



St John Fisher News

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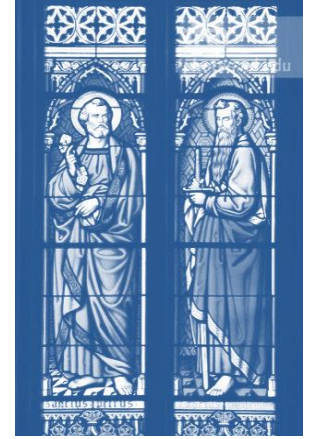
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Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Vinny Ambrose** (Y4) who was chosen for understanding that we are the same and we are different in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Vinny just gets it; accepting people for who they are and never prejudging them. He gives everyone a chance, and by doing this sets a great example to others! Well done young man, we are all very, very proud of you!

The Feast of SS Peter and Paul

This feast day is a Holy Day and Mass will be celebrated by Father Paul on Monday 29th June at Our Lady of Lourdes church at 2.00pm. The liturgy will be led by the children of Y3 and we invite the pupils who made their First Holy Communion recently to bring to school the special clothes they wore when they first received the Sacrament so that they can get changed just before Mass and wear their special clothes during the service. You are all welcome to join us for this special Mass.



Sports Day

This week has been National School Sport Week so the children have had some exciting sporting opportunities on top of the usual after-school football (Mondays and Fridays) and other opportunities offered by our Links coaches. The children in Years 2, 3 and 4 also took part in exciting inter-school festivals, held at the world-class EIS at the beginning of the week.



Today was the culmination of this special week with a day of sporting activities and competition. Every child was placed in a group, led by one of our Junior Sports Leaders. They were given opportunities to participate in a range of different activities led by my colleagues including Bocchia. We will include reports from the children and more photographs of today's activities in next week's newsletter. There will also be reports about the EIS visits. I would like to recognise the hard work of Mrs Broadhead who has coordinated everything, as well as the rest of my colleagues and volunteers for their enthusiastic support throughout the week.



Yesterday the Sports Leaders organised a mini-competition for staff at lunchtime. There was a number of fun activities; the sack race, egg and spoon and even a three-legged race.

My hugely competitive colleagues thoroughly enjoyed themselves and everyone agreed that the event had been a huge success!

The young leaders who organised the event had been very excited all week and couldn't wait for Thursday lunchtime! My colleagues would also like to say a very big thank you to Cerys and Libby for organising the event and really appreciate the effort that they had put in to ensuring it would be a fun lunch time.

In response Libby Hurst and Cerys Pope commented:



"It was really fun watching all the teachers fall down. In the three-legged race Mr Smith and Mr Broadhead were so close to winning when they fell over at the last minute! We think that it was really nice to see the teachers being there instead of teaching us."

PTFA News

Please remember that the PTFA's Friday Fayre takes place on **Friday 3rd July** in support of the Y5 pupils who entered the 2015 PTFA-sponsored 'Y5 Enterprise Challenge Cup'. This was inspired by the recent All Saints enterprise project. The winning project will be the one that generates the most income during the fayre, so please come along to support your favourite!

The event will be open to parents, carers and friends at 3.25pm and we would really appreciate your support for this important fund-raising event. Thank you.



Parking Complaints

We have continued to receive complaints from a parents/carers about the dangerous and inconsiderate parking of some at the beginning and end of the school day. This has resulted in vehicles being parked on double yellow lines and sometimes even on the pavement itself.

South Yorkshire Police have asked us to remind you that if you have a complaint or concern you can call them on their non-emergency 101 number and speak to them directly. They also intend to monitor the situation around school.



Please help keep our children safe by parking safely and legally. Thank you.

Top Table

This week the 'Heron' family were chosen by Mrs Bower and her team of Lunch Time Supervisors to sit on the top table. The members of the Heron Family are: Alex T, Daphney A, Keira A, Diana N, Max J, James H, Oscar D and Jacob G. Mrs Bower wanted to give a special mention to Alex Thompson and Daphney Adebayo for their consistently good behaviour at lunch time and for the way they try so hard to support the others in the Heron Family. Congratulations children we are proud of you all!

Writing Champions

The following children were chosen by their teachers to be 'Writing Champions' this week because they have been really enthusiastic and have worked hard to improve and enjoy their writing.

FS2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Marisa Avelino	Hibah Javid	Joseph Kandare	Jack Stacey	Ellie Cheetham	Kiera Swift	Libby Hurst

This Week's Golden Children

- FS2 **Frederick Antwi** for fantastic work in Read Write Inc. Keep it up, we are all proud of you!
- Year 1 **Isla Thompson** for being a superstar writer this week!
- Year 2 **Marcus McKernan** for having a great day at the EIS! He was a fantastic competitor, but never forgot his team. He displayed a very mature Y3 attitude and we were all very proud of him!
- Year 3 **Isaac Pattison** for great thinking and problem-solving in Mathematics this week and some really careful presentation of work!
- Year 4 **Asia Robinson** for working hard and trying to better herself in everything at school! A real star!
- Year 5 **Zak Pilkington** for working really hard in reading lessons and improving his comprehension skills!
- Year 6 **Cerys Pope** is the 'Golden Child' for the second week running for giving her very best in everything she has done this year, She is an amazing girl and we wish her well when she starts her new secondary school next week!

Parish News

The Immaculata Music Group invites everybody to their Summer Concert on Friday 26th June in Our Lady of Lourdes parish hall. **Please use this link to view their trailer:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S25yijPqGHQ>

Please also note that the next children's Mass will now be in September 2015. Thank you.

Sparkle

Here is an important message from Mrs Asquith:

The "SPARKLE" group, is a helpful support service for the parents of children on the Autistic Spectrum.

The group is holding a coffee morning on Monday 6th July from 9.30am - 11.00am for parents/carers in order to share information about the group and talk about the activities, support and events that they offer.

SENCOs, Learning Mentors, Health Visitors and School Nurses are also welcome to attend.

Please pass on the information to anyone you know who might be interested – as this opportunity is for everybody and not just SJF parents/carers.

SPARKLE is hoping to set up a support group in our area. Thank you for your help

*Sandra Asquith
Learning Mentor*



**a local Autism Support Group
for parents**

We are holding a coffee morning on

Monday 6th July

9.30 —11.00 am

In the Springwater Catholic

Community Centre

Springwater Avenue

Hackenthorpe

**Please come along and join us
to find out about the support we offer and
the events we run in Sheffield for parents
and children.**

School Uniform

'School Trends' is now our official supplier of uniform and everything is available from their shop at 10 Carley Drive, Sheffield, S20 8NQ, near 'Direct Cars', Halfway or via their website: www.schooltrendsonline.com



As well as stocking our logoed uniform the shop also has a range of shirts, trousers, pinafore and summer dresses available for you to purchase. If something is not a logoed when you arrive you can purchase it and they will put our logo on it while you wait at no extra charge. Our pinafore dresses will now have a logo on.

There are also some new optional extras available that we would like to tell you about:

- ✓ A new thicker and longer school parker coat with a logo to replace the thin reversible jacket
- ✓ Maroon hoodie or crew-neck sweatshirts with logos for PE and sporting events and tournaments
- ✓ Grey jogging pants with a logo for PE and sporting events and tournaments

Marks and Spencer still have a small selection of items in stock, but out of stock items are no longer available to order.

Achievements Outside of School

- **Sophie Robinson-Oates** in **Y6** was second in the SIV Sheffield Trampoline Competition held on Sunday 21st June 2015. She did incredibly well against other talented children. Congratulations Sophie, what an incredible achievement!

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to remind you that the rescheduled **Y1** liturgy will take place on Tuesday 30th June. On Thursday 2nd July the young people of **FS2** will take part in a simple graduation liturgy. As usual, the family and friends of our Y1 and FS2 pupils are invited to join in the hall on the relevant days just after 9.00am. Thank you.

Attendance

This week the girls and boys of **FS2** and **Years 1** and **3** were joint first having all achieved **100%** attendance! This is a fantastic achievement. In fact, almost all the classes beat our 97% target with Y5 *just* missing it (96.9%). Our weekly average attendance is **99.2%**! Thank you for your support everybody.

Farewell Cerys Pope

On behalf of your SJF family I would like to wish you every happiness and success as you transfer early to your new secondary school. You have enriched our community and we send with you all our best wishes.

Forthcoming Events

● Group A Foundation Stage Taster Day (1 of 2) **Monday 29th June 2015**

● Year 6 – Visit to Crucial Crew

● Year 6 – Visit to Chatsworth **Tuesday 30th June 2015**

● Rearranged Y1 Liturgy of the Word (9.05am)

● Visit of Mrs Scott (Headteacher of All Saints)

● Group B Foundation Stage Taster Day (1 of 2) **Wednesday 1st July 2015**

● Birley Family of Schools Sports Day (Years 3, 4 and 5)

● Y6 Transition Day to All Saints Catholic High School

● FS2 Graduation Liturgy (9.05am) **Thursday 2nd July 2015**

● Group C Foundation Stage Taster Day (1 of 2) **Friday 3rd July 2015**

● Bring a Parent to School (Years 3-6) – details to follow

● The PTFA Friday Fayre (3.25pm)

● Group A Foundation Stage Taster Day (2 of 2) **Monday 6th July 2015**

● Taylor Shaw Presentation – 3.30pm

● Group B Foundation Stage Taster Day (2 of 2) **Wednesday 8th July 2015**

● Whole-School Curriculum Exhibition (9.00am – 10.00am) **Thursday 9th July 2015**

● Group C Foundation Stage Taster Day (2 of 2) **Friday 10th July 2015**

● PTFA End of Year Disco – details to follow

● Moving Up Day (children in their new classes & Y6 rehearsals) **Monday 13th July 2015**

● Y6 performance of 'We Will Rock You!' (7.00pm)

● All Saints Catholic High School Summer Fair **Tuesday 14th July 2015**

● Bronze Award (one session) **Wednesday 15th July 2015**

● Silver Award (half day)

● Gold Award (full day) **Thursday 16th July 2015**

● Leavers' Mass (7.00pm – Our Lady of Lourdes)

● End of Year Mass of Thanksgiving (9.30am – Our Lady of Lourdes) **Friday 17th July 2015**

● End of School Year

Reading Wonderland

Here is a message from Mrs Golland our Library Coordinator

Our library is open to pupils every day between 12.30pm and 1.00pm for the following pupils:

Monday
Year 2

Tuesday
Year 3

Wednesday
Year 4

Thursday
Year 5

Friday
Year 6

The library is also open before school from 8.30am for reading, but books cannot be borrowed at this time. I would like to thank our parent volunteers. If you would like to join them please let us know.

I would also like to thank Libby Hurst, Sophie Robinson-Oates and Natasha Swift particularly, as well as all the other Y6 helpers. We are now in the process of training our new librarians who are in Y4 currently so that they are ready to take up their duties from September 2015. I am delighted to introduce our first six trainee librarians to you:

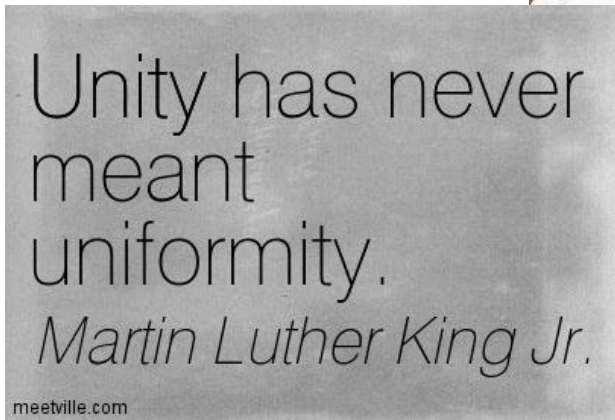
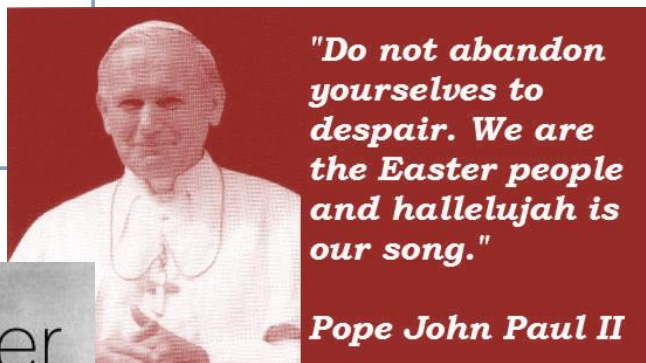
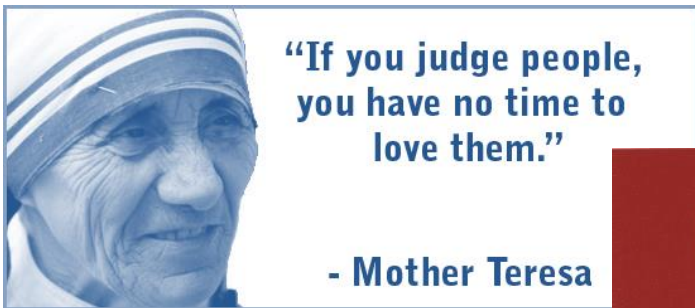
Vinny Ambrose	Ellie Cheetham	Melissa Clayton	Kayleigh Collins	Imogen Cranston	Lucas Diaz
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Statement to Live By

Our next 'statement to live by' will be **"I try to be accepting of others"**

Time to talk: This is absolutely key to our Catholic ethos and British values, why do you think that is? What do you think would happen if everyone in the world suddenly became accepting of each other? That is the challenge that Jesus sets for us all – and though it is certainly is not an easy one – it does start with us.

When people are accepting of us – even with all our faults as well as our gifts – it does something really special. It lifts us. It makes us feel good and it makes feel happy. This is why we try hard to be accepting of each other at St John Fisher – so that we can try to have a really happy school.



Finally

As Monday is our school celebration of the children who made their First Holy Communion in 2015, it would be wonderful if each child could bring in one flower from their garden to be used for a display in church.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Barratt