

# SJF NEWS

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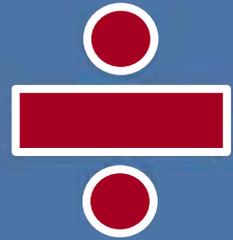
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## **Citizen of the Week**

Our recipient of the award this week is Sophie in Y5 who understands that rights match responsibility in line with our 'Statement to Live by' this week. Sophie is a very kind, thoughtful and trustworthy member of our school community who can be relied upon to do the right thing. She understands that communities work best when members look after and support one another, just like we try to here at St John Fisher. Thank you for the wonderful example you set Sophie! Congratulations superstar, we are all very proud of you!

# REMINDER



## PARENT & CARER

# MATHS

# WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER | 3.30PM | MEET IN Y6

## **Harvest Festival 2018**

I would like to thank everyone who attended today's annual Harvest Festival Mass of thanksgiving. I would like to thank Mr MacInnes and the young people of Y5 for organising and leading today's liturgy, including our altar servers, Phoebe and Sami! I would like to especially thank Fr Paul for celebrating Mass and for his ongoing support of our school, and Mr McGurrin, Mr Tandy and Mrs Downes for the beautiful music.

I would like to thank everyone who was able to join us for this important celebration today, especially our new FS2 parents/carers. Thank you to all our children who behaved impeccably. Finally, I would like to thank everyone who donated food items so generously in order to support the wonderful team at the St Wilfrid's Centre and the great work they do to aid some of the most vulnerable people in our city. Thank you all!



## Term 1 Smiley Scores

<p><b>St Andrew's House</b></p> <p><b>564</b></p>	<p><b>St David's House</b></p> <p><b>484</b></p>	<p><b>St Patrick's House</b></p> <p><b>467</b></p>	<p><b>St George's House</b></p> <p><b>565</b></p>
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### Term 1 Champions

Congratulations to the members of St George's House – our Term 1 Champions!

### Blue Day Reminder

To mark the feast of their House patron, the young people of St Andrew's House (30-11-19) the members will enjoy 'Blue Day' on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019**. This means that members can come to school wearing something blue rather than school uniform. The members of the other Houses will wear normal school uniform.

### Forthcoming Events

Please refer to the **SJF calendar** via this link: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/calendar/2018--2019-calendars/>

School Holiday (28-10-19 to 01-11-19)	
04-11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start of Term 2</li> <li>Be Safe Be Happy Week (Day 1)</li> </ul>
05-11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be Safe Be Happy Week (Day 2)</li> <li>PTFA Monthly Meeting ALL INVITED (6.30pm, School Hall) – please come along</li> </ul>
06-11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be Safe Be Happy Week (Day 3)</li> <li>Parent/Carer Maths Workshop focused on multiplication and division (3.30pm Y6 classroom)</li> </ul>
07-11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be Safe Be Happy Week (Day 4)</li> <li>Y4 Liturgy of the Word (9.05, School Hall) – the family and friends of our Y4 pupils invited</li> </ul>
08-11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be Safe Be Happy Week (Day 5)</li> <li>FS2 Celebration Assembly (9.05, School Hall) – the family and friends of our FS2 pupils invited</li> </ul>
11-11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SJF Community Service of Remembrance (10.45am, Our Lady of Lourdes) - led by Y6</li> </ul>
14-11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Liturgy</li> </ul>
15-11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children in Need Day (non-uniform day for a £1+ contribution in aid of the BBC appeal)</li> <li>Y5 Celebration Assembly (9.05, School Hall) – the family and friends of our Y5 pupils invited</li> </ul>
18-11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refurbishment of the FS2 classroom begins</li> <li>Assessment Point 1 (Day 1)</li> </ul>
19-11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment Point 1 (Day 2)</li> </ul>
20-11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment Point 1 (Day 3)</li> </ul>
21-11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment Point 1 (Day 4)</li> <li>No Liturgy</li> </ul>
22-11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y2 Celebration Assembly (9.05, School Hall) – the family and friends of our Y2 pupils invited</li> <li>Assessment Point 1 (Day 5)</li> </ul>
28-11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Liturgy</li> </ul>
29-11-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y4 Advent Wreath Blessing (2.30pm, Hall) – the family and friends of our Y4 pupils invited</li> </ul>
02-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blue Day for the members of St Andrew's House ONLY</li> </ul>
03-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupil Review Meetings (2.00pm-5.00pm, School Hall)</li> <li>PTFA Monthly Meeting ALL INVITED (6.30pm, School Hall) – please come along</li> </ul>
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06-12-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PTFA Santa in School (non-uniform day children can wear Christmas jumpers/party clothes)</li> </ul>



**Be Safe Be Happy Week 2019**

Our annual 'Be Safe, Be Happy Week' takes place straight after the holiday, in the first week of Term 2. There will be the usual focus on pupils' wellbeing and the promotion of respect, tolerance and understanding of others as a way of preventing bullying from ever taking root in our school. There will also be lessons and assemblies delivered by staff and friends from partner organisations including the Health Service, Fire and Rescue, the Police, Yorkshire Water, Gist (road safety), Network Rail, LINKS School Sports Partnership, Castle Martial Arts and a construction company aimed at promoting pupil happiness, awareness, internet safety and general safety in a fun and engaging way. Look out for 'blog' posts and ask your children lots of questions!



**PE in Be Safe – Be Happy Week**

PE will be different during Be Safe – Be Happy Week 2019. All children are asked to come to school wearing their PE uniform on **Wednesday** and **Friday only**. On all other days the children are asked to wear school uniform. Swimming will go ahead on Wednesday as normal for those who have it, so they must bring their kit.

**Internet Safety Workshops: Children**

As part of 'Be Safe – Be Happy Week' all pupils will have age-appropriate sessions around internet safety as we maximise every opportunity to 'myth bust' and reinforce key messages about being safe and responsible when using the internet. This is an ongoing priority and supplements the continuous work done as part of our SJF computing curriculum.

**Internet Safety Workshop: Parents & Carers**

We also invite parents and carers to join us for a workshop on **Tuesday 5th November 2019** at **3.30pm** in the **Y6 classroom**. The purpose of the workshop is to provide parents/carers with key information and updates regarding the potential threats facing children who access the internet in any of the multitude of ways that are now available to them. There will be advice on the steps you can take to protect your children and reduce the threats they face at home and whilst they are out and about. During the workshop children will be supervised by another member of staff in a room close by. I do hope that lots of you will be able to join us.

In the past we have also offered later workshops in response to feedback that it would be easier for working parents to attend, however these were never well supported, in fact there were times when no one came, so we will not be offering this unless there is demand. Please contact us via our [enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) email address if you would like a later workshop, and if there is sufficient interest we will run one. Thank you.

**SJF Community Service of Remembrance 2019**

On **Monday 11th November 2019** our community will come together to mark Armistice Day. Our service will start at 10.45am at Our Lady Lourdes Catholic Church and will include a minute's silence in honour of both the fallen and all those who loved and lost them. It is an important annual event in our SJF school calendar.

If you, a relative, or someone you know is a serving or retired member of the armed services and would be willing to play a *small* part in our service (placing a wreath at the foot of a cross), please let us know.



Also we are looking for serving and/or retired service personnel who would be willing to visit school in order to talk to some of the classes about why the act of national remembrance is so important. Again if you can help, please get in touch.

Finally if you know someone who would like to just come along and join us in the congregation for our service, please invite them! Everyone is welcome for this very special community event.

Attendance this week			
1 <sup>st</sup>	FS2	97.7%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5	97.5%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y4	97.2%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	95.3%	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	94.7%	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	94.5%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	92.8%	
<b>Target = 98%</b>		<b>Average Attendance = 95.7%</b>	



Get Set, GO!		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y6	89%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	FS2	83%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y1	83%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	78%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	75%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	67%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	63%
<b>Average = 77.0%</b>		

Term 1 Outcomes		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y1	97.8%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	FS2	97.7%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6	95.6%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	95.1%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	96.8%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	96.5%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	95.8%
<b>Average = 97.0%</b>		

2019-2020 So Far		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y1	97.8%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	FS2	97.7%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6	95.6%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	95.1%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	96.8%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	96.5%
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	95.8%
<b>Average = 97.0%</b>		

### Achievements Outside of School

At St John Fisher we celebrate all achievements in and out of school. Whether achievements are big or small we love to publish and celebrate them. This week's achievements are:

- **Alfie** and **Luca** in **Y2** play for New Bohemians FC and last Sunday their team won the U7s SDSL October Cup! Congratulations lads! A fantastic achievement!

- **Lydia** in **Y3** passed her Orange Belt in martial arts at Castle Martial Arts at Castle Martial Arts. A fantastic achievement Lydia, well done!
- **Tamzin** in **Y6** passed (with merit) the Grade 2 examination in Modern Jazz. Well done Tamzin!

### Opportunities to Join the SJF Governing Body



Our SJF Governing Body plays a key strategic leadership and management role in the running of our school community. There are vacancies currently for both Foundation and Parent Governors. The Governing Body therefore invites applications from any eligible parents and carers who would like to play a key part in our continuing journey.

#### Foundation Governors

Foundation Governors must be practicing Catholics. They are nominated by Parish Priests and appointed by the Bishop. As the Bishop's appointees, Foundation Governors' primary responsibility is to safeguard the Catholic foundation and nature of the school in terms of our strategic direction. There are vacancies for Foundations Governors currently. If you would like to find out more about being a Foundation Governor please contact Mrs Ramsden (0114 2485009 or [enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)) or speak directly with Fr Paul.

#### Parent Governors

The Governing Body of all Sheffield Schools and academies have at least one place reserved for a Parent/Carer Governor.

Unlike a Foundation Governor, a Parent Governor must have a child at school. Crucially Parent Governors do not have to be a Catholic, though they must commit to supporting our Catholic ethos. Therefore it is a wonderful opportunity for any member of our community who is passionate about our school, to join our Governing Body and support us on our onward journey. The term of office for Parent Governor is four years.

Being a Governor is special. It is a chance for you to influence school life and the education we provide for all our children. Lots of information is shared so that Governors can offer advice and make key strategic decisions about many aspects of school life including the curriculum, staffing and finances. We would especially welcome enquiries from anyone who has a background/skillset linked to education, business, finance, law, health and safety, fundraising and human resources.

All new Governors will have access to training and the support of experienced Governors to help them understand their new role and responsibilities.

Parent Governors also provide a link between the school and parents and carers. The Parent Governor will be expected to attend at least three full meetings of the School Governing Body each year long as well as meetings for one of the three SJF Governor sub-committees.



Some Governors may also be involved in further meetings around admissions, staff recruitment and retention matters and complaints if and when they arise. Governors are therefore expected to take an active interest in the school community by helping to promote the parental view at meetings of the School Governing Body.

**Eligibility & Process for Parent Governors**

- ✓ anyone with parental responsibility for a child attending SJF is eligible to stand for election
- ✓ faith or background is no bar
- ✓ an election will be held if more than one nomination from eligible candidates are received
- ✓ in the event of an election, all current parents/carers will be eligible to vote by secret ballot
- ✓ detailed arrangements and a list of candidates will be sent out once all nominations have been received
- ✓ the term of office for an elected Parent Governor is **four** years
- ✓ parents/carers can nominate themselves to be a candidate
- ✓ no 'proposer' or 'seconded' is required but you must tell us that you wish to stand, in writing, **no later than Wednesday 6 November 2019**
- ✓ candidates are also asked to provide a short personal statement with their nomination which will then be circulated to parents/carers

**Catholic Life**

*November Prayer*

During November we remember all those who have died and pray for the repose of their souls. We also remember the dead of war. So when we return our prayer will be:

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord  
And let perpetual light shine upon them,  
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

*Weekly Liturgy of the Word*

Our next liturgy is on **Thursday 7th November 2019** and will be led by the children of **Y4**. We invite the family and friends of our Y4 children to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

*Celebration Assembly*

Our next Celebration Assembly will be on **Friday 8th November 2019** and we invite the family and friends of our **FS2** children to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

**Beat Your Best!**

*The SJF Weekly Personal Challenge!*

Here is a message from Mr Johnson and his team of fantastic Sports Majors:

*Well done to everyone who participated in this week's challenge set up by the Sports Majors. Our activity this week was 'Basketball Hotshot' which challenged the pupils to shoot from different cones positioned on the ground away from the basketball hoop. The aim was for pupils to work their way to the furthest cone possible. The pupils achieved some great scores.*



*Congratulations to the following pupils who managed to beat their best!*

- Year 1: Charlotte
- Year 2: Noah and Zaid
- Year 3: Bella and Chalie
- Year 4: Raheel and Mateah
- Year 5: Alex
- Year 6: Mitchell and Ava

**Term 1 Reading Awards**

Recipients of the Term 1 Reading Awards will be announced in the next newsletter, so there is still time to return completed reading records if you have not done so already. Thank you.



**Keeping Children Safe Online**

Social media sites and apps are created so that different people can connect across the UK and the world. This can be both a good and bad thing as it can bring people together but also, potentially, expose any vulnerable person to the risk of connecting with someone who is dangerous and who is seeking to groom children. It is for this reason that most sites claiming to be responsible, have age restrictions.

Parents and carers who allow (or even help) their children to get around these rules and could be placing their children at risk. Today there is so much peer pressure on children to have a social media presence everywhere, with many of the safer more child-friendly sites deemed 'uncool'.

Please do not help your children to get around the rules restricting access to sites, even if they tell you that EVERYONE else they know is allowed by their parents to be on the site. Age limits are not there to ruin lives, they exist to protect children - and it is worth remembering they are **minimum** age limits.

**None** of the sites highlighted below are for primary-aged pupils anyway. With so many ways to access the internet, it is simply not possible to monitor everything a child does (or is exposed to) on social media sites - even for the most determined and well-intentioned of parents/carers. Please join us for our internet safety workshops at 3.30pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November to find out more. The workshop takes place in the Y6 classroom and children will be supervised in another room close by.

action for children

**Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms**



**Y1 Visit to the Weston Park Museum**

Here is a message from Mrs Sambrook:

*Wow! What an exciting we all had to Weston Park Museum! After sorting our bags we looked at the old toy display with a museum curator and told her how we could tell if a toy was older or new.*

*Then we went upstairs into the classroom and played with lots of toys before choosing a favourite to go in our very own display cabinet. Each child then made a clay toys (based on noughts and crosses) which has been sent home to air dry. I hope you enjoy playing the game. After lunch we looked around the rest of the museum at the exciting exhibits. The children were a credit to school, their families and themselves. I'm sure they will be very tired tonight. Huge thank you to the adults who accompanied us today, it is very much appreciated.*





More pictures via this link: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/weston-park-museum-trip/>

### **Y5 Residential Visit 2019**

This week the pupils of Y5 were on a fantastic residential at The Oakes Holiday Centre from Monday to Wednesday.

Thank you to the fantastic efforts of the Oakes staff the children of Y5 enjoyed a jam-packed three days.

The children participated in many different activities, such as archery, mud assault courses and tunnelling. They also played games, sang songs and had a huge amount of fun exploring the fantastic parkland that surround The Oakes estate.



Children and staff both had a fantastic three days!

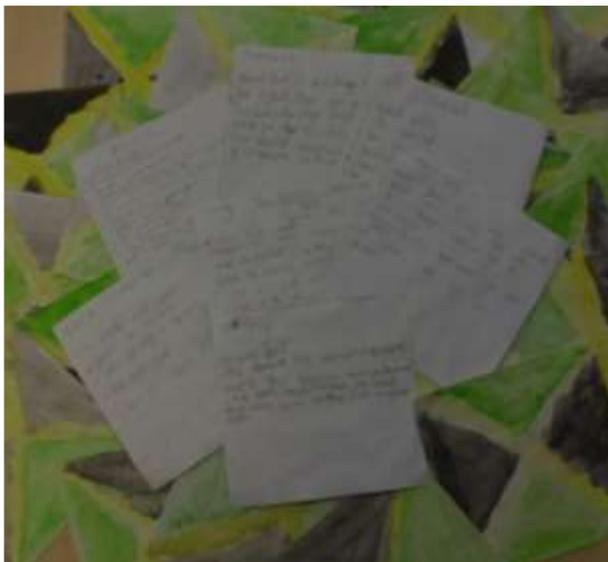
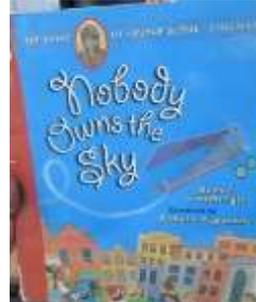
Please follow this link to see more pictures:

<http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/y5-the-oakes-residential/>



## SJF Black History Month 2019

- **FS2:** We have learned about the artist Faith Ringgold. We have learned about her life story and looked at some words in her famous book 'Tar Beach'. We had a go at designing our own class quilt drawing on pieces of fabric to make the design and we have used paper to make repeated pattern borders.
- **Y1:** We listened to the story of Bessie Coleman, who became the world's first black female aviator in 1922. She followed her dream even when she kept being told that women can't fly planes, Bessie never gave up! After the story we thought about our own hopes and dreams and that we should never give up on them and work hard to make them come true just like Bessie did. Some children wanted to be doctors, teachers, popstars, truck drivers, pilots, astronauts, scientists, ballet dancers and many other amazing things!
- **Y2:** This week we have been investigating and researching about Mary Seacole. We discovered that she was a very determined lady and made a huge difference to soldiers' lives. Please come and have a look at our art work and our writing. We have tried to show our use of tone in our paintings.
- **Y3:** We have learned all about the world famous sprinter Usain Bolt. We have learnt about his athletic career and his incredible world record. We have written a diary entry from the point of view of Usain Bolt exploring how he could have felt on the day he broke the world record and we created fact cards about his achievements. We also learnt about where Usain Bolt is from and where he grew up. We painted Jamaican flags using water colour paint.



- **Y4:** During black history month, we have been focussing on Morgan Freeman. The children have researched and written about his life in the form of a biography. In addition, we have done a pencil portrait of him. The children have done a great job!



Details of the fantastic investigations and work done by our super pupils in Years 5 and 6 will be shared in the next newsletter and all work will be displayed at the first Curriculum Showcase in December.

**Statement to Live By**

Our statement next week will be 'I try to stand up for myself without hurting others'.

*Time to talk:* Each of us is important, and during 'Be Safe – Be Happy Week' we will be reflecting on just how special we each are. We all deserve to be treated with respect.

We all have the right to be accepted for being just how we are and we have the right to feel happy, safe and loved every day.

If someone (or something) gets in the way of these rights then we should not stand for it.

We can and should stand up for ourselves and for others who are being treated badly.

How can we do this without hurting others?



You were given  
**THIS LIFE,**  
because you're  
strong enough  
to live it.

**Finally**

I would like to thank all my colleagues and our trainees for all their hard work and dedication over what has been an exciting but very busy first term; the Governors, Fr Paul, the PTFA and all volunteers who have worked so hard to support us in so many different ways.

I hope that you all manage to have a restful holiday and are able to spend quality time with your families.

Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt

