



St John Fisher News

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★ Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Bella Walton** in **FS2** who knows how to take care of herself (and others) - in line with this week's 'Statement to Live By'. Bella knows that it is very important to tell someone at home or at school if she feels worried about anything. She has also tried really hard to take on board key messages about being happy, safe and loved which are shared constantly in school during prayer time, lessons, assemblies and in special focus weeks like our recent 'Be Safe Be Happy Week'. As well as this, Bella is a very polite and well-mannered young lady. Congratulations Bella, we are all very proud of you!

Mrs Dorothy Campbell RIP

I am very sad to inform you that Mrs Dorothy Campbell died last weekend. Mrs Campbell was a tremendous friend of our school. Her children attended St John Fisher not long after it opened and she started working at school herself as secretary on 11th January 1965. She remained in this role for twenty-eight years, eventually retiring on 23rd July 1993 in order to care for her husband who was seriously ill at the time.

In 1994 she returned to school as a volunteer, helping staff and supporting children, initially for three days per week, finally stopping altogether just three years ago. As a volunteer she enjoyed baking, doing craft activities, reading with the children and helping with educational visits – especially in FS2 and Years 1 and 2. She continued to visit school to watch the children's performances and concerts and was looking forward to being involved in our 60th anniversary celebrations next June.

Mrs Campbell was also a great servant of the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes over many years, stepping back from managing bookings for the Parish Centre only a matter of days before she died. She will be remembered fondly - always - by both her school and parish communities for her many years of selfless and dedicated service. Passionate about her parish and passionate about her school she has, in her own special and matter-of-fact way, simply been an inspiration - and we will really miss her.

Her funeral takes place at 10.15am on Tuesday 13th December 2016 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. We pray for her and we pray for her family. May God grant her eternal rest.

Forthcoming Events

05-12-16	✓	FS2 Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal
06-12-16	✓	whole-school liturgy led by the children of Y5 – School Hall (9.05am)
	✓	RE Inspection (all day)
07-12-16	✓	School Christmas Dinner
	✓	FS2 Nativity Play – School Hall (2.15pm)
09-12-16	✓	PTFA Santa in School Day (Christmas clothes/jumpers)
	✗	No Celebration Assembly
12-12-16	✓	Key Stage 1 Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal
13-12-16	✓	Funeral of Mrs Dorothy Campbell RIP – Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church (10.15am)
	✓	Key Stage 1 Nativity Play – School Hall (2.15pm)
14-12-16	✓	Key Stage 1 Nativity Play – School Hall (2.15pm)
15-12-16	✓	Whole-School visit to the Lyceum Theatre – Snow White and the Seven Dwarves
	✗	No liturgy
16-12-16	✓	Community Carol Concert – Our Lady of Lourdes
	✓	Christmas Refreshments PTFA – School Hall
	✗	No Celebration Assembly
21-12-16	✓	Celebration Assembly (open to all parents) – School Hall (9.05am)

Parking

Please abide by the parking restrictions around school and not place our children and families at risk. Please also park on the road and not on grass verges as this makes a real mess of them and understandably upsets our neighbours. We have received a number of complaints recently so would really appreciate your cooperation and support. Thank you.

Parent Advice and Support – Drop-in Sessions

Sue Bernarde from the MAST Parent Support Team will be in the school library from **8.30am on Thursday mornings** to offer support and advice to parents and carers.

Advice and support
for children and
families



Contact MAST when
your family needs
some extra help

This advice can be on anything from finding out about services available for parents in Sheffield to advice specific to you, for example, a parenting issue (e.g. sleep routines and behaviour management); housing issues, debt management and support for coping with addictions of one form or another. If you would like to pre-book an appointment please speak to Mrs Asquith. This valuable new service provides everyone with access to support and help when they need it.

Playground Equipment

Please do not let your children play on the climbing equipment in the playground before and after school. Thank you for your cooperation.



Santa in School

Next Friday (9th December) we are being visited by Santa Claus! His estimated time of arrival – on the school roof – is 8.50am, so please make sure that you are on time so you don't miss it!

It is not every day that we get to welcome a special visitor like Santa Claus, so to make him feel at home all the staff and children are invited to come to school wearing something Christmassy, for example a Christmas jumper!



If there are any mums and dads who would like to volunteer to be one of Santa's little helpers either to set up the grotto the night before, or on the day - or if you still need to pay - please speak to one of the PTFA committee members next week. On the day the children will not only have the chance to visit Santa in his grotto with their 'buddies' but also have the chance to buy treats and gifts for family members from one of the stalls. So please remember to send your child in with a little money to spend. Thank you for your support.

Achievements Outside of School

- **Kessy Higar** in **Y1** achieved special swimming medal recently. Congratulations Kessy, we are all very proud of you!
- **Tamzin samba** in **Y3** prepared and then donated a shoe box of gifts in support of the important Operation Christmas Child charity! Well done Tamzin!
- **Jack Swain** in **Y4** took part in the 'Super Swimmers Gala' at Mount St Mary's College recently and did extremely well to earn a clutch of Gold and Bronze medals! He achieved first place in both the backstroke and breaststroke races and third place in both the butterfly and front crawl races within his group! What a fantastic achievement Jack, well done!

Term 2 Smiley Scores So Far...

St Andrew's House



267

St David's House



299

St Patrick's House



283

St George's House



239

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Edie-Mae Smith	Alfie Marsden	Leon Chudinski	Vilius Bagdonas	Joseph Kandare	Saffron Kilbride	Kayleigh Collins

Staff News

Mrs Drake will start teaching in Y3 during the last week of term. The parents/carers of Y3 children will have an opportunity to meet her after school **Monday 19th December at 3.30pm.**

Golden Children

FS2	Connor Whitehead for trying hard to join in and is much more settled in the morning and he used beautiful manners today.
Year 1	Kessy Higiroy for always being kind and looking after others. Isobel is always polite and uses lovely manners!
Year 2	Jacob Nelson for always using lovely manners, you are turning in to a wonderful gentleman!
Year 3	Ava Jones for her polite and hardworking attitude and for making both Mr Tandy and Miss Kiernan smile by being cheerful all the time!
Year 4	Odette Paige for setting a good example to others and for having the right manners. Well done!
Year 5	Dadiso Bandawa for working very hard in Mathematics this week on multiplication! What a superstar!
Year 6	Joe Hurst for producing some amazing pieces of work in all areas of the curriculum! He is always polite and has a great attitude to learning!

Attendance This Week

FS2	97.3%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week
Year 1	89.6%	
Year 2	98.9%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
Year 3	96.8%	
Year 4	99.4%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
Year 5	95.9%	
Year 6	96.3%	
Weekly Target	97%	This week's Average Attendance 96.4%

Pet Club

Our Pet Club has finally finished and we want to say a big thank you to Louis Mappin who brought 'Roll' the hamster in, so that we could learn about looking after small animals. Roll certainly enjoyed rolling around on her wheel.

I would also like to say a big thank you also to Millie and Alex Turner whose budgie, Elvis, gave us a chance to find out about a pet which we had not had in Pet Club before.

The following children will be receiving their Bronze PDSA certificates during Monday's assembly:

- Lottie Fitzpatrick
- Diana Nicula
- Phoebe Kilbride
- Summer Marsden
- Frederick Antwi
- Alice Curtis
- Maya De Sousa
- Sophie Hemingway
- Millie Turner
- Christian Adusei
- Alex Turner
- Evie Ramsden
- Tamzin Samba
- Emilia Rodgers
- Fraser Owens
- Daisy Parkin
- Tiarnan McKeown

I would also like to sincerely thank Mrs Asquith for organising this popular club for the children.

SJF FC

Our teams were in action this week, and there will be a report in next week's newsletter.

Our Catholic Life

RE Inspection

On Tuesday 6th December we welcome Mr Alan Dewhurst, from the Diocese of Hallam, to St John Fisher to lead a formal inspection and review of our RE curriculum and Catholic life.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank the young people of **Y3** who led yesterday's liturgy so beautifully. You will recall from last week's newsletter that the Y2 liturgy scheduled for next week has been cancelled as preparations for their nativity play continue. The Y5 children will instead lead a liturgy on **Tuesday 6th December** and, as usual, we welcome their family and friends to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am.

Weekly Celebration Assembly

As next Friday week is our annual PTFA Santa in School Day there can be no Celebration Assembly. As the Community Carol Service is the week after there can be no Celebration Assembly then either. As we do not want to make the children wait until January to receive their awards we will have our final Celebration Assembly of 2016 on Wednesday 21st December – the last day of term 2 – at 9.05am and parents/carers in all year groups are invited to join us.

Daily Advent Class Reflections

Our daily Advent reflections started on Monday and will continue until the end of term. This is a lovely way to remember that the season of Advent is all about getting ready for the birth of Jesus. There will be three reflections in each class per week, on each day except for PE days and Fridays.

As in previous years, parents, carers, family and friends are welcome to join us, but spaces are limited and should be booked on the day through the School Office if you wish to attend.

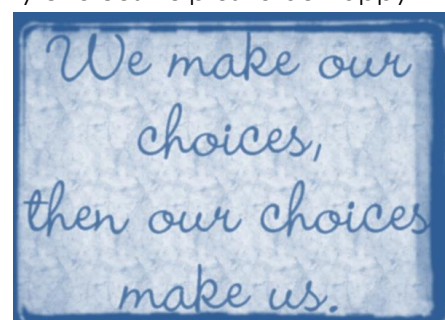
Please arrive at 3.00pm if you are attending a class reflection for a 3.10pm start as we won't be able to interrupt once the reflection has begun. Thank you for your support.



Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is '**I think before I make choices that affect health**'

Time to talk: Together you could think about what it means to be healthy. What sorts of things help us to be healthy? What sorts of things will make us unhealthy? How can making healthy choices help us to be happy?



Have a great weekend,

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt