parents did not feel school responded in a supportive way to concerns that were raised and 18% didn't know if their concerns were dealt with effectively.

Development Area 5

(6) My child receives appropriate homework at St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

11% of respondents disagreed with this point

Clearly I have focused here on our development areas; the things you as parents and carers are concerned about. The key thing is that we deal with these issues – and are seen to deal with these issues – in an effective, transparent and inclusive way.

The responses also contained many positive comments regarding our provision and the changes that are being introduced to improve the school.

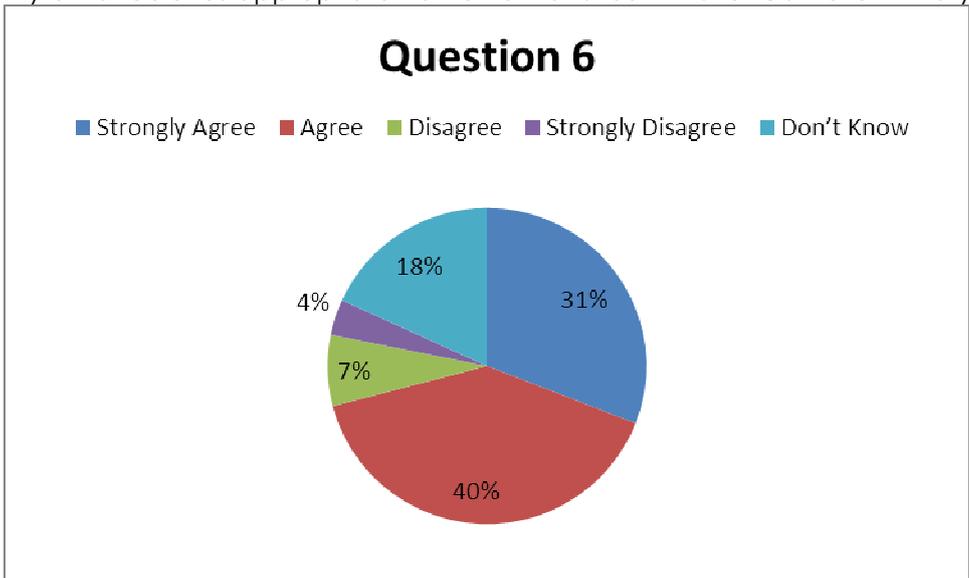
Focus Group

I would like to bring together interested parents and carers into a group that will focus on each of the key development areas identified in the questionnaire feedback.

Ideally the group will contain representatives from each year group. The group could meet at a time convenient for most or at different times so that as many people who choose to, can participate and contribute. We can also share ideas via email. Eventually the group will 'blog', but we are not quite there yet with the blog site.

Question 6

My child receives appropriate homework at St John Fisher Catholic Primary School



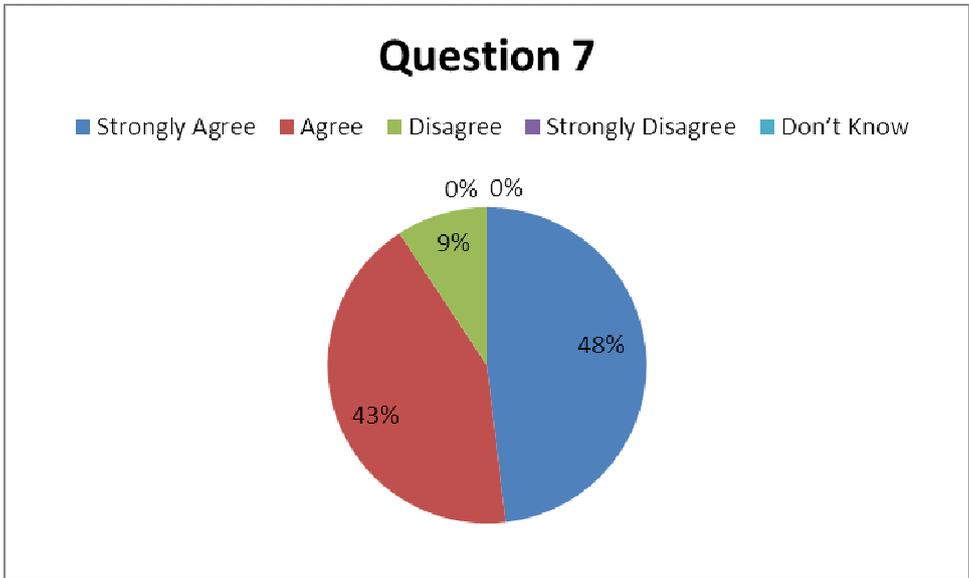
I will also ask the Focus Group to contribute their ideas for the future development of the web and blog sites so that they are as 'parent/carer-friendly' as possible.

The website address is: www.st-johnfisher.sheffield.sch.uk/

As a Catholic community school the views of parents and carers are always important. However, in terms of the way I want to develop St John Fisher, your involvement in school life is particularly important to me – and will continue to be in the future.

Question 7

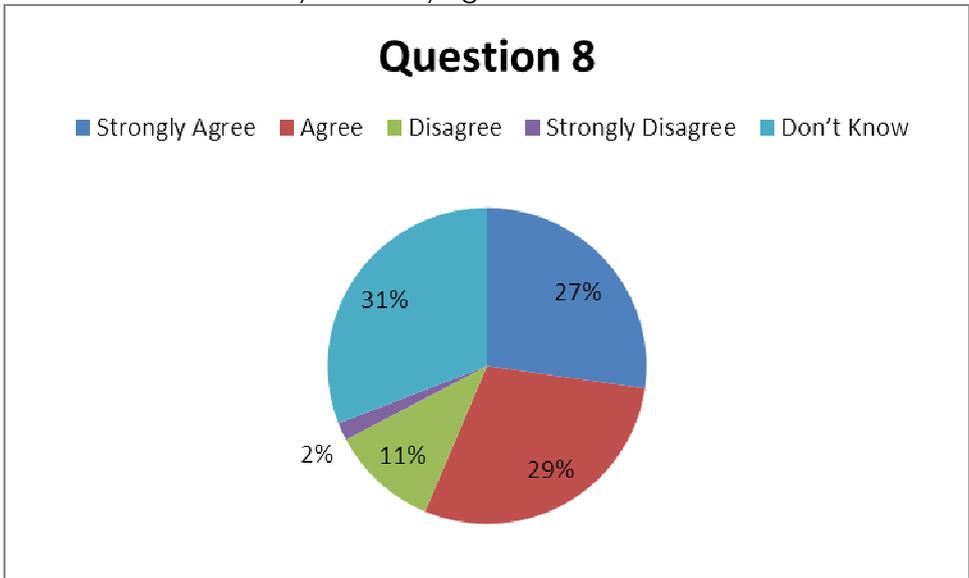
School makes sure children are well behaved



It is for this reason that under the 'PARENTS' heading on the website there is a direct link to the OFSTED Parent View website so that your feedback can be left continually in order to build a view of school over time.

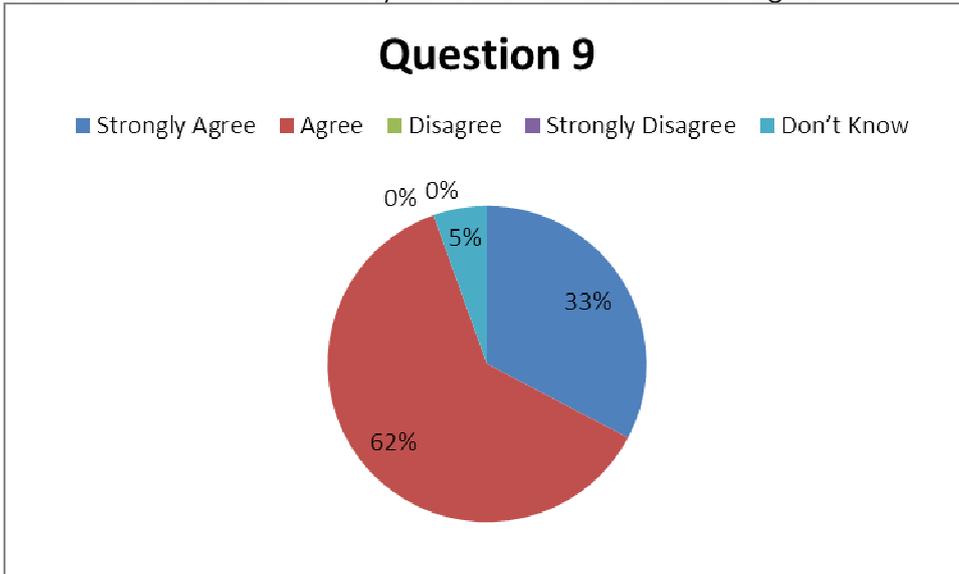
Question 8

School deals effectively with bullying



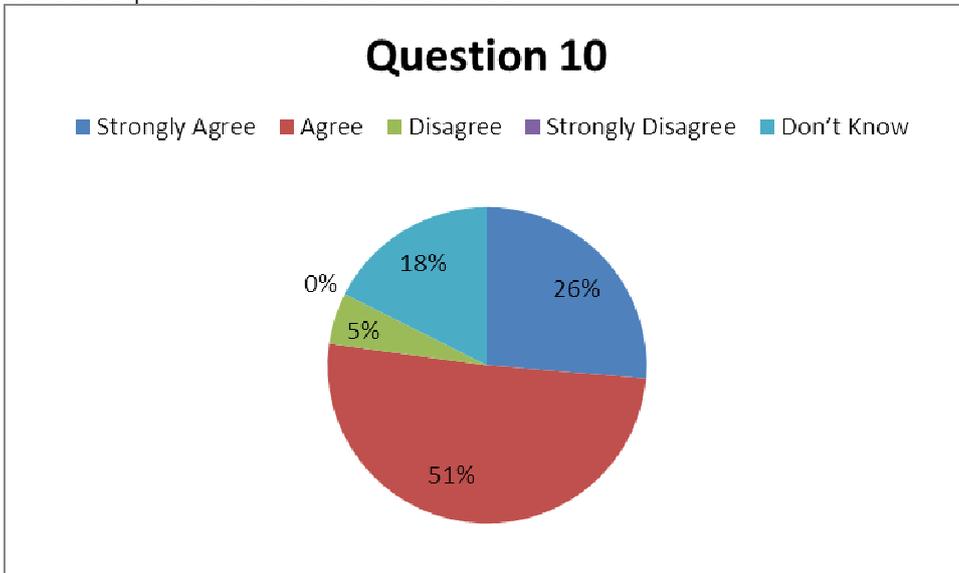
Question 9

St John Fisher Catholic Primary School is well led and managed



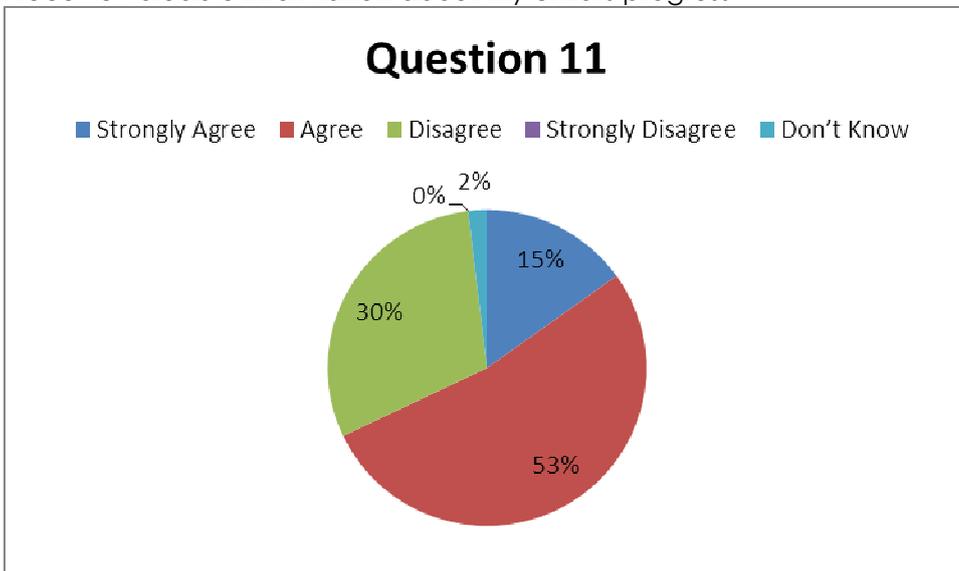
Question 10

School responds well to concerns I raise



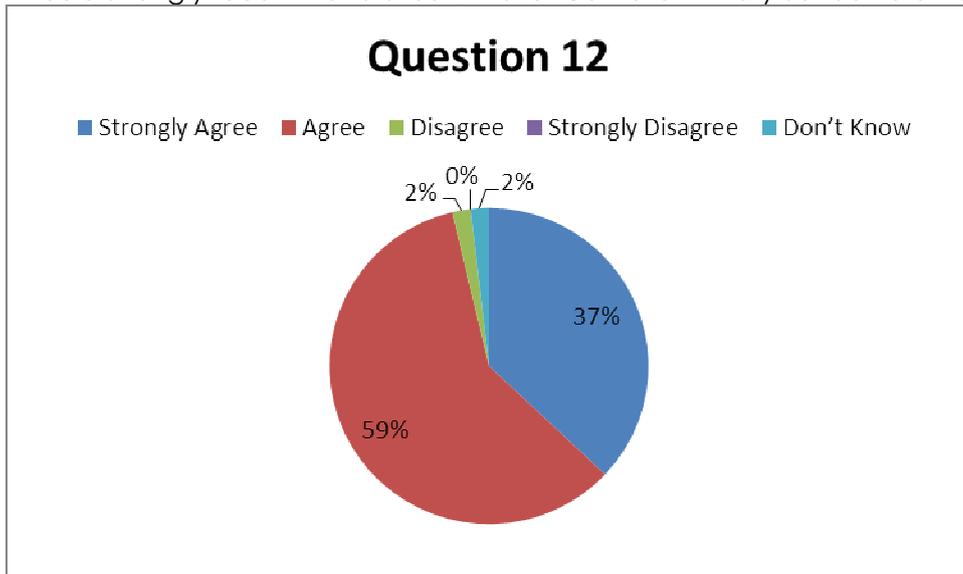
Question 11

I receive valuable information about my child's progress



Question 12

I would strongly recommend St John Fisher Catholic Primary School to other parents/carers



First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Lourdes

Last Saturday Miss McCann and I had the privilege of witnessing eighteen of our children receive the Sacrament of Communion for the first time. It was a very special occasion which brought families and friends together. The children all looked wonderful in their dresses and smart clothes. The service was great and it was an honour to have been present. I felt so proud and lucky to have shared in such an important moment in the lives of our young people and their families.

Our congratulations go to the following children:

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| James Williams | John Genita | Sam Devoti | Jack Harwood | Zak Pilkington |
| Fay Curtis | Luckie Musngi | Christiano Pinto | Nicole Mercado | Kiera Beck |
| Patrick Lodge | Keira Swift | Daryn Tirol | Dominic Rolfe | Stella Avelino |
| Elizabeth Avelino | Joseph Holmshaw | Daphney Adebayo | | |

Golden Children

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

• F 2	Thames Alexis for always looking smart and for working hard. His writing is particularly good!
• Year 1	Nedas Bagdana for working really hard in his Read Write Inc sessions and doing well in his test!
• Year 2	Ben Rogers for showing us how well he reads and challenges himself. He tried very hard to challenge himself during Mathematics on Monday!
• Year 3	Hannah Moomba for working extremely hard in all areas of her learning. Well done!
• Year 4	Reggie Pugh for making remarkable progress in all areas of his work and for achieving a fantastic score in Mathematics!
• Year 5	Jun Wu for working really hard on improving his punctuation in writing!
• Year 6	Sonny Wilson for always working hard and giving his best. A fantastic role-model to others!

PTFA News

You are all invited to join us for 'The Big Lunch' on **Sunday 2nd June** between 12pm and 4pm at school. We are also looking for donations of gifts for prizes, bottles of wine for the raffle as well as cakes and buns. Thank you!

Donna Murphy and Louise Ramsden

Parish News

You are warmly invited to a Healing Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Friday 31st May 2013 at 7:30pm with the Liverpool Advent Healing Ministry Team. All are welcome. After the celebration of Mass there is an opportunity to pray with some of the team for healing for yourself and for others. Anyone can come up for this. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards."

God Bless,
Fr. Paul

Curriculum Overviews and Progress & Achievement Summary Reports

As promised your child will bring home a 'Progress and Achievement Summary Report' for Assessment Point 4 (of 6) this evening. You will receive an update after each assessment point in future.

For information the children have just completed assessments for Assessment Point 5; the results of which are being collated and will be included in the main report. The results data from Assessment Point 6 will be shared at 1:1 meetings on our new reporting day in September – details to follow. The summary shows attainment at each of the four assessment points for Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

On the first day back your child will bring home a curriculum overview detailing what will be covered in class for the last half term of the year. It will also include suggestions for the ways you can support your child(ren) at home. I would be very interested to receive your feedback on both documents in person or via email: enquires@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk. Thank you.

Weekly Attendance Winners

The classes achieving the highest attendance for the week commencing 20 May were:

- In first place was Y6 with 99% attendance over the week
- In second place was Y5 with 96.8% attendance over the week
- In third place was Y3 with 96.6% attendance over the week

Over the week our average pupil attendance was 95.7% which is below our target of 96%. This means that Bobby will visit Y6, Bertie will be visiting Y5 and Elvis will be visiting Y3 next week.

Achievements Outside School

Joy Wieteska ran in the 3km fun run around the Don Valley Stadium. She helped to raise money for Breast cancer Relief. Joy also attends an athletics club at the Sheffield Institute of Sport and has achieved a 'Gold Standard' in teen athletics! Joy has also achieved a yellow belt in karate with the Sheffield Dragons in Woodhouse! What fantastic achievements Joy! Everyone is very proud of **you!**

Holly Longden and Grace Woodhouse competed in the UK Cheerleading Championships in Manchester last Saturday. Hundreds of teams competed but their team managed to come first out of the five teams in their group! Congratulations Holly and Grace, what an *amazing* achievement!

On Friday evening, Patrick Lodge was the first child to be awarded the new award of 'Judo player of the week' at Miramar Judo Club, Rotherham. Patrick was proudly presented with a trophy he will keep for a week. At training next week, Patrick will get to wear a special black belt for the session and will bow all of the children on to the mat to start and end of the session.

Library Update

Mrs Cope and Mrs Golland met members of our PTFA this week to discuss plans for the development of the library.

Statement to Live By

Our statement to live by when we return will be: **"I try to accept forgiveness from others."**

Time to talk: sometimes when we do something that we regret and are very sorry for it is hard to accept forgiveness from others we have hurt. It is also hard to forgive ourselves. Together you could talk about why it is as important to accept forgiveness as it is to offer it. Letting go of sins we have been forgiven for – and all the guilt that goes with it is very important.

Goodbye and Thanks...

On Thursday afternoon the community came together for a very special Gold Book Assembly. There was only one name in the book and that belonged to Mrs Dorothy Campbell. Dorothy has been associated with school, in one way or another, for more than fifty years! The link to school began when Dorothy's children started as pupils at the school. She then started work as a secretary in January 1965, retiring after 28 years at the end of 1993. She then began volunteering; helping in classes, listening to children read, baking with the children and helping on school trips. Dorothy has decided to stop working in school in order to spend more time with her four great-grandchildren and enjoying her garden. Dorothy will always be a special friend of St John Fisher and leaves with all our love, prayers and best wishes.

Finally

My best wishes to you all for a very happy and safe half-term holiday. I look forward to hearing from the children about all the exciting things they got up to when they return! If you can't wait perhaps you would like to email me at school attaching any photographs you have of the places you visit or the things you got up to: enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk. Thank you.