

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

The weeks recipient of this special award is **Connor** (Y2) who is really trying so hard to adjust and settle in to his new class. Connor understands why it is important to say sorry – in line with this week's 'Statement to Live By'. If he makes a mistake he always thinks about it and says sorry, from the heart afterwards, demonstrating a natural understanding of what being sorry means. In doing this he really is a fantastic example to others and so we could not be more proud of him! What a star you are Connor!

Term 1 Smiley Scores

House	Smiley Score
St Andrew's House	180
St David's House	179
St Patrick's House	165
St George's House	162

Uniform

Logo Leisurewear

The new uniform samples have been approved and we will confirm the date of the launch event shortly. We are hoping that a representative of Logo Leisurewear will be available to meet parents/carers in the library in the morning straight after the children go in to school and then again in the evening, before the end of a school day. We are just confirming the date. This will give parents/carers an opportunity to inspect each item in the range and to make orders if they wish. We will have laptops set up ready for those who wish to order uniform immediately. The range includes everything offered currently by 'School Trends' with the addition of a new 'clip-on' tie (to go with the traditional and elasticated versions) and a more traditional pinafore dress.

I hope all those, whose complaints I passed on to 'School Trends', have been contacted and given the explanations and assurances they were looking for. Please remember to contact us as soon as possible if you have purchased uniform items from 'School Trends' with the incorrect logo on them and we will arrange for them to be replaced. The correct logo is just above if you would like to compare. Please email [us](mailto:us@enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:us@enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)) and we will pass on your details. Thank you.

PTFA Information Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTFA Information Evening and AGM this week. At the meeting information about the important work of the PTFA, as well as its priorities and various achievements was shared.

I would like to recognise the tremendous work and dedication of our 2017/18 committee members: Mrs Clair Prestidge (Chair), Mrs Marie Denham (Vice Chair), Mrs Lisa Cowlshaw (Treasurer), Mrs Heather Beatson (Secretary), Mrs Melanie Cawthorne and Mrs Catherine Cooper (Publicity) as well as all the parents/carers who have supported individual events in any capacity e.g. discos, 'Santa in School', Friday Fayre, the Y5 Enterprise competition, Easter Egg competition, Family Night, 'Children in Need' day, refreshments at Parent/Carer Review & Target-Setting Meetings, curriculum exhibitions and after the annual KS2 Community Christmas Carol service and selling lollies and ice creams in the summer terms!



This year the 2018/18 committee was re-elected. Unfortunately, apart from school staff and the committee only *three* parents and carers attended, which was a huge shame. The more people who get involved, the better, so if you have ideas to promote greater participation or you would like to find out more about getting involved, please speak to one of the committee members or email them on: ptfa@st-johnfisher.org.

The PTFA fulfils such an important role at the very heart of our special school community. It exists to help build the key relationships between families that make our community the strong and special place that it is. It also tries to raise money for school through fundraising and various grant applications - which is especially crucial during this time of relentless real term cuts and rising costs.

However the existence of a PTFA cannot be taken for granted. It is reliant on people deciding to get involved and then coming together in order to share ideas and do what they can.

The PTFA is not run by school. It is an independent charity that works in partnership with school, so please consider getting involved if you can. All offers of help – small or big – are valued and welcomed. Thank you.

PTFA committee members are often in the playground at the beginning or end of the school day. Events are detailed in our calendar: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents-and-carers-zone/calendar/>, so you can see what is coming up. Members can be contacted via their email address: ptfa@st-johnfisher.org. Thank you.

Workshops for Parents/Carers

I would like to thank my colleagues for all their hard work in planning and preparing the various workshops over the last fortnight as well as those which are coming up. The workshops were arranged in response to constructive feedback and everyone who attended said that they found them informative and helpful.

As some of the events have not been particularly well attended we would welcome feedback as to how we can make them even more accessible. Last year we trialled running two sessions for some after-school workshops and meetings; one straight after school and a second one later, at 5.00pm or 6.00pm, but no one came to the later sessions, which is why we dropped them this year. We would genuinely welcome your thoughts and ideas (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) as we are committed to supporting all our parents/carers.

If there is sufficient interest we will rerun the Mathematics workshops, especially as the feedback from those who attended has been so positive. Parents/carers said that they had helped them to understand what the children learn in school and how they can then support them at home. If you would like us to rerun the Mathematics workshops please let us know. Thank you.

Thursday 4 th October	3.30pm	Y2 Reading Workshop	Y2 Classroom
Thursday 11 th October	3.30pm	Y1 Reading and Spelling Workshop	Y1 Classroom
Thursday 25 th October	3.30pm	FS2 Phonics & Reading Workshop (2)	FS2 Classroom
Monday 12 th November	3.30pm	Mathematics Workshop: Multiplication & Division	All Classrooms
Thursday 29 th November	3.30pm	FS2 Phonics & Reading Workshop (3)	FS2 Classroom

Forthcoming Events

Please refer to the **SJF calendar** which was sent home before the holidays and available via this link: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents-and-carers-zone/calendar/>

It contains details of planned events in the academic year ahead so that you can plan and prepare for them. Below is a summary of what is coming up next week:

- 04-10-18 • School Photographer in. All children to come to school wearing full school uniform and (Years 5 and 6 to bring their PE uniforms with them to change into after)
- 05-10-18 • **Y4** Celebration Assembly
- **PTFA** Disco
- 06-09-18 • SJF OPEN MORNING (10.00AM – 12.00PM) **Spread the word!**



SJF Open Morning 2016

Our next Opening Morning will be on **Saturday 6th October 2018**. If you know anyone who might be interested in finding out more about our special school community please let them know and encourage them to come along.

We are especially interested in welcoming the parents and carers of children who are due to start school next September. It will be a good opportunity to meet children, staff, Governors and members of the PTFA.



Golden Children

- FS2** **Luke** for always trying hard, listening well and for being ready to learn. Fantastic achievement!
- Y1** **Ava** for always being a super role-model for her classmates. Ava always shows the adults that she is ready and listening! Well done Ava!
- Y2** **Zack** for having such a great week! Super listening and awesome participation! Well done superstar!
- Y3** **Charlie** for making a super effort in class this week and for trying his best to make good choices!
- Y4** **Faith** for getting on with her work quietly and for always joining in with what we are doing! Well done!
- Y5** **Isla A** for having brilliant manners and for displaying a fantastic attitude every day!
- Y6** **Laurie** for always knowing and doing the right thing - a great role model to others! Well done!

Writing Champions



Attendance this week

1 st	FS2	99.7%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y6	97.7%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y3	97.4%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y5	97.1%	
5 th	Y4	96.3%	
5 th	Y2	96.3%	
7 th	Y1	96.1%	

Target = 98%

Average Attendance = 97.3%



Get Set, GO!

1 st	Y5	93%
2 nd	Y6	90%
3 rd	FS2	90%
4 th	Y2	89%
4 th	Y3	85%
6 th	Y4	82%
7 th	Y1	78%

Average = 87%

Congratulations to the pupils in in FS2 who came first for attendance and were the only class to exceed the 98% target this week. Hopefully more will manage to next week. Congratulations to the classes managing a 90%+ attendance at the before-school Get Set, GO! sessions this week. In order to be counted, the children have to be present at the very start of the challenge after the daily 'Wake Up! Shake Up!' session.

Achievements Outside of School

This week's achievements are:

- **Charlie** in **FS2** has beaten his personal best at junior run by 38 seconds. His new time is 16.08. Fantastic!
- **Luca** in **Y1** and **Tamsin** in **Y5** completed the mini/junior runs for Asda's 'Jane Tomlinson Appeal' raising sponsor money for the appeal. Well done!
- **Filip** in **Y6** has been upgraded to full grey belt in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu after working hard for three years. Congratulations Filip!





Fantastic News!

I am delighted to inform you that St John Fisher was presented with the KS1 'Gold Sports Mark' on Wednesday during the annual Sheffield School Sports Conference at Hillsborough, where Mrs Broadhead also talked to school leaders about our PE 'journey' and how we have embedded the sports values into school life. Mr Cross, also assisted our LINKS partners at the conference.

Mrs Broadhead has led the drive to raise standards in our PE provision over the past four years and both her and Mr Cross work hard every day to promote inclusive PE/sporting opportunities for all. Both are pictured following the presentation.

Beat Your Best!

The SJF Weekly Personal Challenge!

This week's challenge was run by our new Sports Leaders and was the '**Quick Sticks Hockey Passing Challenge**'.



Through the week our fantastic Sports Leaders have been 'blogging' about this week's challenge. Our Sports Majors did a great job of setting up the challenge and encouraging others to get involved and have a great time. Congratulations to the following pupils who managed to *beat their best* this week. They were: Phillip, Jacob, Noah, Luca, Alfie, Sammy, Isaac, Sebastian, Lily, Isabelle, Mia, Gabriel, William T, Jacob, Max P, Max O, Finlay, Mike, Oscar D, Ruby, Mateah, Ethan L and Ethan Y.

Naming Possessions

Please ensure that your child's clothes and belongings are all labelled clearly with their name. This includes bags, lunch boxes and water bottles and even shoes, so that items are easily identifiable if they are lost or get mixed up with another child's things. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Information Meetings for Residential Visits

Thank you to the parents/carers of our current Y4 pupils who attended this week's important meeting about next year's Y5 residential at 'The Oakes', Sheffield and the parents/carers of our current Y5 pupils who attended Wednesday's meeting about next year's Y6 residential to 'The Hollowford Centre', Castleton.

Collective Worship

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank the children of FS2 supported by their Y4 buddies for leading yesterday's amazing 'Welcome' liturgy. Next week there will be no Liturgy as the photographer is in school. The next 'Liturgy of the Word' will therefore take place on **Thursday 11th October 2018** and will be led by the children of **Y1**. We invite the family and friends of our **Y1** children to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am.

Celebration Assembly

We invite the family and friends of our **Y4** children to join us for our Celebration Assembly next Friday 5th October 2018 in the School Hall at 9.00am.

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is "**I can say how I feel!**"

Time to talk: Why is it important to share worries and say how you feel? Does it ever help to 'bottle them up'? It is very important to remember that we all have the right to feel happy, safe and loved in our lives. At St John Fisher we learn that we must 'tell, tell, tell' so who will you choose to speak to if you ever need to?



Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

