

SJF NEWS

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Welcome Back!

I welcome you all back for the start of the fourth Term. In terms of our Catholic life this is a significant one as we prepare for the greatest and most important Christian feast, which is Easter. It is also a key point in respect of the children's academic journeys in all Year groups and especially in Years 6, 4, 2 and 1 where the pupils face statutory assessments of one kind or another. Punctuality and great attendance and engagement with the various opportunities in school that are there to support and drive learning and progress is therefore very important. Please check out the calendar for forthcoming events. Thank you.

Citizen of the Week

The week's recipient is **Jia** in **Y6** who appreciates the wonder and beauty of the world in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week! On our recent Y6 visit to London Jia was astounded by the things she saw on the journey; from the London Eye; at the Palace of Westminster; on the Thames river clipper; and at the Tower of London! Increasingly she views the world with an excited sense of wonder and awe, enjoying school and learning more and more. Well done superstar, we are all very proud of you!

Term 4 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House



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St David's House



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St Patrick's House



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St George's House



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Yellow Day 2020



For more information and pictures please hit the link below:

<http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/yellow-day-2020/?p=1&tags=,1089>



Green Day



A reminder that Sunday 17th March 2019 is the Feast of St Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland. To mark this important day the members of St Patrick's House (only) are invited to dress down and wear something green on **Friday 20th March**. Members of the other three Houses are expected to wear full school uniform as usual.

Smiley Awards

Congratulations to Aureilia, Charly, Eddie, Isabelle, Louis and Roman in **Y1** who received certificates for earning 100 smileys!

Calendar Reminders

Our **SJF calendar** is available online on the Homepage of our website 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/2019-09-24_17_35_37//SJF CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019-2020.pdf](http://www.st-johnfisher.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/2019-09-24_17_35_37//SJF%20CALENDAR%20OF%20EVENTS%202019-2020.pdf)

02-03-20	• Y6 Assessment Point 2 (Mock SATs Week) – Day 1 - ATTENDANCE IS CRUCIAL
03-03-20	• Y6 Assessment Point 2 (Mock SATs Week) – Day 2 - ATTENDANCE IS CRUCIAL
04-03-20	• Y6 Assessment Point 2 (Mock SATs Week) – Day 3 - ATTENDANCE IS CRUCIAL
05-03-20	• Y6 Assessment Point 2 (Mock SATs Week) – Day 4 - ATTENDANCE IS CRUCIAL • No Liturgy (due to Y6 assessments) • World Book Day 2020 (favourite book character or pyjamas/onesie for bedtime reading)
06-03-20	• Y5 Celebration Assembly (9.05am, School Hall, Y5 family/friends welcome)
09-03-20	• FS2-Y5 Assessment Point 2 – Day 1 - ATTENDANCE IS CRUCIAL
10-03-20	• FS2-Y5 Assessment Point 2 – Day 2 - ATTENDANCE IS CRUCIAL
11-03-20	• FS2-Y5 Assessment Point 2 – Day 3 - ATTENDANCE IS CRUCIAL
12-03-20	• FS2-Y5 Assessment Point 2 – Day 4 - ATTENDANCE IS CRUCIAL • No Liturgy (due to FS2-Y5 assessments)
28-02-20	• Y4 Celebration Assembly (9.05am, School Hall, Y4 family/friends welcome)
17-03-20	• SEND Review Meetings (with Mrs Hadfield)
19-03-20	• Y2 Liturgy (9.05am, School Hall) • FS2 Phonics & Reading Workshop (3.30pm, FS2 Classroom)
20-03-20	• Green Day (to mark the feast of St Patrick on 17/03/20 - members of St Patrick's House only) • Y6 Celebration Assembly (9.05am, School Hall, Y6 family/friends welcome)

Tokyo Olympics Trip

Here is a message from Miss Brownbill

On Tuesday the Y3 pupils travelled to the EIS for the fantastic Tokyo Olympics event organised by our friends from LINKS. The children were amazing all day and even managed to win the brilliant 'Determination' award! Everyone really had a fantastic time doing various sports and trying lots of new and fun activities!



Collective Worship

Lent 2020: Ash Wednesday Liturgy

On Wednesday we held our first Ash Wednesday Reconciliation Liturgy. This was led by Year 6 who reminded us about the meaning of the season of Lent. Ashes were distributed by members of our Chaplaincy team.

Lent 2020: Class Lenten Liturgies

Lent is a time when we are invited to go on a spiritual journey to the *greatest* Christian feast, Easter. The journey gives us all an opportunity to reflect both on Jesus' example and our own lives. It is also a time of repentance and renewal. We would therefore like to invite you all to join us for any of our simple Lenten class liturgies. The dates are listed below. They will start at 3.10pm. Please notify the Office staff on the day if you wish to attend.

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| Monday 2 nd March 2020 | Years 1 to 6 |
| Tuesday 3 rd March 2020 | FS2 |
| Friday 6 th March 2020 | all classes |
| Monday 9 th March 2020 | Years 1 to 6 |
| Tuesday 10 th March 2020 | FS2 |
| Friday 13 th March 2020 | all classes |
| Monday 16 th March 2020 | Years 1 to 6 |
| Tuesday 17 th March 2020 | FS2 |
| Monday 23 rd March 2020 | Years 1 to 6 |
| Tuesday 24 th March 2020 | FS2 |
| Friday 27 th March 2020 | all classes |
| Monday 30 th March 2020 | Years 1 to 6 |
| Tuesday 31 st March 2020 | FS2 |
| Friday 3 rd April 2020 | all classes |



Weekly Liturgy of the Word

The next Liturgy of the Word will be on **Thursday 19th March 2020** and will be led by the young people of **Y2**. We of course invite their family and friends to join us that day in the School Hall just after 9.00am.

Celebration Assembly

Our next Celebration Assembly will be on **Friday 6th March 2020** just after 9.00m in the School Hall. This time the family and friends of our **Y5** pupils are invited to join us.

Good Shepherd Lenten Appeal

Mrs Barrett is busy organising our annual fundraising activities in aid of the Bishop's annual 'Good Shepherd' appeal which supports the vital work of a network of small Diocesan charities and services. These help all sorts of people across Hallam Diocese, an area which covers South Yorkshire and parts of North Derbyshire and North Nottinghamshire. They have also helped a number children and families in our school.



Diocese of Hallam

The Great SJF Penny War 2020!

During Lent we will be collecting for one of our House charities, 'The Good Shepherd Appeal'. The popular SJF 'Penny War' will be making a return! We will therefore be collecting pennies and two-pennies. These will be placed in class collecting boxes at the beginning of the school day. Each penny is worth one point and each two-pence piece is worth two points.



Silver coins can be used to sabotage another class' total. Any Silver coins deposited into another class tin will reduce the amount of points in that tin. So 5p will reduce a total by 5 points, 10p by 10 points, 50p by 50 points and so on.

The boxes will be placed in the school playground at playtime so the children can add 'sabotage' silver coins to another class box if they want to. At the end of term the class boxes will be opened and the 1p and 2p coins counted. Deductions resulting from the sabotage silver coins will also be made. The class with the most points will receive 'Golden Time'.



Our Lenten Prayer: 'The Confiteor'

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.



Attendance this week			
1 st	FS2	99.2%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y1	98.8%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y3	97.6%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y5	97.5%	
5 th	Y2	97.1%	
6 th	Y6	94.4%	
7 th	Y4	93.4%	
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 96.8%	



Get Set, GO!			
1 st	FS2	90%	
2 nd	Y6	82%	
3 rd	Y5	79%	
4 th	Y1	78%	
4 th	Y2	78%	
5 th	Y5	65%	
6 th	Y3	61%	
		Average = 76.1%	

Golden Children

- FS2** **Julia** for always being chatty and engaged and for showing great resilience in her learning.
- Y1** **Amelia** for a super piece of writing using question marks and exclamation marks.
- Y2** **Gabriel** for trying really hard at the All Stars Cricket Festival.
- Y3** **Priscilla** for always working hard and helping everyone who may need it.
- Y4** **Lacey-Lou** for working hard in all subjects and trying her best to improve in her maths.
- Y5** **Mia** for making huge progress in her reading and writing of words.
- Y6** **Xiomara** for being a great friend and beginning to take more responsibility.

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kaius	Jacob	Jacob	Owen	Kiya	Fred	Evan

Achievements Outside of School

Please don't forget to share your children's achievements outside of school. Big or small, if they are important to your child we will always be very happy to publish and celebrate. Achievements can be emailed via: enquiries@st-johnfisher.org or posted in the box in the foyer.

Here are this week's achievements:

- Amelia** in **Y1** has achieved her level 3 proficiency badge in gymnastics. Fantastic Amelia!
- Luca** in **Y2** has achieved his swimming certificates for the Angel Fish 1 and 2 series. Well done Luca!
- Amelia** in **Y6** has, throughout February, taken part in the Yorkshire Swimming Championship. She has had to achieve qualifying times to take part and managed two personal best times. Amelia has also achieved qualifying times already for a competition in October. Brilliant Amelia- well done!



The Extreme Reading PHOTO COMPETITION

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

5 MARCH 2020

There is still time before **Thursday 5th March 2020** (World Book Day) to take part in the SJF Extreme Reading Challenge 2020!

Try to think of the weirdest, strangest and funniest place to read a book and then take a picture and email it to us via our general email address:

enquiries@st-johnfisher.org.

Please do not take any risks though! We do not want any of our children injured in the pursuit of the perfect photograph! Winners will receive Book Vouchers

You can even send in 'photo-shopped' pictures which show your child reading in very strange places! Have fun and be imaginative!

When you email the pictures please confirm that you are happy for them to be shared in the newsletter and website without names. You can enter pictures even if you do not want the images shared. All entries will be displayed in school.

SJF World Book Day 2020

It is World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March 2020** the children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Alternatively they can wear suitable night clothes or a onesie to reflect the fact that we promote bedtime reading. I do not want parents/carers feeling pressured to go to great expense or trouble. There will be no competition or prizes awarded, it is just going to be a fun dress down/up day for the children. Remember, some of the best book characters wear normal clothes!

There will be an opportunity to make a £1+ per pupil donation on the school gate when you.

Lots of stories will be shared during the week and this year teachers will also visit another year group in order to read the class a story.

All Stars Cricket Festival



On Thursday The children in Y2 went to Ponds Forge in order to take part in a variety of exciting cricket-based games. This was most definitely an action-filled fun-packed day! The children travelled by tram and were met on arrival by the mascot, Twinkle! We also met all the wonderful staff who organised ran the event.

There were eight different activities for our children to try – all were based around cricket. These tested our pupils' throwing, catching and batting skills.

Everyone did really well and received stickers and certificates! There were special mentions for Alfie, Alana and Katie who each won special 'star' prizes for being amazing which included their own cricket bat and ball.

Thank you to our friends from LINKS and Sheffield Hallam University for running the event and looking after us all so well. Thank you also to Mrs Broadhead, Mr Johnson and all the amazing parent volunteers who supported us generously!

Please hit the link for more pictures:

<http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/all-stars-cricket-festival/>



Reading & Library Volunteers



If you would like to support school in a very special and important way please consider joining our small but dedicated team of Reading Volunteers! We are looking for Reading Volunteers to support and encourage children in all classes, including our youngest FS2 children in the afternoons. If you can spare a little time, please get in touch.

We are also looking for volunteers interested in supporting us to run the library and expand its opening times so that it is more available for parents/carers and children to use before or after school. All volunteers will be subject to the usual safeguarding checks. If you would like to volunteer, or would like some more information, please email Mrs Barrett via enquiries@st-johnfisher.org. Thank you.

School Council Update

By Sophie – Our School Council Secretary



On the 14th of February, Y6 went on a school trip to London. It had been planned for a while and the class was undoubtedly excited. The coach journey there took approximately four hours, but was definitely worth it.

Once we had arrived, it was a short journey to the London Eye. It was immense even though many pupils and teachers felt nervous about going on.



In the end, everyone went on and enjoyed it. High above the Thames, the pupils took advantage of the incredible photo opportunity and tour guide, and went home with many memories.

Next on the list was the Houses of Parliament. Everyone watched a short film about the history of Parliament. It was very informative and was projected on all four walls!

Then the pupils went on to the House of Lords and the House Commons and learned about the process of making and passing laws. We discovered that anyone could go on to be presented in the House of Commons and many of us decided that we would like to!

After this, we boarded a clipper boat on the Thames and set sail from Westminster Pier to The Tower of London. The boat was extremely luxurious and we were able to relax whilst eating our packed lunches on the water!



Once we arrived, we wasted no time taking in the historic landscape. We saw many ravens as well the Crown Jewels!

The Tower grounds were vast and there was so much to see and do! We visited the armoury and saw different pieces of armour worn by different kings. There was even armour for a lady!

London was amazing and we were sad to leave. It was a longer six-hour long journey back because of traffic and a stop off at KFC on the way home.

Later we were picked up by our weary parents, and went home reminiscing about our fabulous day!



To the left are photos at the Tower, half the group at the top of The London Eye and on the steps in Westminster Hall (the only place we were allowed to take photographs in the Palace of Westminster). For more pictures please hit the link below:

<http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/y6-visit-to-london/?p=1&tags=,1089>



Term 3 Reading Awards

FS2 & KS1 Bronze Reading Awards (for having a go and reading most weeks)

Y1	Musa, Marcus and Jake
Y2	Gabriel

FS2 & KS1 Silver Reading Awards (for reading 3 or 4 times most weeks)

FS2	Jan Z
Y1	Eddie
Y2	Kacper, Connie and Eliana

FS2 & KS1 Gold Reading Awards (for reading at least 5 times every week)

FS2	Archie, Caleb, Charlotte, Drew, Esmá, Freya, Gabriella, Hector, Jack M, Jack S, Jacob, Jan M, Julia, Kaius, Kristian, Kyrel, Lotanna, Matilda, Nakai, Natalia, Niamh, Phelan, Peter, Renae, Tilly, William and Zuza
Y1	Olivia, Amelia, Aureilia, Charly, Charlotte, Charlie, Dominic, Emily, Florence, Hyrum, Jacob H, Jacob W, Jenson, Kayl, Keyla, Lincoln, Louis, Luke, Rebecca, Roman and Scarlett
Y2	Bella, William, Aalia, Alana, Poppy, Katie, Preston, Hugo, Amelie, Lexi, Willow, Seb, Ava, Dominique, Luca, Alfie, Isaac, Erin and Bruno

KS2 Reading Awards (for showing they are enjoying reading and are reading a lot!)

Y3	Alexia, Hannah, Lena, Isabella, Finn
Y4	Marika, Stefania, Lacey-Lou, Giovanni, Maya, Phoenix, Faye, Dylan, Isobel and Olivia W
Y5	Eleanor, Summer, William, Jason, Jack, Sophie, Leon, Mike and Daniel
Y6	Xiomara, Amelia, Bethany, Tamzin and Emily

Advice



Below are links to websites where up-to-date information is available for anyone concerned about the Coronavirus:

- ✓ <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- ✓ <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Shrove Tuesday in FS2

On Tuesday the children learned all about Shrove Tuesday, the day preceding Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. Pancakes are associated with Shrove Tuesday because traditionally they were a way of using up rich foods such as eggs and milk before the fasting season of the forty days of Lent began. We then headed off to the staff room in order to make our pancakes and choose our favourite toppings. Please hit the link to see more photographs: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/shrove-tuesdaypancake-day/?p=1&tags=,1089>.



Self-Belief: Our Term 4 Learning Value

Self-belief is about:

- ✓ trusting your abilities
- ✓ setting yourself challenging goals
- ✓ gaining confidence

The following words come to mind when we think of self-belief:

- courage
- determination
- spirit
- assurance
- tenacity
- faith
- confidence
- strength of mind

What does self-belief look like to you?

- ✓ you can trust your abilities
- ✓ you can set yourself challenging goals
- ✓ you have confidence in yourself

If you have self-belief what do you realise?

- ✓ you can reach your potential if you believe in yourself
- ✓ you should set more challenging goals to help stay motivated
- ✓ gaining confidence gives you the strength to carry on – even when it's really hard

How can you can show self-belief?

- ✓ having a positive and determined mind set
- ✓ setting challenging goals and having the courage to try (and keep trying) to achieve them
- ✓ really believing that you can reach your potential

During Term 4, the children will try to demonstrate this value and gain the class and/or individual awards.

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **'I know it is ok to make mistakes'**

Time to talk: We know that making mistakes is part of learning and is therefore ok. We make mistakes as we start to understand and learn something new and our reaction to making mistakes is key. If we see mistakes as purely negative we will become fearful learners who play safe and struggle to reach our potential. If we have a positive attitude to making mistakes and are prepared to continue stepping out of our comfort zones in order to struggle productively, then we will probably still make a few mistakes along the way – but we will, most definitely, also learn and as we do so, we will also become more resilient too. Less and less will daunt us with our learning and so we will be more likely to reach our potential.

Can you think of a mistake that you made that ended up spurring you on to be better?



Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

