



St John Fisher Weekly News



Friday 26th September 2014 (Issue 4 ~ 2014/15)

Phonics Workshop

All parents and carers are invited to a phonics workshop that will explain the **Read Write Inc.** system. The workshop is open to everyone, and especially the parents and carers of children in FS2 and Year 1. There will be an overview of the programme and an explanation of how you can support your children at home. The workshop will take place on **Wednesday 1st October at 3.30pm** in the Y5 classroom. Your children (including pre-school siblings) can be looked after by staff in the Y6 classroom whilst the workshop is on.

FS2 Update Meeting

All parents and carers of children in **FS2** are invited to a special update meeting with the Teaching and Learning Team on **Tuesday 7th October at 3.30pm**. Lots of important information will be shared including useful tips for helping your child and contributing to 'Learning Journeys' etc. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and find out more about how the children are learning.

Y5 Residential to Kingswood

The Y5 children have been enjoying a residential educational visit to the Kingswood Centre in the Dearne Valley. We have received regular updates about what a fantastic time they have all been having. There will be a report from the children in next week's newsletter. I would like to thank Mrs Holloway, Mrs Asquith, Miss Hardman and Mr Andrews who accompanied the children.

Kingswood (2015) Information Evening

The parents/carers of children currently in **Y3** and **Y4** are invited to an information evening about our Kingswood visits (for 2015) on **Wednesday 22nd October 2014 at 3.30pm** in the Year 5 classroom. Children and pre-school siblings will be looked after in the Y6 room.

Next year, as well as the Y5 residential, we are proposing to also have a one night Y4 residential. The Y5 visit will still focus on a range of adventurous activities whilst the new Y4 overnigher will focus on bush-craft skills. Please come along to find out more. I would be particularly interested in whether you feel it is a good idea to run a one night visit for Y4 children. Thank you.

Pupil Photographs

The children will be having their photographs next Thursday 2nd October.

Golden Children

The class teachers added the names of the following children to our Golden Book this week:

● F 2	Daisy Green for trying really hard in class and for being kind!
● Year 1	Phoebe Kilbride for always sitting and listening beautifully, and for telling funny stories!
● Year 2	Jack Swain for following instructions straightaway and for having a fabulous attitude!
● Year 3	Jared Ward for having a very positive attitude and for always trying hard to improve his work!
● Year 4	Jack Waldron for showing fantastic manners and great classroom behaviour all the time!
● Year 5	James Fitzpatrick for being a fantastic role-model to younger children by being kind and helpful!
● Year 6	Luke Murphy and Luke McKernan for showing an enthusiastic and confident attitudes towards their writing as well as for producing some fantastic descriptions. Well done!

Top Table

The Kestrel 'family' were invited to sit at the 'Top Table' today by Mrs Bower and her team of midday supervisors. The children were chosen for displaying good table manners, for helping each other and for behaving with maturity. The members of the kestrel family are: Franky D, Faye C, Daniel D, Cole H, Lola P-F, Millie T, Archie S-C and Evan S. Well done children!

Focus Group

We have had a couple of responses so far. The first meetings will be about reviewing and developing our annual report format following feedback last summer. If you would like to get involved please contact Mr Smith via his email address (i.smith@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk). Thank you.



Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank Mr Broadhead's **Y4** class for leading the liturgy yesterday. Next week our liturgy will be led by the children of Y3 and will take place on **Wednesday 1st October**. The change of day is because we are having school photos on Thursday 2nd October. We invite the family and friends of our **Y3** pupils to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am.

Writing Champions

The children who have been named as champions this week for being enthusiastic and for making (or sustaining) improvements in their writing are:

Foundation 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Mike Masuka	Mitchell Clayton	Reuben Hastings-Quainoo	Saffron Kilbride	Eden Hague	James Fitzpatrick & Joseph Holmeshaw	Luke Murphy

Parenting Puzzle Course

A key part of Mrs Asquith's role is to develop a supportive partnership with parents and carers. This course supports families seeking to get the best out of family life by looking at how parents nurture children and also themselves. The programme provides simple and effective tools that will help parents support children who might sometimes present challenges.

The six-week course will take place in the library on Tuesday evenings from 7.00pm to 9.00pm starting on Tuesday 7th October and lasting until Tuesday 18th November (with no session during the half-term holiday).

Achievements Outside School

- **Rowan Lodge** in Y2 passed his Stage 2 swimming award! Last week I wrote that it was Patrick (his brother) by mistake. Apologies to both boys for the error and congratulations to Rowan for the fantastic achievement!
- **Ola Dominiak** in Y3 achieved her Stage 2 swimming award! Well done Ola!
- **Poppy Walton** in Y3 achieved her 100m Rainbow Swimming Award! Congratulations Poppy!

Weekly Attendance Winners

This week the girls and boys of both **FS2** and **Y5** were in joint first place with **100%** attendance and will be visited by both Bobby and Brenda Bear in turn! In third place were the children of **Y2** also with **99.3%** who will be visited by Elvis the Owl. Congratulations all of you!

The average overall attendance for the week was **97.3%** which is above our target of 97%, thank you.

Statement to Live By

Next week our statement to live by is: "**I can laugh and have fun!**"

Time to talk: Together you could remember some of the special times when you have laughed a lot and had fun as a family. What was special about each occasion? Why is it important to laugh and have fun at home and at school with our friends and families?

Have a great weekend,

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt