

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Eliana Kamolli** in **FS2** who is friendly and supportive to everyone in our school Community. This week's 'Statement to Live by' was 'I can tell you how I look after myself' and Eliana understands that it is important to make good choices about health and she is proactive in keeping herself healthy. Congratulations Eliana, we are all very proud of you!

Support and Advice Sessions

Sue Bernarde, our Parent Support worker has now moved on to a new role within the local authority. We thank her for all the help and support she has provided to our families and send her our best wishes and congratulations. The next support and advice session for parents and carers will be in school on Thursday 7th December from 8.30am – 9.30am.

If you would like to meet with a support worker from MAST (**M**ulti-**A**gency **S**upport **T**eam) in order to discuss any issue affecting you and/or your family, please contact us and book a meeting or call into the library (via the playground) on the day. Thank you.

Advice and support
for children and
families



Contact MAST when
your family needs
some extra help

Term 2 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House  272	St David's House  228	St Patrick's House  232	St George's House  248
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FS2 Phonics Workshop

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the workshop on Thursday! It was a great success!

Achievements Outside of School

- **Luca Samba** in **FS2** has achieved his Octopus 1 swimming certificate. Fantastic! well done Luca!
- **Ellie Beever** in **Y1** achieved the British Gymnastics Proficiency Award for Level 7! Congratulations Ellie!
- **Cavani** in **Y1** plays football and he recently received a special SWFC medal for playing well! Great achievement superstar!
- **Lola Harris-Shaw** in **Y1** managed to achieve her Level 1 'Super Swimmers' certificate. Congratulations Lola!
- **Bella Walton** in **Y1** has achieved a Level 8 gymnastics award. Well done Bella, a wonderful achievement!
- **Max Peckham** in **Y5** received an award for achieving the Stage 3 swimming standard; showing great attitude and determination. Well done Max!

Christmas Cards- A Message from the School Council

Here is a message from our School Council:

Your child's Christmas card design should be in their school bag.

If you would like to order cards or mugs, please send money or cheques in a clearly named envelope to school.

Please check that all the details of the design are correct.

*All money needs to be in school by **Wednesday 29th November**.*

This is a short deadline to ensure that all cards and mugs will be delivered in time for Christmas.

No orders can be taken after this date.

*Many thanks,
School Council*





Remembrance 2017

Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy as part of this year's national poppy appeal! Thank to your generosity a total of £72.44 was raised. This has been added to monies collected around the area for the appeal to make a grand district total of £2363.40 to support of the important work of the Royal British Legion helping ex-service personnel and their families. Thanks

IN SUPPORT OF



Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Connie Marsden	Mateusz Kepinski	Marika De Caro	Freddie Antwi	Evan Siner	Evie Ramsden Jack Swain	Jared Wood

Golden Children

FS2	Amelie Stoneman for excellent sharing of moon rocks and being an all-round star! Well done Amelie!
Y1	Logan Howells for always trying his best!
Y2	Azaan Javid for working hard in class, particularly with his writing.
Y3	Daisy Green for working hard in class and trying her best in everything. For learning from mistakes- always with a smile!
Y4	Amelia Denham for working hard in lessons and ignoring distraction around her!
Y5	Jack Oadley for always working really hard in class, particularly in our maths lesson yesterday, doing division!
Y6	Ben Fargo for working really hard in all lessons especially in improving his writing skills!

Tree Planting

On the 4th and 5th December 2017 staff from 'Two Sisters', Drakehouse will be helping us to plant the trees for our Diamond Jubilee. These have just arrived from the Woodland Trust. Every child will get to plant their own tree with the help of our volunteers and colleagues. Tree planting will take place on 4th and 5th December:

- ✓ **Monday 4th December:** FS2, Y3 and Y4
- ✓ **Tuesday 5th December:** Y1, Y2, Y5 and Y6

Please note that on their tree-planting day the children do not need to wear school uniform. Instead they can wear appropriate older clothes for working outside and bring NAMED wellington boots with them in a bag. We would be really grateful to anyone who can loan us garden spades for both days. We need 32. If you can lend us a garden spade, please send them in making sure everything is named. Thank you for your support.

Attendance this Week		
FS2	97.3%	
Year 1	96.8%	
Year 2	97.9%	Elvis the owl will be visiting next week
Year 3	98.0%	Brenda bear will be visiting next week
Year 4	97.5%	
Year 5	97.8%	
Year 6	98.0%	Bobby bear will be visiting next week
Target	97.5%	This week's average attendance: 97.6%

A close run contest for the top two spots- which came down to how many minutes after the bell all the children from the classes were in!



Collective Worship & Catholic Life

RE Inspection

On Wednesday 22nd November we welcomed back Mr Alan Dewhurst, from the Diocese of Hallam who originally came to school last December in order to lead a formal inspection and review of our RE curriculum and Catholic Life. You will recall that we received an outstanding grading. On Wednesday he returned for a post-inspection 'health' check and was welcomed by all our school community. We are delighted to report that the visit went well and we will share his findings as soon as we receive his confirmation letter.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

There is no liturgy next week as our annual Blessing of the Advent Wreaths takes place the next day.

Celebration Assembly

There will be no Celebration Assembly next week, as we will hold our Advent Wreath blessing. The next celebration assembly will be on **Friday 8th December**, and we invite the family and friends of our **Y4** children to join us from 2.55pm.

Annual Blessing of the Advent Wreaths

We are delighted to welcome Fr Paul to officiate at the blessing of this year's advent wreaths in a simple liturgy that will be led by our **Y4** children to mark the start of Advent. It will take place at **2.30pm** on **Friday 1st December 2017** in the **school hall** and the parents and friends of our Y4 children are invited to attend.

Advent

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

Advent is not as strict as Lent, and there are no rules for fasting, but it is meant to be a period of self-preparation. The purple colour associated with Advent is also the colour of penance. We are encouraged fast during the first two weeks of Advent in particular and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation or 'Confession'. Information is available via the parish website: www.ourladyoflourdessheffield.org.uk.

The colour of the Third Sunday of Advent is rose. This colour symbolises joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. The Third Sunday is a day of anticipatory celebration. It is formerly called "Gaudete" Sunday; which means "rejoice" in Latin.

Darkness & Light

The Advent candles readily demonstrate the strong contrast between darkness and light. In the Bible, Christ is referred to as the "Light of the World" contrasted with the darkness of sin.

Shape

The circular shape of the wreath, without beginning or end, symbolizes God's complete and unending love for us; a love that sent his Son into the world to redeem us from the curse of sin. It also represents eternal life which becomes ours through faith in Jesus Christ.

Number:

The Advent Wreath traditionally holds four candles which are lit, one at a time, on each of the four Sundays of the Advent season. Each candle represents 1000 years. Added together, the four candles symbolize the 4,000 years that humanity waited for the world's Savior; from Adam and Eve to Jesus, whose birth was foretold in the Old Testament. We also include a fifth white "Christ" candle, symbolizing purity, which is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas day.

Colour:

Violet is a liturgical colour that is used to signify a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice and is used during Advent and Lent.

The Four Weeks of Advent

- The **1st Sunday of Advent** symbolizes **Hope** with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.
- The **2nd Sunday of Advent** symbolizes **Faith** with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.
- The **3rd Sunday of Advent** symbolizes **Joy** with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.
- The **4th Sunday of Advent** symbolizes **Peace** with the "Angel's Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth and good will towards all!"



Advent & The Daily Advent Class Reflections

Our daily Advent reflections will start during the week beginning 4th December 2017. This is a lovely way to remember that the season of Advent is all about getting ready for the birth of Jesus. There will be reflections in each class every day.

Parents, carers, family and friends are welcome to join us on the following days to help parents/carers with children in multiple classes.

- ✓ **FS2:** Tuesday and Thursday
- ✓ **Years 1 & 2:** Monday and Tuesday
- ✓ **Years 3 & 4:** Monday and Wednesday
- ✓ **Years 5 & 6:** Monday and Thursday



Spaces are limited and should be booked on the day through the School Office if you wish to attend.

If you are attending, please arrive at **3.00pm** so you are on time for a 3.10pm start as we won't be able to interrupt once the reflection has begun. Thank you for your support.

Important Reminders

Class Dojo

Many parents/carers/children have already signed up to the new Class Dojo app and the children are really excited by the updates from the new smiley system we have introduced.

We are currently trialling this system. Please let us know what you think.

We ask that parents/carers wishing to contact class teachers directly regarding a non-urgent matter continue to use class emails only. Please remember that teachers will aim to respond to these non-urgent enquiries within 48 hours. They will not respond after 5pm, on INSET days, at weekends or during the holidays. If the matter is important, or you require an urgent response, please do not use the class email address, instead, please contact the School Office directly. Thank you.

Please do **not** use the app to contact staff. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Snacks

Children in FS2 and Years 1 and 2 are provided with healthy snacks daily. This is usually a piece of fruit or raw vegetables. Older children are also encouraged to bring pieces of fruit or raw vegetables. Pupils are **not** allowed to bring nuts, yoghurt/chocolate covered raisins, sweets, crisps, chocolate or biscuits etc.

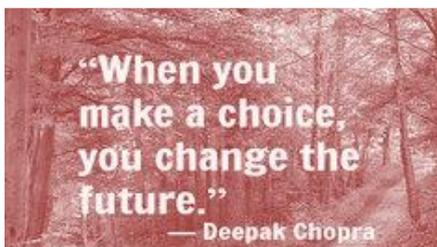
Water

Children are encouraged to drink plenty of water in school. Being hydrated throughout the day is healthy and key for effective learning. Children can only have plain water. If they drink it all they can fill up in every classroom. Fresh water is provided with their school lunches. Children are NOT permitted to have juice or fizzy drinks in school, even water with a squeeze of orange or lemon. According to the experts by adding juice the water is changed into a food and impacts on its benefits for boosting brainpower etc.

Statement to Live By

Our statement next week will be '**I think before I make choices that affect my health.**'

Time to talk: Together you could think about what it means to be healthy. What sorts of things help us to be healthy? What sorts of things will make us unhealthy? How can making healthy choices help us to be happy?



Have a great weekend!
Mrs Barrett

