



St John Fisher News

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★ Citizen of the Week

★ This week's award goes to **Tamzin Samba** (Y2) for understanding the importance of having good manners and using words like 'please', 'thank you' and 'sorry' – words that help make the world (and our school) a better place in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Tamzin is a very considerate, respectful and polite young lady who thinks about others and can be relied upon to make good choices in school. Congratulations, everyone is very proud of you!

Year of Mercy

This year has been designated as 'The Year of Mercy'. It is an invitation for us all to experience God's love, kindness, and generosity. As part of this Pope Francis is offering us all an opportunity to encounter God's mercy, because when we encounter mercy we also encounter God. Lent is a special time when we are asked take stock and think about our lives and the direction we are going. It is an opportunity for us to ask for (and receive) God's mercy as we try to change those things in our lives which are not right. It is also a time for us to help others by being generous and courageous in showing them mercy as well.

For the remainder of the Year of Mercy we will display the logo (below left) as a sign that as a community we are committed to being a place where mercy is shared and recognised. The motto, 'Merciful like the Father' is taken from the Gospel of Luke and is an invitation for us to follow the example of the Father who asks us *not* to judge or condemn others but to *forgive* and to give *love* and *forgiveness* without measure. You will see that God is presented in human form, as the Good Shepherd, and his eyes are merged with those of the person he is helping to show that he loves us and is one with us.

We are planning a special day for the children focused on the Year of Mercy on Wednesday 23rd March – the last day of Term 4. It will be a creative and reflective day with different activities for the children to experience and enjoy. It will also be a **non-uniform** day because we are trying to boost funds for the Bishop's annual 'Good Shepherd Appeal', which supports the vital work of small local charities who work hard to support the vulnerable in our city and across the Diocese of Hallam. On the day we will therefore ask for a minimum contribution of £1 per child children towards this appeal. If you would like to help us in school, for all or part of the day, please speak to Mrs Holloway – our lead for RE. Thank you.

Term 4 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
 105	 111	 132	 141



Crucial Crew

Last Friday, Y6 had a brilliant day at Crucial Crew, learning all about keeping ourselves safe in different situations.

It was great fun, but also very informative, with children experiencing a whole range of scenarios from driving a bus, to being involved in an arson situation and a hearing in a courtroom.

Thank you very much to Ms Ratcliffe who joined us on the trip and helped to make it a fantastic day.

Some Y6 pupils inside the Magistrates' Court



Discovery Night
An evening of science activities, talks and demonstrations

Friday 11 March 2016, 4pm-8pm
The University of Sheffield
Firth Court, Western Bank, Sheffield S10 2TN

Discovery Night!

Discovery night is a Sheffield Festival of Science and Engineering event that may be of interest to your pupils and their families.

On Friday 11th March, 4pm – 8pm, the University of Sheffield's laboratories and lecture theatres will be open to the public for an evening of science activities, talks and demonstrations. This is a family event suitable for all key stages, with activities for primary and secondary school children, and adults. Robots, skeletons, 3D printers, microscopes, liquid nitrogen ice cream, kids labs, lab tours, mini lectures, virtual reality proteins, see yourself in infra-red...and much more.

Everyone is welcome and the event is free; no booking required. The recommended age is 5 years +.

Full listings are available on the event website: www.sheffield.ac.uk/discoverynight

Special Workshops

Calling all dads and granddads again!

We are hoping to have three sporty workshops on Friday 3rd, 11th and 18th March from 3.30 – 4.30pm. This will be to experience some of the new sports that the children have been taking part in this term. A letter will be sent out after the holiday so we hope that you will be able to join us for at least one of the sessions. Your support is really appreciated!

50p Friday

We would like to apologise for forgetting to include a reminder in last week's newsletter about today being 50p Friday. If you would like to contribute to support the four House charities please send the children in with 50p on Monday instead. We really do appreciate your support, Thank you.

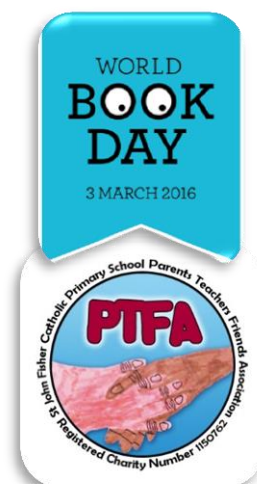


World Book Day – PJ & Onesie Day!

Next Thursday is World Book Day. To underline how important and beneficial it is for children to read at bedtime all the children and staff are invited to come to school wearing pyjamas or onesies.

The PTFA will be collecting voluntary contributions of £1 from every child at the school gate. Children will also have the opportunity to buy cakes later in the day priced at 50p each. The PTFA would really welcome donations of cakes on the day. Thank you for your continued support.

On the day the parents/carers of our FS2 children have already been invited to come into school and make some vegetable superheroes with the children. The parents/carers of children in other classes are also invited to join their child's line at the beginning of the day and come into class in order to enjoy some books and read with and to the children. I hope that lots of you will be able to join us for this important celebration of books and reading!



St David's Day



Though next Tuesday is the feast of St David – and there will be a special assembly about the life of St David, we are actually celebrating the feast on **Monday 29th February** instead.

So please note that **Yellow Day** will be celebrated this year on **Monday 29th February**.

On that day the children in St David's House only are invited to come to school wearing something yellow instead of their normal school uniform. The children in the three other Houses will be expected to wear normal school uniform as usual.

In the afternoon Mrs Asquith, St David's Head of House, will lead some fun activities for all members to enjoy. Thank you to all the volunteers who are coming in to help her.

Boots

Please remember that children should be expected to wear appropriate black school shoes every day in school, however it is perfectly acceptable for them to wear high boots (including wellington boots) or trainers to and from school and during break times when the weather is bad - for example - as long as they have appropriate school shoes with them to change into for when they are inside school. Thank you.

Achievements Outside of School

- Last week when we reported that **Eleanor Checkley** had been awarded a Stage 2 swimming certificate the notice stated that she was in Y2 when she is actually in **Y1**.
- **Mia Whitehead** in **Y1** is a member of the Rainbows (part of the Guides movement) and has successfully completed the 'Helpful Rainbow Challenge' and earned her first badge! A great achievement Mia!

Golden Children

This week's Golden Children are:

FS2	Lacey Lou Lockey for being so brave when she fell down in the playground and hurt herself. There was no fuss at all! Good girl Lacey Lou!
Year 1	Emilia Rodgers for listening and contributing to lessons at all times!
Year 2	Sami Hardy for fantastic writing in Literacy this week!
Year 3	Jack Oadley for demonstrating fantastic learning behaviours for others to follow! A great role-model, well done!
Year 4	Kai Taylor for outstanding efforts in Mathematics and Science. He really understood the 'Bar Model' in Mathematics and tried so hard in Science as well. Great stuff Kai!!
Year 5	Asia Robinson for having a good attitude to her work and improving her editing skills in her writing as well! What a star!
Year 6	Sam Devoti for having a brilliant attitude and for making some great strides in his learning



this week! Sam will be invited up next week as Y6 had not returned from 'The Big Sing'.

Fairtrade Week

Last week was Fairtrade Week in school and the children in all classes learned about what it is and why it is so important.

FS2 learned about where bananas grow and about 'Pablo the super banana'. We used role play to act out persuading someone to buy a fair trade product.

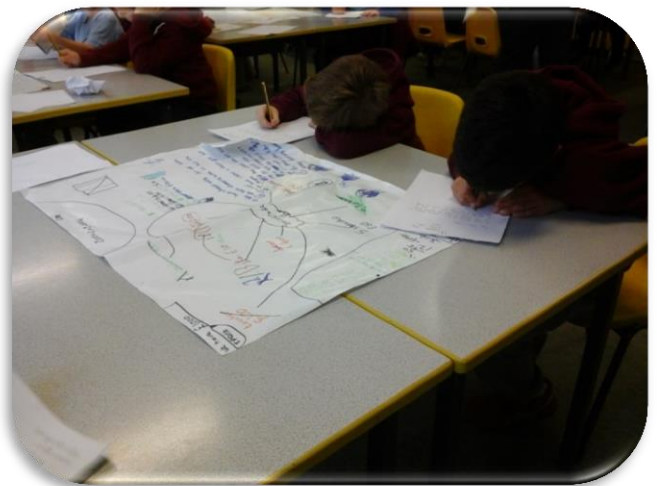
We looked at the Fairtrade logo and the children were asked to try looking for it when they were in the shops. We added some fair trade products to our classroom shop. The children investigated fair trade bananas and chocolate and wrote interesting descriptions using our senses.

Y1 talked about what being 'fair' means. They investigated Fairtrade tea, banana, cocoa and rice growers. They found out about where bananas, cocoa beans and rice are grown using a map and thought about the practical ways in which the Fair Trade companies have helped farmers and growers in different places of the world.

Some children brought in Fairtrade wrappers from things they had at home and we designed some lovely Fair Trade posters as well as doing a 'Match-the-Fairtrade-product-to-the-location' activity

Y6 found out about the 'Papapaa Foundation' in Ghana, which gives cocoa farmers a fair price for their cocoa beans. They learned that the farmers get lots of benefits from being in a Fairtrade Co-operative, not just more money for their goods. They also have better medical care and are guaranteed to be paid on time. Some other farmers had months where they didn't get paid at all for the cocoa they produced!

Y3 were working in different groups, pretending they were the 'Fairtrade Premium Committee' for a local tea plantation. The children were given a pretend budget of £1000 and tasked with spending it on things the tea plantation needed. Once they had done this they each wrote a letter to the CEO of Fairtrade in order to persuade him to give them the grant.



Design a Chocolate Competition

Thank you to all the children who took part in the Fairtrade Challenge to design a new Fairtrade chocolate bar. We had some amazing entries that would be fit for Willy Wonka's factory! All the entries will be displayed as part of the whole school exhibition at the end of term.

Congratulations to all the winners who received a giant bar of Fairtrade chocolate as prizes. They are:

FS2	Marika De Cara and Dylan Steenson
Year 1	Alhazah Al-Rammahi and Summer Marsden
Year 2	Isla Atkinson and Erin Gent
Year 3	Zuzanna Jasicka

Year 4		Calum Hardy
Year 5		Abdullah Al-Rammahi
Year 6		No entries

Curriculum Exhibition

Our next curriculum exhibition takes place on **Friday 18th March** in the school hall from 9.00am -10.00am. it would be wonderful if you could all join us in order to view and celebrate the children's work and achievements since Christmas. Thank you for your support.

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Riley Wood	Mia Whitehead	Mitchell Clayton	Eesaa Din	Ruby Molloy	Vinny Ambrose	Daryn Tirol

Please look out for their fantastic work in the school hall!

Assemblies








Weekly Liturgy of the Word

The next Liturgy of the Word will be led by the children and staff of **Y2** on **Wednesday 2nd February 2016** because Thursday is World Book Day. Next Wednesday all parents, carers and friends of our Y2 children are invited to join us in the hall just after 9.00am on that day. Thank you to the staff and children of Y3 for leading this week's liturgy, it was really special and you were all amazing!

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to everyone mentioned in today's assembly. The next assembly is on **Friday 4th March** and the parents, carers, family and friends of the young people in **Y5** are invited at 2.55pm. Thank you.

Attendance This Week

FS2		96.4%	
Year 1		99.6%	Bobby Bear will visit next week!
Year 2		86.7%	
Year 3		95.6%	
Year 4		97.8%	
Year 5		98.1%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week!
Year 6		99.3%	Brenda Bear will visit next week!
Weekly Target	97%	This week's Average Attendance	96.2%

Bicycles and Skateboards on the Playground

If your children come to school with you riding a bicycle, skateboard or scooter please do not let them ride around the playground/school grounds before and after school. There are so many people waiting on the playground before and after school - including very young children and toddlers - which increases the risk of collisions and accidents occurring if children are also whizzing around. Thank you for your cooperation.

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **"I listen to what you say and I show that I am listening."**

Time to talk: Together you could think about what it means to *listen*. What is the difference between really *listening* and just *hearing*? Why is it important to listen to others? Why can it be difficult sometimes? How does it make you feel when you know that someone is REALLY listening to you - and when they are not? What sorts of things do people do to show that they are really listening? There is an old saying that goes; we have two ears and one mouth because we have to listen at least twice as much as we speak...

**God speaks in the
silence of the heart.**

LISTEN AND ATTEND

**When you talk, you are
only repeating what
you already know. But
if you listen...**

Have a great weekend.
Best wishes,
Mr Barratt