



St John Fisher Weekly News



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Dates for you Diary

You will find dates of most events in your school calendar, below is a breakdown of forthcoming events

• Monday 30 th June	✓ Taster days for the first group of children joining FS2 in September 2014
• Wednesday 2 nd July	✓ (9.45am-2.30pm)
• Friday 4 th July	
• Monday 7 th July	✓ Taster days for the second group of children joining FS2 in September 2014
• Wednesday 9 th July	✓ (9.45am-2.30pm)
• Friday 11 th July	
• Wednesday 16 th July	✓ Theme 2 Exhibition in the school hall ✓ (9.00am)
• Thursday 17 th July	✓ Leavers' Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church (Full school uniform) ✓ (7.00pm)
• Friday 18 th July	✓ End of year Mass of thanksgiving at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church ✓ (9.30am)

Please note that the end of year Mass is at 9.30am and not 2.00pm as indicated in the School Calendar

Sports Day 2014 - Cancellation

I am very sorry that we had to cancel part of today's sports day because of the weather. It is always difficult when the weather is so changeable. I wanted to give you enough time to alter arrangements as I know that many of you were going to go to a lot of trouble to be here. In the end the forecast said there was a high chance of rain all day and that it was going to be particularly heavy in the afternoon.

The children did manage to enjoy a fun-packed programme of (indoor) sport this morning and still received their ice pops from the PTFA! Sadly there is no time reschedule the event.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Miss Rybka supported by Miss Kipling in organising today's activities. They have worked really hard to bring together today's Commonwealth Games-themed event. I would also like to thank my colleagues and volunteers who ran events, and the children themselves who really entered into the spirit of the day even though they were disappointed that this afternoon's events could not go ahead.

Staff News

- As you know Mrs Evans will be commencing maternity leave for a few months from September 2014. During her absence Governors have appointed Mr Smith to be acting Assistant Headteacher.
- Miss Kiernan will now join the Leadership Team as Lead for Diversity and Inclusion, responsible for ensuring that all vulnerable children (and their families) get the appropriate support.
- Mrs Bowers has been appointed to a new post of Senior Midday Supervisor from September 2014.
- Miss May has been appointed as an additional and permanent Teaching Assistant to the post she has been covering on a temporary basis for the past few weeks.
- Interviews will be held for the remaining Year 2 vacancy and Mrs Evans' maternity cover at the beginning of July and it is my intention that the parents and carers of the children who are in Year 1 currently will have an opportunity to meet the successful candidate shortly afterwards.

Once everyone is in place I will immediately publish a full staff list. I would like to remind you that you will have opportunities to meet the new staff members at the Welcome Meetings and at the individual Pupil Progress Review meetings scheduled for the very beginning of the new school year in September.

As a parent myself I do understand that the end of a school year can be an uneasy time especially when there is lots of change or you are waiting to find out who will be teaching your child in the following year - especially if you want to start prepare him or her so they can start to adjust for the change.

Sadly I am aware that a number of rumours are circulating at the moment, which is unhelpful because they create a greater sense of anxiety for some parents who might already be worried about something.

This is why I always try to be open, transparent and approachable. I will tell you what I can tell you and I will always try to make time to meet with you or answer your letters and emails. So please be assured that everything is in hand as far as staffing is concerned and I will update you as soon as everything is finalised. I am also happy to answer any questions that you might have. Thank you.

Educational Visits & Competitions

Children in different classes have been involved in lots of different sporting events and visits this week. Below is a report by James Fitzpatrick about the Year 2 visit to the English Institute of Sport (EIS). We hope to publish the other reports in next week's newsletter. My sincere thanks go to colleagues and all the parent volunteers who have supported us in order to make these experiences possible.

“On Monday 23rd June Year 2 went to the English Institute of Sport. Our first activity was Tunnelball. You had to roll the ball to the back of the line. the person at the back ran to the front. Overall Year 2 came out as winners. Everybody tried 100% so that is why we won”

Achievements Outside of School

Please pass us details of any achievements outside of school.

NSPCC

I would be grateful if you would send any remaining NSPCC sponsorship money in by my Monday 30th June. The NSPCC representative will lead a special 'Thank You' assembly on Monday morning after which she will work out the final total. Thank you for supporting this very worthy cause.

Industrial Action

I want to pre-warn you that on Thursday 10th July a day of action has been called by a number of teaching unions. We will let you know closer to the day which classes will be effected or not by industrial action.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next weekly liturgy of the Word will be on **Thursday 3rd July**. It will be led by the children of **Y4** and the family and friends of our Y4 children are invited to join us just after 9.00am in the hall. Thank you.

Golden Children

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

● F 2	Xiomara Gregory for trying very hard in Read Write Inc and art!
● Year 1	Kiera Ambrose for following instructions and working hard to finish her jobs!
● Year 2	Ruby Hayward for giving of her best in the Links Sports Day at the EIS!
● Year 3	Kimi Hardy for developing his learning behaviours and working hard to be positive in challenging situations!
● Year 4	Daphney Adebayo for a beautifully presented and very well written discussion text!
● Year 5	Caitlin Grayson for making great progress in her writing in Y5!
● Year 6	Daniel Kandare for being an excellent role-model and a really hard working young man!

Weekly Attendance Winners

For the week ending 27-06-14 the girls and boys of **Y6** were in first place with **98.8%** attendance and will be visited by Bobby Bear. In second place were the children of **FS2** with **98.7%** attendance and they will be visited by our Brenda Bear. In third place were the young people of **Y2** who were just behind with **98.6%** attendance and who will be visited by Elvis the Owl. The average overall attendance for the week rose to **96.7%** which is above our 96% target. Thank you for your support.

Statement to Live By

When we come back after the holiday, our statement to live by will be: **“I know that I am special.”**

Time to talk: Together you could think about all the people you are special to. Talk about why you are special. You could list all your gifts and talents and especially the things that make unique and different from your friends and members of your family. You could also discuss why it is important to remind ourselves that we are special every day, especially when we don't feel very special.

Have a great weekend,

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