

SJF NEWS

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★ Citizen of the Week

★ The weeks recipient is **Eliana** in **Y1** who understands that rights match responsibilities. In our community we learn that everyone has the right: to feel *happy, safe and loved* every day both at home and in school. With these rights come the responsibility to help others feel happy, safe and loved (and to do something to help if others do not feel these things). Eliana is a wonderful friend who helps and supports others in line with this week's 'Statement to Live By'. Congratulations Eliana, we are all very proud of you!



Harvest Festival 2018

I would like to thank everyone who attended our annual Harvest Festival Mass of thanksgiving. I would like to thank my colleagues for organising the service and everyone who played a part in bringing the liturgy alive, including our brand new altar servers! I would like to especially thank Fr Paul for celebrating Mass and for his continuing support as well as Mrs Barrett for organising and leading the music.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who joined us and/or donated non-perishable food items to support the great work of the dedicated team at the St Wilfrid's Centre who do so much to help many of Sheffield's most vulnerable people.

Calendar Reminders

The **SJF calendar** is available online on the Homepage and in two formats via these links:

- <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents-and-carers-zone/calendar/>
- [http://www.st-johnfisher.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/docleff-20180713194822-9030/SJF%20CALENDAR%20%20\(2018-2019\).pdf](http://www.st-johnfisher.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/docleff-20180713194822-9030/SJF%20CALENDAR%20%20(2018-2019).pdf)

05-11-18	• School reopens for the start of Term 2 • Day 1: 'Be Safe - Be Happy Week 2018'
06-11-18	• Day 2: 'Be Safe - Be Happy Week 2018' • Key Stage 2 – Remembrance Day talks
07-11-18	• Day 3: 'Be Safe - Be Happy Week 2018' • Internet Safety Workshop for Parents & Carers (3.30pm & 5.00pm, Y6 classroom)
08-11-18	• Day 4: 'Be Safe - Be Happy Week 2018' • No Liturgy this week
09-11-18	• Day 5: 'Be Safe - Be Happy Week 2018' • Celebration Assembly (9.30am, School Hall) - FS2 family and friends • Community Service of Remembrance (10.50am, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church)
12-11-18	• Mathematics Workshop: Multiplication & Division) – parents and carers
16-11-18	• PTFA 'Children in Need' Day
19-11-18	• Pupil Progress & Target Setting Meetings (2.30pm - 5.00pm, School Hall)
20-11-18	• Pupil Progress & Target Setting Meetings (5.00pm - 7.00pm, School Hall)
22-11-18	• Y2 Liturgy (9.00am, School Hall) – Y2 family and friends
23-11-18	• Celebration Assembly (9.30am, School Hall) – Y5 family and friends

Internet Safety Workshops

Children

As part of 'Be Safe – Be Happy Week' pupils will have an age-appropriate lesson with Mrs Finnegan, an internet safety expert from the Local Authority to inform and update them on how to be responsible and safer online. This is an ongoing priority and supplements the continuous work done as part of the SJF computing curriculum.

Parents & Carers

We also invite parents and carers to join us for one of two workshops on **Wednesday 7th November 2018** at **3.30pm** and **5.00pm** in the **Y6 classroom**. The purpose is to provide updates on potential threats and offer advice on what can be done to reduce the threats faced by our children. During the first workshop children will be supervised by a member of staff in a room close by. I do hope that lots of you will be able to join us.



Mathematics Workshops

The third of our mathematics workshops is on **Monday 12th November 2018**. The focus will be on multiplication and division. The format will be the same as the last workshop for addition and subtraction. The feedback from those who attended the last two workshops has been incredibly positive, so I do urge you to come along.

My Colleagues will be sharing our teaching approaches and the things we look for from the children in response. If you are interested in finding out more so that you can grow your own understanding and/or feel more confident supporting your child(ren) at home, please do try to come along. If anyone would like additional 1:1 support please speak to us in confidence. Children will be supervised by staff during the sessions.

Final Term 1 Smiley Scores

<p>St Andrew's House</p> <p>525</p>	<p>St David's House</p> <p>476</p>	<p>St Patrick's House</p> <p>482</p>	<p>St George's House</p> <p>535</p>
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Congratulations to the members of St George's House – our Term 1 Champions!

Attendance this week			
1 st	Y4	100%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	FS2	99.3%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y6	98.7%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y1	98.6%	
5 th	Y3	96.8%	
6 th	Y2	95.0%	
7 th	Y5	94.8%	
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 97.6% ↓	



Get Set, GO!			
1 st	FS2	97%	
2 nd	Y4	93%	
3 rd	Y3	96%	
4 th	Y4	89%	
5 th	Y5	87%	
6 th	Y1	86%	
7 th	Y6	79%	
		Average = 90% ↓	

Attendance this term (and academic year so far)			
1 st	FS2	99.4%	
2 nd	Y6	98.1%	
3 rd	Y4	98.0%	
4 th	Y3	97.8%	
5 th	Y5	97.7%	
6 th	Y1	97.6%	
7 th	Y2	97.0%	
		Average attendance = 97.9%	

I would like to congratulate the children and staff of FS2, our Term 1 attendance champions! Congratulations also to the classes managing to beat our 98% target. Commiserations to the children in those classes which came so close!

Unfortunately attendance dipped in the final week because of term-time holidays which meant that targets for the week and first term were both just missed. Any absence from school

has an impact and not just because of the missed learning, but also because it can leave children feeling less confident and settled. Where absence can be avoided e.g. appointments which can be made out of school hours and term-time holidays (where there are no exceptional circumstances), please support us.

Remember our daily before-school 'Get Set, GO!' daily challenges start at 8.45am – immediately after the 8.40am 'Wake Up! Shake Up!' session on the playground. Please encourage your children to join in the fun!

Collective Worship

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

There will be no liturgy next week because it is 'Be Safe Be Happy Week' and we also have our Community Service of Remembrance on Friday 9th November 2018. Our next 'Liturgy of the Word' will therefore be on **Thursday 15th November 2018**, and will be led by the young people of **Y3**. We invite their family and friends to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am.

Celebration Assembly

Our next Celebration Assembly will be on **Friday 9th November 2018** at just after 9.00m in the School Hall. The family and friends of our FS2 pupils are invited to join us there.





Community Service of Remembrance

On Friday 9th November 2018 our community will come together to mark the centenary of Armistice Day. Our service will start at 10.50am at Our Lady Lourdes Catholic Church and will incorporate a minute's silence in honour of the fallen and those who love(d) them. We invite all our families and friends as well as members of our parish and wider communities. During the first week back all the children will have a special lesson in which they will learn about the origins of the UK Poppy Appeal and reflect on why this national act of remembrance is so important.

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Eddie	Alfie	Lydia	Olivia	Olivia	Bethany	Israel

Golden Children

- FS2** **Olivia** for using good language to explain what happened when she was younger and what she thinks will happen when she grows up!
- Y1** **Willow** for listening in a super way during Mathematics lessons and for working so hard – always giving 100% effort to all she does!
- Y2** **Daniel** for striving to do his best with his writing! Well done superstar!
- Y3** **Ernie** for trying his best with everything and for the kindness he has shown in helping others in class! Well done!
- Y4** **Eleanor** for another great week in which she has listened well and worked hard! What a great example you are!
- Y5** **Lily** for being consistently positive; for having a great attitude; and for being friendly and kind! What a star you are Lily!
- Y6** **Filip** for always having a wonderful attitude to learning and for displaying exceptional manners at all times!

Achievements Outside of School

This week's achievements are:

- **Luca** in **Y1** achieved certificates for swimming 5 metres and achieving 'Octopus Series 3'. He will now be moving up a class! Well done Luca!
- **Isabelle** in **Y2** achieved her gymnastics proficiency awards 8, 7 and 6 in just one week! Incredible achievement Isabelle!
- **Tamzin** in **Y5** has now completed and passed all her junior lifeguarding awards! Congratulations Tamzin!

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 on the next page 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 one of our internet safety workshops at either 3.30pm or 5.00pm on Wednesday 7th November to find out more. Both workshops take place in the Y6 classroom with childcare be offered at the earlier one.



Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms



Y5 Residential 2018

Here are some pictures from the Y5 residential to 'The Oakes'. More pictures are available via this link to the 'Class Zone' on our website: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/class-zone/y5/>.





As the first class ever to visit The Oakes activity centre from St John Fisher, we had no idea what to expect! Fantastic weather meant we had an amazing three days choosing activities from: zorbing, mudder challenge, rafting, ropes, archery, remote control cars and indoor crafts.

"The Oakes' young leaders looked after us from the moment we arrived and throughout. They made sure we had home-cooked food and tidy dorms – each dorm was given points for keeping things tidy! Team Slessor won! We know that next year's pupils will have a great residential, just like we did!" **(Mr MacInnes)**



Appeal for Reading Volunteers

We are looking for more reading volunteers who can commit to coming in to school on a regular basis once or twice a week in order to listen to readers, particularly Y3 readers. Reading Volunteers fulfil such an important role in school and make a huge difference. If you are interested in finding out more please speak to Mrs Barrett or Mr Shepherd or email us (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org). Thank you.

Be Safe – Be Happy Week 2018

Next week is 'Be Safe Be Happy Week 2018' and this year we will focus on being **happy** and **safe** and in ourselves. Throughout the week, the children will take part in a range of different activities that promote personal safety, happiness and well-being. We will focus on:

- bullying in its different forms and what we should do if we see it happening or experience it ourselves
- being healthy and proud of who we are
- being respectful of others and everything they are
- personal hygiene
- eating healthily
- being safe online
- basic first aid
- personal safety (using NSPCC primary resources)

Across the week we will be working with:

- Links coaches completing sports groups with the children to promote sport and activity to help us feel positive, happy and healthy. The pupils are asked to come to school wearing their SJF PE uniform on the following days:
 - **FS2 and KS1** pupils (Years 1 and 2) on **Wednesday 7th November**
 - **KS2** pupils (Years 3, 4, 5 and 26) on **Thursday 8th November**
- Taylor Shaw will be working with each class over two days; preparing healthy food with the children and doing some food tasting activities
- Mrs Finnegan, an internet safety expert from the Local Authority will be talking to the children about how to be safer online. There will also be two workshops for parents/carers after school in the Y6 classroom on **Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 3.30pm** (childcare provided) and at **5.00pm**. You are all very welcome!
- a nurse will talk to the children about the importance of being hygienic
- a firefighter will talk to the younger children about fire safety

You will be able to see the children's work on the website and at our curriculum exhibition at the end of term.

Beat Your Best!

The SJF Weekly Personal Challenge!

The last challenge was run by our new Sports Leaders and was a fun sprint challenge. The sports leaders recorded how quickly the participants were able to run a set distance. Through the week our fantastic Sports Leaders have been 'blogging' about this week's challenge.

Our Sports Majors did a great job of setting up the challenge and encouraging others to get involved and have a great time! We would like to say a huge congratulations to the following pupils who managed to beat their best this week. They are Giovanni, Riley, Alan and Charlie (Y3); William (Y4); Vilius (Y5); Alice and Lola (Y6). Well done everybody!



Rowing Tournament

On Friday 19th of October a group of Y6 students took part in an inter-school rowing competition along with schools from across Sheffield organised by our partners from LINKS. Our team did brilliantly, especially as some of our pupils had not rowed before. Mr Cross was very impressed with the effort and teamwork of our pupils. Thanks to LINKS; to our pupils; and to Mr Cross and Mrs Broadhead for their commitment and support.

PE Uniform Reminder

On Wednesday 7th November 2018 the children in **FS2, Y1** and **Y2** are asked to come to school wearing PE kit. On **Thursday 8th November 2018** the children in **Y3, Y4, Y5** and **Y6** are asked to wear their PE uniforms all day.



Y1 Visit to the Weston Park Museum

The young people of Y1 had a great time during their visit to the Weston Park Museum. They learned about old toys and had the opportunity to play with many of them. They even had an opportunity to create their own toy using clay. After lunch they had time to explore the rest of the museum. A huge 'thank you' to Mrs Sambrook and Mrs Hadfield and all the adults who accompanied us and made the trip such a success.



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' last week we were reflecting on just how special we each are. We all therefore 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 being treated badly.
How can we do this without hurting others?

To stand up for yourself
takes strength. but to stand
up for others takes courage.

- Alice Ann Jennet Lisenby



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

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

