



St John Fisher News

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Citizens of the Week

This week we have two recipients who really do understand that we are all part of a community that includes our school. The recipients are the Chairperson of the School Council, **Abdullah Al-Rammahi**, and the Vice-Chairperson, **Zarnetta Moomba** who are in **Y6**. Both students have impressed staff with their drive and focus. They understand the importance of the positions to which they have been elected by their peers and therefore take their roles very seriously. They understand that a leadership role should first and foremost be about humility and service to others. Mrs Darken who coordinates the School Council has talked regularly to colleagues about how impressed she has been with both Abdullah and Zarnetta. Congratulations to both children, we are all proud of you and grateful for the fantastic jobs you do.

School Review

I am delighted to report that this week's review went very well. Mr Kilner was particularly impressed with the quality of pupils' behaviour, and specifically behaviour for learning - as he went from class to class observing teaching and learning. During his visit he spoke with a number of children who answered his questions and talked confidently and enthusiastically about what they were doing and learning. He was also impressed with the high quality of our pupils' work and specifically writing throughout school.

Assessment Workshop

I would like to remind you that you are invited to one of two workshops that we are holding on **Monday 13th February 2017**. The first, straight after school at **3.30pm**, will be repeated at **5.00pm**. Both sessions will take place in Mr Smith's Y6 classroom. The purpose of the workshop is to provide an overview of our assessment cycle and explain our tracking system and report formats both for the interim updates and the end of year reports. We will also aim to answer any questions that you might have. Please note that we will also be able to provide childcare during the first session. Thank you.

Emails

Following some constructive feedback in the questionnaires we are looking into setting up a trial whereby email addresses for each class will be made available to parents and carers so that they can contact their children's teachers directly regarding non-urgent matters. We understand that it can sometimes be hard for parents and carers to speak to teachers, especially if they do not always bring their children to school.

Teachers typically will check their class email accounts at the end of a school day and so it is important to note that emails will **not** normally be read or responded to before or during school hours; after 5.00pm; at weekends; or during the school holidays. Teachers will try to respond within 48 hours. Typically these emails will not be urgent. An email might be a simple enquiry or question; a request for information; an offer to help/volunteer; a request to catch up regarding a non-urgent matter or to share some information.

Communication with school regarding urgent matters, including concerns and/or complaints, should be made as they are currently. The main reason for this is that an email sent to the class email address might not be picked up straightaway. You should also contact the Admin Team directly if you wish to notify us that you are delayed and will be late collecting your child or if you need to inform us that someone different is collecting your child or if there is some other sort of emergency etc.

The new email addresses will be shared prior to the system going live on Monday 27th February (the start of Term 4). Thank you.

Uniform Reminder

Boots

Children can wear wellington boots or other high boots to and from school and at playtimes if the weather is cold and/or bad, however they must have proper school shoes to wear in school at all other times.

PE Kit

Children must wear a plain burgundy sweatshirt and plain grey jogging bottoms on PE days. You have the choice to either purchase this kit (with the school logo) from our specialist supplier, 'School Trends' via this link: <http://www.schooltrendsonline.com/uniform/StJohnFisherCatholicPrimarySchoolS124HJ> or from another source. Please note that items bought from another source must be plain and unbranded. Thank you.

First Aid Notice

Here is a repeat of last week's important message from Mrs Pickering, our lead for First Aid:

I would like to remind parents that if your children are fit for school but might require additional pain relief during the first day or so after they return you are asked to contact me so that a care plan can be completed. Please note that medications must be sent in to school in their original packaging (with dosage information, box and information leaflet). This is to ensure that we are compliant with legal requirements. Please contact me if you have any concerns or questions, thank you.

Forthcoming Events

Don't forget that our calendar is on our website or via this link: www.st-johnfisher.org/parents/school-dates/

Bags2School

Another reminder that collections will now take place on:

- Friday 10th February 2017
- Friday 5th May 2017



Parent Advice and Support – Drop-in Sessions

Please remember that all parents and carers can access advice and support from the MAST Parent Support Team. There are weekly drop in sessions in the school library from **8.30am on Thursday mornings** which are open to everyone.

Advice can be on a wide range of issues, from general information about services available to Sheffield parents/carers to more personal and specific advice on parenting, housing, debt- management and coping with addiction etc. If you would like an appointment please speak to Mrs Asquith. Thank you.

Advice and support
for children and
families



Contact MAST when
your family needs
some extra help

Our Catholic Life

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next Liturgy of the Word will be led by the young people of **Y6** on **Thursday 2nd February 2017**. The family and friends of our **Y6** children are therefore invited to join us in the School Hall just after **9.00am** on the day.

Celebration Assembly

We invite the family and friends of our **Y5** children to join us for our Celebration Assembly next **Friday 3rd February 2017** in the School Hall at **2.55pm**.

Parish News

You are invited to a special healing Mass to mark the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes on **Friday 10th February 2017**, at **7.00pm**. There will be special prayers for the healing of the sick in the presence of the relics of St Maximilian Kolbe. Everyone is welcome.

Please note that important information about services and events in our parish of Our Lady of Lourdes is available via the parish website: www.ourladyoflourdessheffield.org.uk. Thank you.

Term 3 Smiley Scores So Far...

St Andrew's House  235	St David's House  305	St Patrick's House  212	St George's House  215
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Mission Together

This week we received a certificate from the Mission Together charity thanking us for raising £55 to support this year's annual appeal. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this, one of our House charities.



CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

PDSA

This week we welcomed the PDSA in to talk to all the children about caring for animals and animal heroes. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and the stall at the end of the day raised £64.50 to support the work of the charity.



Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lily-Mae Williams	Ruby Asumadu	Phil Asumadu	Isla Atkinson	Jack Swain	Nadia Kamoli	Abdullah Al-Rammahi

Golden Children

FS2	Frederick Field for working so hard to use his phonics. We are very proud of his reading and writing progress! Well done!
Year 1	Alfie Marsden for completing more work and for showing how really clever he is! What a superstar!
Year 2	Tiarnan McKeown for making such a super start to your writing in 2017! Well done, we are all very proud of you!
Year 3	Phoebe Kilbride for showing great enthusiasm in all her learning – particularly with the new topic! What a star!
Year 4	Finlay Jones for having such a positive attitude to working hard and for making a positive contribution to class discussions!
Year 5	Matthew Ford for using some excellent strategies to help himself spell tricky words! Matthew is becoming very independent! Well done!
Year 6	Isaac Woolhouse for always giving his very best in all he does and for being such a conscientious learner!

Achievements Outside of School

None this week, but do not forget to send in details of your children's out of school achievements so that we can publish them in the newsletter. Thank you.

Attendance This Week			The overall school average has dropped again compared to previous weeks, however it remains just above 97%. Thank you.
FS2	95.0%		
Year 1	98.6%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week	
Year 2	98.9%	Brenda Bear will visit next week	
Year 3	99.3%	Bobby Bear will visit next week	
Year 4	97.5%		
Year 5	94.1%		
Year 6	96.9%		
Weekly Target	97%	This week's Average Attendance	97.1%

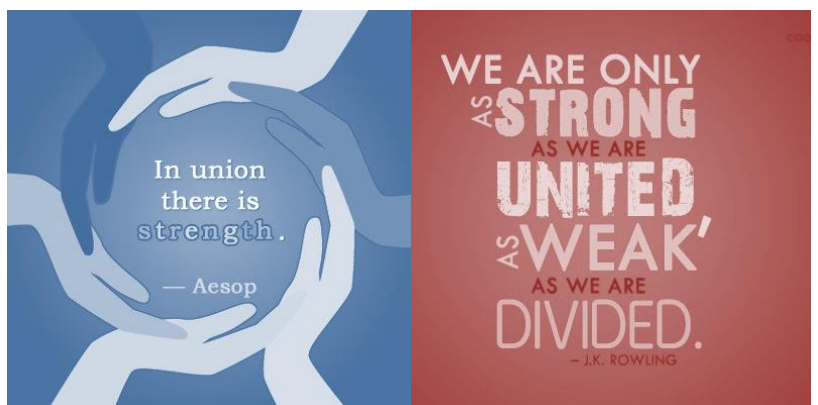
KIDZONE

Please contact KIDZONE directly for information about the February holiday club, or to book places. Thanks.
<http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents/the-kidzone-onsite-out-of-hours-care/>

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is "I know we are happiest when we are united."

Time to talk: Together you could think about what the word united means. Can you find the word in a dictionary? Why do some teams have the word 'united' in their names? How many can you think of? What is the opposite of united? Why do you think we are happier when we are united? Why not talk about the different sorts of things we do to help keep our school and local communities united?



Best wishes,
Mr Barratt