

## The Manchester Attack

Everyone has been affected to some extent by the recent tragic events in Manchester. It was a truly appalling and sickening crime. For some in our community the impact will be more immediate, and our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Our ethos focuses on enabling our children develop towards achieving their own and unique potential; spiritually, morally and, of course academically. This is so they can each grow to truly know themselves and recognise and appreciate their own wonderful gifts and talents.



Core to this process is helping each child make their own sense of the world, good and bad. The challenge is to help them to find God in everything, even in the most appalling of circumstances. We are, after all, blessed as a school with the special responsibility of guiding our children to grow up in to decent and responsible citizens who know understand British values and, fundamentally, right from wrong.

It is therefore vital that we always show respect for their thoughts and feelings; that we answer their questions honestly, appropriately and sensitively; and that we give them space when they need it - in the cut and thrust of a busy school day - to pause and reflect in classes or individually if and when they need to.

The immediacy of the Manchester attack, with all the understandable wall-to-wall coverage that followed on television, in the papers and on social media will have had an impact at some level. You will know that nationally the terrorism threat level has been raised to critical. South Yorkshire Police have announced that, in order to provide reassurance to local communities, there will be an increased visible police presence (armed and unarmed) in Sheffield – particularly in the city centre and crowded places. There will also be enhanced police support for high profile public events planned this week.

This is, of course, intended to offer reassurance to local communities and is not based on a specific threat to South Yorkshire. That said, such a robust response can also make things seem all the more real for our children - and it will be very frightening for some. It is extremely important that we are there to help frightened children in the right way. To do this we are being supported with advice from the local authority's psychologists.

Colleagues are (and have been) on hand to answer questions and there has been time for children to reflect. Yesterday those who remained in school joined the nation in order to remember the victims at 11.00am as we paused for a minute's silence. Earlier during a beautiful liturgy led by the young people of Y6, prayers were also shared and time taken for silent reflection. We know that God was present in the way that strangers reached out to each other; in the work of our magnificent emergency and healthcare services; and in the vital work of those continuing to support the families who lost someone so suddenly in this vicious attack.

For the victims, I would like to share a poem that we usually read during our annual Community Service of Remembrance in November. I think the words are somehow appropriate for now...

### Yours

*The life that I have is all that I have –  
 And the life that I have is yours.  
 The love that I have –  
 For the life that I have –  
 Is yours and yours and yours.*

*A sleep I shall have -  
 A rest I shall I have,  
 And death will be but a pause.  
 And the peace of my years, in the tall green grass,  
 Will be yours and yours and yours.*

**Leo Marks**

## ★ Citizen of the Week

★ Our recipient this week's recipient is **Eesaa Din** in **Y3** for knowing the importance of peace in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Eesaa is an extremely well behaved young man who shows kindness and peace to others. As a role-model Eesaa also sets a great example. Through simple acts he shows us that you need peace to be present in the small things first in order to be assured of peace in the big things later. Congratulations Eesaa, we are all very proud of you!

## Diamond Jubilee Update

# JustGiving



### Crowd Funding

As part of our effort to raise money to fund Diamond Jubilee events being planned we have set up our own 'JustGiving' page. Please spread the word and feel free to donate in order to help us make our Jubilee celebrations very special for our children and wider community. Please use the following link. Every penny helps! Thank you.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stjohnfisherdiamondjubilee>

### Photograph

Please note that on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June** we will be having a special whole school photograph to mark our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **ALL children are asked to come to school wearing full school uniform.** The children in Y1 and Y2 are asked to bring their PE kit with them to school so that they can change afterwards. Thank you

### Summer Dress Down

Today's impromptu dress down day raised over £200 for our Jubilee fundraising. Thank you for your support.

### Jubilee Logo

Above right is Emma Watters' winning design for our Diamond Jubilee logo.

## Term 5 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
			
236	217	271	287

Congratulations to the members of St George's House are the Term 5 champions! This morning they were rewarded with Golden Time, in the form of additional playtime, arranged by their Head of House, Mr Hawley.

## Parent Advice and Support – Drop-in Sessions

We are very proud of the links we have established with our partners from the Multi-Agency Support Team (MAST) to provide help, advice and support to our parents and carers.

Each week MAST runs a drop-in session here at St John Fisher to support parents/carers on a wide range of different issues. The drop-in sessions take place in our school library from **8.30am** on **Thursday** mornings, and they are open to all. Whatever the problem, if you need some help or advice you can make an appointment by speaking to Mrs Asquith. Thank you.

Advice and support  
for children and  
families



Contact MAST when  
your family needs  
some extra help

## Spring Family Crafts Workshop

Explore with your family our "Printed Impressions" exhibition and create your own prints inspired by the hidden and fascinating shapes of St Marie's Cathedral in our next family fun-packed workshop! Free entry, though booking is required. To book please visit <http://stmariecathedral.org/visit-us-home/bookings/>. Please note, the activities are suitable for children aged 3+ (though children must be accompanied by an adult).



# Diocese of Hallam

## Our Catholic Life

### *Weekly Liturgy of the Word*

I would like to thank Mr Smith and the young people of Y6 who led yesterday's fantastic liturgy. Our next Liturgy of the Word will be after the holiday on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017** and it will be led by the children of **FS2**. The family and friends of our **FS2** children are invited to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

### *Celebration Assembly*

We invite the family and friends of our **Y4** children to join us for our Celebration Assembly next **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017** in the School Hall at 2.55pm.

### *Parish News*

Important information is available via this link to the parish website: [www.ourladyoflourdesheffield.org.uk](http://www.ourladyoflourdesheffield.org.uk).

## Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Katy Beatson	Olivia Whitely	William Denham	Mitchell Clayton	Evie Ramsden	Jared Ward	Julia Kepinska

## Golden Children

FS2	<b>Zak Malovo</b> for trying really hard to listen actively on the school trip to Canon Hall Farm! Well done Zak!
Year 1	<b>Dylan Steenson</b> for always being ready to learn, and for trying his best to always do the right thing!
Year 2	<b>Lottie Fitzpatrick</b> for trying really hard in all subjects and for being a super helper during the visit to the farm!
Year 3	<b>Daisy Parkin</b> for having a really positive week. Daisy has thought carefully about everything she has done and produced some beautiful work!
Year 4	<b>Millie Turner</b> for having a good week in all subjects and for trying hard and achieving great lesson outcomes!
Year 5	<b>Saffron Kilbride</b> for trying really hard in all subjects but particularly RE! She has tried to include lots of details and show great understanding of the scripture! Well done Saffron!
Year 6	<b>Isaac Thompson</b> and <b>Abdullah Al-Rammahi</b> supporting other children generously who find Mathematics difficult!

## Achievements Outside of School

- **Alexia Houghton** in **FS2** achieved the 'Super Swimmers' Level 1 standards recently! An amazing achievement Alexia! Congratulations!
- **Lydia Prestidge** in **FS2** achieved the Super Swimmers Level 3 standard recently! Well done Lydia!
- **Bronte Webb** in **FS2** managed to achieve the Level 7 Proficiency Award in gymnastics recently! What a fantastic achievement Bronte! Well done!
- **Sophie Hemingway** in **Y2** passed 'Stage 4' in swimming recently! We are all very proud of you Sophie!
- **Isabella Ramsden** in **Y6** was awarded a Blue Peter Badge recently after sending some amazing artwork to the show! Congratulations Isabella!



## All Saints Admissions 2018/19 Workshop

We welcome the Admissions Officer from All Saints Catholic High School to St John Fisher on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017** to assist the parents/carers of children in Y5 currently who are interested in applying for a place at All Saints next year. The workshop will take place in our school library from **3.00pm to 4.00pm**. Children will be supervised by staff during the workshop.



Attendance this Week		
FS2		97.0% <span style="float: right;">Brenda Bear will visit next week</span>
Year 1		94.1%
Year 2		95.4%
Year 3		94.7%
Year 4		97.8% <span style="float: right;">Bobby Bear will visit next week</span>
Year 5		94.4%
Year 6		96.3% <span style="float: right;">Elvis the Owl will visit next week</span>
<b>Target</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>This week's average attendance: 95.7%</b>
Attendance in Term 5		
FS2		95.5%
Year 1		96.3%
Year 2		97.5%
Year 3		98.1% <span style="float: right;">Congratulations to our Term 5 winners!</span>
Year 4		97.0%
Year 5		97.7%
Year 6		97.3%
<b>Target</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>This week's average attendance: 97.1%</b>
Attendance So Far This Year		
FS2		96.5%
Year 1		95.8%
Year 2		98.2% <span style="float: right;">Congratulations to our overall winners!</span>
Year 3		97.6%
Year 4		97.6%
Year 5		97.8%
Year 6		96.6%
<b>Target</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>This week's average attendance: 97.3%</b>

Unfortunately, the overall average attendance this week was below our 97% target, with only two classes managing to beat our target. Hopefully things will get back on track after the holiday.

We did better with the Term 5 scores as our average was 97.1%. Well done everybody.

Overall for the year so far, our average is again just above the school target, thank you.

As a school one of the many things we are held to account for is pupil attendance. Attendance is very important for both a child's development and wellbeing. So it is something we take very seriously as a school and Governing Body.

The local authority attendance team will be in again just after the holiday for one of their regular visits. They will go through all the figures to support us and to help identify and support individual families where there are issues with punctuality and/or attendance.

### Reading Awards

The details will be published in the first newsletter of Term 6.

### The GREAT St John Fisher Bake off.

Last Monday was officially 'Bake Off Day' here at St John Fisher! The whole community came together for a very special event organised by our fantastic School Council.

The event was a roaring success, as we were inundated with entries in all categories. The competition was judged by our very own Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood AKA Mrs Battams and Mr Andrews. The event was organised to raise money for a School playground equipment wanted by pupils. At the end of the day all the cakes were sold, some minus a slither that was tested by our esteemed judges. Mrs Darken, who coordinates our School Council added, "A huge thank you for all the wonderful entries to Student Council 'Great St John Fisher Bake Off', they were all amazing check out the blog site for the pictures!"

Well done to the children in school council who organised the event and worked so very hard, learning some good lessons in the process. I am delighted to inform you that the event raised an incredible £200 to spend on extra playground equipment for the children! Thank you to our amazing School Councillors and judges.

Congratulations to the winners, chosen by our judges (without knowing their names and in full view of the School Councillors). They were:

✓ Evie Stamford, Zarnetta Moomba, Olivia King (Y6)

✓ George Marsden (Y4)

✓ Leon Chudzinski (Y2)

✓ FS2 Bella Walton

- ✓ Finlay Mappin (Y5)
- ✓ Jessica Ball (Y3)
- ✓ Olivia Whiteley (Y1)
- ✓ Mrs Raynes (adult winner)

If you took someone else's cake board or plastic tub accidentally, would you please be kind enough to return it to school. Thank you."

I would like to add my thanks to both our Councillors and Mrs Darken for her dedication and commitment.





### **The Hare & Hatter's Wonderland Walk**

Join the March Hare and the Mad Hatter at 2pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 in Ecclesall Woods for the most imaginative 5k sponsored walk of the summer. An experience for all ages, the walk is a fantastic new opportunity to have fun with the family and raise vital funds for St Luke's care by raising sponsorship as a team or family.

Beginning on Limb Lane in Dore, participants will journey through the enchanting Ecclesall Woods with family and friends, experiencing wonderfully creative and interactive areas that tell the story of Alice from Lewis Carroll's whacky Wonderland. At the end of the walk there will be celebrations for all with games, food, drink and music. The registration fee is £16 per adult and £11 per child with under the age of four going free. Please follow the link:

<https://www.stlukeshospice.org.uk/welcome/industry-news/detail/2017/04/05/join-hare-and-hatter-on-their-enchanted-wonderland-walk>.



### **Year 5 Move and Learn Festival**

Here is a message from Mr Broadhead: *"As part of a fantastic Sheffield United initiative, twelve Y5 children (6 girls and 6 boys) were invited to take part in football, dodge-ball and handball matches on the Sheffield United football pitch. The children performed amazingly well in all the matches they played and they also represented our school with both pride and honour. The teamwork was the best I have witnessed from any group of children and they should be extremely proud of themselves."*

I would like to echo Mr Broadhead's comments in congratulating our magnificent team, and thank our children for representing our school so well. I would also like to thank Mr and Mrs Broadhead for giving the children this fantastic opportunity. The children were also the first to wear our brand new kit.



## Cannon Hall Farm

Here is a report from my FS2 and KS1 colleagues:

*KS1 and FS2 had a wonderful day at Cannon Hall farm. We started the day with an interesting tour, seeing piglets that had been born that very morning and feeding some goats and alpacas.*

*We even got to stroke some very fluffy animals. We watched an exciting sheep race which the green team won. We had a chance to play on the park and see some rare breeds of sheep. We were blessed with beautiful weather and children's behaviour did St John Fisher School proud.*

*Thank you so much for all the volunteers who made the trip possible. We really appreciate the continued support of all the parents. Please check out the class blogs for more pictures.*



## Reminders

### *Ordering School Dinners*

Please remember to order your children's meals online by the deadline. Thank you.

### *Sun Smart*

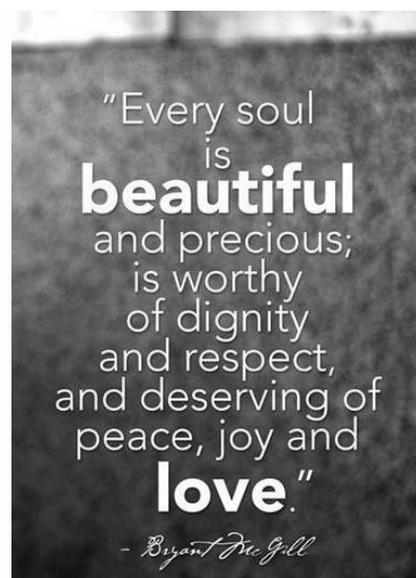
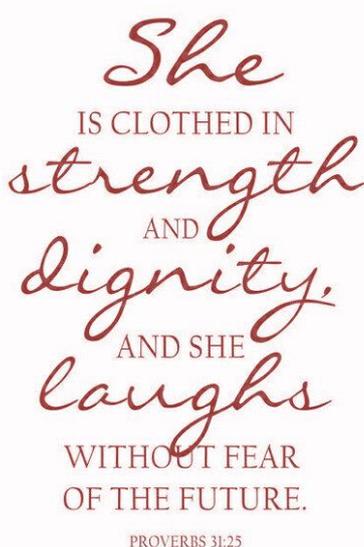
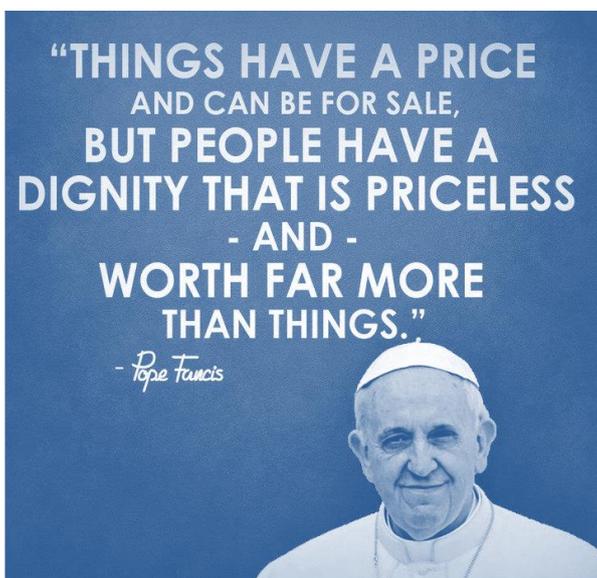
We encourage our children to be 'sun smart' - safe in the sun. This means that on very hot days a decision will be made by the staff on duty whether to allow the children out at all, or whether to restrict the children to shadier areas and calmer activities. Sometimes in extreme conditions the children will have a break indoors and staff will ensure that they have time outside later instead, when it is cooler or shadier.

Children are encouraged to be sensible and to wear a sun hat and drink plenty of water. We ask that sun/UV protection cream is applied liberally before school so that children do not need to come to school with sun cream in their bags. Quality products should last for the duration of a school day. If, however, your child does need sun cream applied during the course of a school day, please arrange to speak with Mrs Pickering who will discuss a care plan with you and ensure that your products are labelled properly, stored safely and used in strict accordance with the care plan you draft together.

### Statement to Live By

After the holiday our 'Statement to Live By' will be **"I know what human dignity means and I show that I respect others"**

**Time to talk:** What does the word 'dignity' mean? Why is it important to treat others with dignity? What happens when we don't? Imagine what our world would be like everyone treated everyone else with dignity.



### Finally

I am delighted to be able to tell you that following a rigorous selection process, Governors this week appointed Mrs Margaret Barrett to be our new Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Barrett works currently at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School in Hillsborough, where she is also an active member of the parish. She will join us, officially, from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017, but will be popping in between now and then. I am sure that you will join me, my colleagues and the children in ensuring that she receives a warm SJF welcome when she does come.

Thank you all for your support this term. I would like to thank the children, my colleagues and the Governors for all their hard work and dedication. I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back on 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt