



St John Fisher News

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Farewell Class of 2017

Today we say goodbye to the young people of Y6! They are a very special group of young people who have contributed so positively to school life. We thank them for all they have contributed to our community this year and through all the years. We pray for them and their intentions as they are about to embark on the next exciting phase of their journeys. They leave with all our love and best wishes for the happy, successful and healthy futures they all deserve.

So farewell to:

- Arianne Alfonso
- Vinny Ambrose
- Melissa Clayton
- Lucas Diaz
- Jack Green
- Joe Hurst
- Olivia King
- Fran Needham
- Jenson Pugh
- Evie Stamford
- Emma Watters
- Mo Aloba
- Ben Cartwright
- Kayleigh Collins
- Hanna Downes
- Eden Hague
- Bitanga Kalyata
- Zarnetta Moomba
- William Oadley
- Isabella Ramsden
- Isaac Thompson
- Isaac Woolhouse
- Abdullah Al-Rammahi
- Ellie Cheetham
- Imogen Cranston
- Jensen Gough
- Kimi Hardy
- Julia Kepinska
- Abugail Morgan
- Lucy Owens
- Asia Robinson
- Jack Waldron

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.

Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.

It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.

We ask ourselves; who am I to be brilliant, talented, gorgeous and fabulous?

Actually, who are you not to be?

You are a child of God.

Your playing small does not serve the world...



...There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that others won't feel insecure around you.

We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It is not just in some of us; it is in everyone.

And as we let our own lights shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.

As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

Marianne Williamson



Staff News

Today we also bade farewell to Mrs Asquith and Mrs Drake.

Mrs Drake

Mrs Drake re-joined us for a second stint back in January. We were all delighted to welcome her back. We thank her for her hard work and dedication over the past seven months or so and wish lots of happiness and success in her new job. We also congratulate her on becoming a grandmother for the first time at the end of last week to baby Elizabeth May!

Mrs Asquith leaves us after six years' service ultimately to pursue new opportunities in healthcare and to care for her mother, who is very ill and her elderly father.

During her time with us Mrs Asquith has supported so many children and families with short, medium and longer-term issues. She has organised various parent/carer workshops and support programmes and has developed strong links our multi-agency partners including the School Health Service, Social Care and MAST.

Mrs Asquith has always been a keen advocate of our Catholic life and was responsible for the wonderful displays in our Sacred Space and around school created to mark the different seasons of the liturgical year and Sacramental events involving our children e.g. Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. As a staff, we take time to pray and reflect together regularly each week, and Mrs Asquith always contributed so positively.

When I started, I wanted to review the inclusion and special educational needs provision within our community. Together with Mrs Asquith and Miss Kiernan an ambitious vision was set that that both would become strengths of our school. This vision included the establishment of a high quality and dedicated area, which we now have ('The Ark'). The vision has been realised in that our inclusion and special needs provision has been recognised as a strength by OFSTED; the Diocese in the RE inspection; the local authority and our multi-agency partners; and - most importantly - by the children and families who have benefited most from our support. Though a huge team effort, Mrs Asquith's part has been so significant, and this is part of the rich legacy she leaves SJF. We owe her a huge debt of gratitude for her belief, focus, determination and resilience to ensure that this vision has been - and continues to be realised every day.

Mrs Asquith leaves a rich legacy of transformed lives; of inclusive education; of parents and carers



FS2 Graduation

Well done to all the children who took part in the FS2 graduation. You were all fantastic!
A very special thank you to Mrs Prentice for making the mortarboard hats and bookmarks. They were amazing and really made the occasion special.

End of Year Reports

End of year reports will come out for the whole school next week. As usual, we will be having parents meetings in September to discuss targets and settling in for the new school year.

From Hair to Wig

Last year (2016) Nadia Kamolli, in year five, donated her hair to a charity called "The Little Princess Trust." Nadia (Y5) has also donated her hair for a second time this year while she was on holiday in Poland to a charity called "Donate your Hair."

In Poland, Nadia went to the hairdresser and donated her hair she was so excited about it and she could not wait to help some poorly children and put a smile on their faces.



Year 5 University Trip

On Tuesday the 11th of July the year five pupils went on a school trip to the university Sheffield to learn about zebra fish or Danio Rerio.

First they looked at a picture of a human skeleton against a zebra fish skeleton (not actual skeletons) they looked through a microscope at zebra fish eggs.

Did you know zebra fish are used for testing medical drugs for illnesses? That's amazing, the new lab rats!





Secondly they watched some videos (about DNA deoxyribonucleic acid) then they had a tour around the zebra fish lab looking at what types they are of zebra fish they are striped spotty + striped.

They learn how to identify a male zebrafish and a female zebrafish. The boy zebrafish is long narrow and a little bit pink while the girl is shorter with a bigger belly.

The last but not least the final activity they did was harvest zebra fish eggs they got blue dyed water put the eggs in it and looked at them under a microscope.

"It inspired me to become a scientist," said Sam.

Calum said "I really want to learn more about fish DNA,"

Reported by Finley Mappin and Ben Forgo.

Parent Advice and Support – Drop-in Sessions

We continue to work with our partners from the Multi-Agency Support Team (MAST) to provide help, advice and support to all our parents and carers. There is a weekly drop-in session here at St John Fisher to support parents/carers on a wide range of different issues. The drop-in sessions are in our school library from **8.30am** on **Thursday** mornings, and they are open to all. If you would like an appointment please to Mrs Asquith.

Thank you.



Confirmation

Congratulations to the ten young people in Y6 who will make their confirmation at Our Lady of Lourdes church this evening at 7pm.

The Bishop will be presiding over this very special occasion and we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and inspire **Mo Aloba, Ben Cartwright, Lucy Owens, Bitanga Kalyata, Vinny Ambrose, Ellie Cheetham, Arianne Alfonso, Julia Kepinska, Melissa Clayton,** and **Jensen Gough** as they continue their journey in faith.

Term 6 Smiley Scores

<p>St Andrew's House</p>  <p>262</p>	<p>St David's House</p>  <p>268</p>	<p>St Patrick's House</p>  <p>276</p>	<p>St George's House</p>  <p>277</p>
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Our Catholic Life

Weekly Liturgy of the Word & FS2 Graduation

I would like to thank Mrs Darken, Mrs Prentice, Mrs Holloway and the children from FS2 and Year 5 who lead a wonderful Graduation liturgy yesterday. There will be no Liturgy next week.

End of Year Mass

We would therefore like to invite you to our 'End of Year' Mass on Friday 21st July 2017 at 9.30am in Our Lady of Lourdes

Celebration Assembly

Next Friday (21st July) we would like to invite the friends and family of our Y2 pupils to join us in the hall for Celebration Assembly at 2.55pm.

Parish News

A reminder that information about parish life is available via this link: www.ourladyoflourdesheffield.org.uk.

Achievements Outside of School

- **Tamzin Samba** in **Y3** received the 'Shark 3' certificate for fantastic achievements with swimming and water safety and also took part in a dance acrobatic workshop in June. Congratulations Tamzin, what a wonderful achievement.

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
James Christopherson	Marika DeCaro	Lottie Fitzpatrick	Molly Peckham	Millie Turner	Nedas Bagdonas	Arianne Alfonso

Golden Children

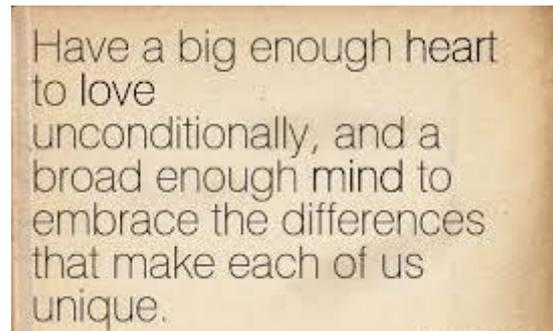
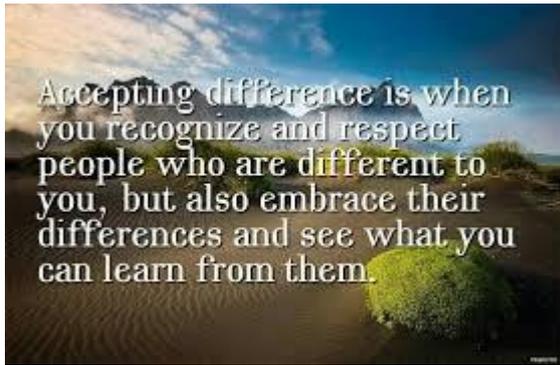
FS2	Lena Zasina for coming into class so beautifully in the morning and being so helpful. Well done Lena
Year 1	Kessy Higaro for always trying her best and having a positive attitude at all times.
Year 2	Sophie Hemmingway for a super attitude towards everything we do in school; enthusiasm exudes from every inch of her! You are a star.
Year 3	Ava Jones for her enthusiasm and eagerness to do everything to the best of her ability.
Year 4	Zuzanna Jasicka she has had a tremendous attitude to every subject and she always strives to do her very best.
Year 5	Jared Ward despite breaking his shoulder, Jared has worked hard this week and he's just got on with it. Great stuff Jared.
Year 6	Isaac Woolhouse for always working hard, especially in his writing which has really developed this year. Well done Isaac, you are well on your way to achieving your dream of being an author.

Attendance this Week			<p><i>This week's attendance is very disappointing with only one class above the target.</i></p> <p><i>Hopefully this will improve next week.</i></p>
FS2	89.3%		
Year 1	95.2%		
Year 2	91.2%	Bobby Bear will visit next week	
Year 3	94.0%		
Year 4	97.5%	Brenda Bear will visit next week	
Year 5	95.3%		
Year 6	93.1%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week	
Target	97%	This week's average attendance:	93.7%

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'Statement to Live By' will be **"I try to be accepting of others"**

Time to talk: Why is it very important to be accepting of others? Why is it important for others to be accepting of us? How would you feel if people did not accept you or judged you all the time? Why does Jesus call us to be accepting, kind and welcoming rather than judgemental and critical? If everyone is respectful and accepting of everyone else what kind of community will we have? What kind of world would we have? What would be different? What would be the same?



Have a great weekend!

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt