



St John Fisher News

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Easter Service

On Tuesday the children of Years 3, 4 and 5 led an Easter Service at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church as part of our preparations for Easter. During the service the children took us on a journey which recounted the important events of Holy Week leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus. It was very moving and special. All the children were fantastic; singing and fulfilling their individual roles magnificently. I felt very proud of each of them. I would like to thank my colleagues: Miss Hardman, Miss Kipling, Miss McCann, Mrs Golland, Miss D'Roza, Mr Pegg, Mr Hawley and all who worked so hard to prepare for the service. I would also like to thank Father Paul for his welcome and introduction and for allowing us to use the church and our PTFA for filming the service. The aim is to produce DVDs of the service which will then be sold at a reasonable cost.

Super Talented Writers!

Assiah Ruty Gordon and Olivia Dean in Year 3 have been working really hard to improve their writing. The other day they each shared with me a story they had written. I was so blown away by their enthusiasm and by the effort they had put into their writing that I wanted to share the stories with you too.

The Magic Game Console

I was at home, it was a sunny day. I had been grounded because I broke the bathroom cabinet. I went on my play station 2 which was in my bedroom. I turned it on, waited for it to load... and it was then I pressed the X button. Suddenly I was teleported inside the magic world of television. I was in Spiderman 2. I flicked out my fingers and then a silky, sticky web travelled very fast onto a skyscraper. It pulled me and I saw Spiderman. He shouted at me. He said "Hey! Who are you?" I shouted back "I'm Assiah and I am your BIGGEST fan." Spiderman showed me how to climb brick walls quickly. I spread my body then I was whizzing on the walls but then the web dragged me off the ground because it was as strong as a rock. Was I forever lost in the game or was I not forever lost in the game? The answer was I was stuck in Spiderman 2.

By Assiah Ruty Gordon Year 3

The Flying Dutchman Skateboard

One morning I was on my way to the sandy beach. The sun was burning like hot lava. I was riding my Flying Dutchman skateboard and I was going fast!!! It was extremely exciting to be on my skateboard. Then I crouched down and I held the sides. Something magical happened, Soon I was dragged around the beach! It took me in zigzag ways until I felt wobbly. "This is amazingly exciting" I whispered.

By Olivia Dean Year 3

Golden Children

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

• Foundation 2	Lola Pardo-Figueroa for being an excellent role-model when she gets dressed and undressed for PE and for being the first to sit on the carpet.
• Year 1	Lily Sanders for always trying her best and for making good contributions in class.
• Year 2	Jack Waldron for having an outstanding attitude to his learning in all subjects. An excellent role-model.
• Year 3	James Williamson for making great progress in mathematics.
• Year 4	Ellie Scott for trying really hard in her assessed writing to write with all the correct punctuation.
• Year 5	Elizabeth Avelino for changing her attitude to mathematics and then making fantastic progress as a result!
• Year 6	Declan Lindley for all the positive hard work he has done this year. He has really proven to himself what he can do!

House Points

The final house point totals for Term 4 are:

Clitherow = 821 points	Kolbe = 655 points	Schweitzer = 889 points	Teresa = 512 points
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Congratulations to all the children in Schweitzer who have earned 'Golden Time' next term.

A Message from the 'Streets Ahead' Team

You may recall that in an earlier newsletter I informed you of a significant city-wide programme of improvements to highways being coordinated by the local authority's 'Streets Ahead Team'. Below is a letter from the team that I have been asked to include in this week's newsletter for your information

Dear Resident,

Streets Ahead is Sheffield City Council's £2 billion 25 year highway improvement programme which Amey, the Council's contractor, is delivering. You may have been aware that as part of the Streets Ahead contract the residential roads and street-scene in the Hackenthorpe area were due to be upgraded in 2016.

We are pleased to inform you that the Hackenthorpe improvement works have been brought forward to 2013 and will be starting in the near future. Amey will be holding a public information event on the **16th April** at the following local venue; **Hackenthorpe Community Centre**, Four Wells Drive, S12 4JB. The public event will be from **2.30 – 6.30pm** on the **16th April**, local residents and businesses are very welcome to drop-in at any time to see details of the highway improvement works. There will be Amey specialist staff present to provide information on the upcoming works.

We look forward to seeing you on the 16th April to tell you about the benefits that the Streets Ahead works will bring to your local area.

For further information about Streets Ahead please see www.sheffield.gov.uk/streetsahead or you can follow [@sccstreetsahead](https://twitter.com/sccstreetsahead) on Twitter.

Kind Regards

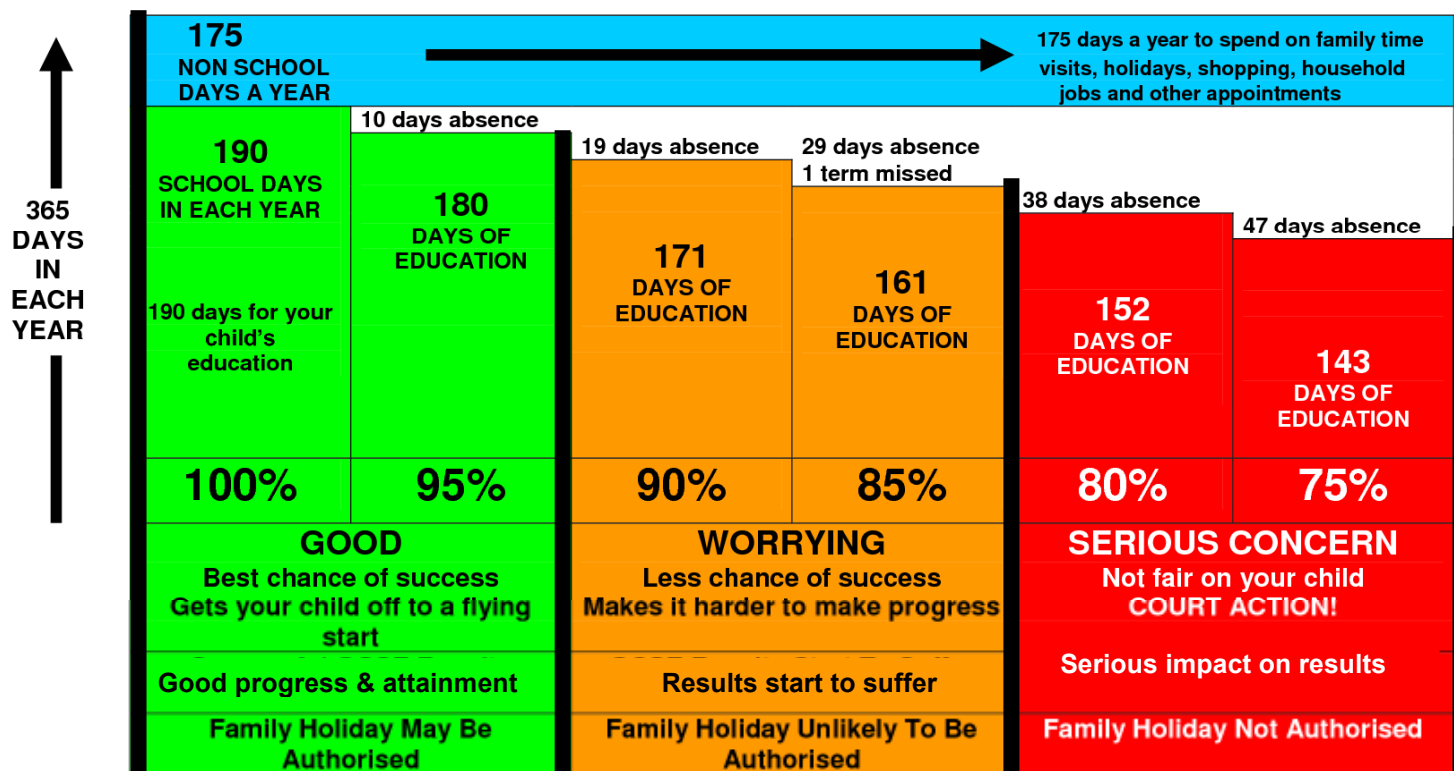
The Streets Ahead Team

Attendance

The graphic below illustrates clearly why every single school day is important. It has been proven that poor attendance not only has a huge impact on children's progress and attainment, but also on their self-esteem, confidence and attitude to school and learning. Sometimes absence is unavoidable due to sickness for example, but I do urge you to avoid unnecessary absences if at all possible. Thank you.

DAYS OFF SCHOOL ADD UP TO LOST LEARNING

St John Fisher has a target of 96%



- Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve
- Every school day counts
- Authorised family holidays will affect your child's attendance - TWO WEEKS is 5%

If you are worried about your child's attendance please talk to us at school

Weekly Attendance Winners

The classes achieving the highest attendance for the week commencing 18 March were:

- In first place was Y3 with 99.7% attendance over the week
- In second place was Y5 with 97.1% attendance over the week
- In third place was Y1 with 94.0% attendance over the week

Over the week our average pupil attendance was 93.8% which is below our target of 96%.

This means that Bobby will be visiting Y3 Bertie will be visiting Y5 and Elvis will be visiting Y1 next week.

Children's Mass Dates

Please see the following dates for the forthcoming Children's Masses at Our Lady of Lourdes Church:

21 April
19 May
16 June
21 July

Please mark your calendars accordingly – Thank You!

Statement to Live By

When we return from the holidays our statement to live by in the first week back will be: **"I know what humility means."**

Time to talk: You could encourage your child(ren) to guess what 'humility' means and then find the word in a dictionary to see if you were right. When you have the definition you could think about why Jesus taught that to show humility is an important way of staying close to Him. You could also think about the different ways in which we can show humility in our own lives - both at home and at school.

New Term

School reopens on Monday 15th April 2013.

Finally

I would like to thank my colleagues for all their hard work over the past term and all the children who make our wonderful school the special place it is. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, restful and blessed Easter.

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