



# St John Fisher News

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## Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Lucas Diaz** (Y5) who has been chosen for the way he has understood this week's statement to live by, not just because he knows that he can and should say how he feels, but because he is so kind and helpful to others and can tell if someone else is not saying how they feel, when they really need to. He shows others the friendship they need. What a superstar, we are all proud of you!

## SJF Open Morning

Last Saturday we held our second Open Morning and it was really successful. I would like to thank everyone who supported us in the lead up or on the day itself, including my colleagues, our Governors, the PTFA and the children. They all gave so generously of their time to make the event the success that it was. Visitors were very positive about the strong relationships and ethos that were so clearly evident and the excellent manners of all our children. They were a credit to themselves, their families and our community. Thank you.

## PTFA Family Evening

I would like to remind you that our PTFA is holding a special family night this evening in the school hall from 7.30pm to 11.00pm and you are all welcome. Last year it was packed so please speak to a member of the PTFA on the playground before and after school. The cost is just £1 and there will be a disco, a quiz and a bar.

If you are prepared to help for all or part of the evening please let one of the committee members know. You can also speak directly with Donna Murphy, Alison Green (Y1 & Y6), Sally Watters (Y5), Bridget Ambrose (Y3 & Y5) and Louise Ramsden (Y3 & Y5).

Thank you for your support.



## PTFA: Fantastic Fundraising Opportunity

I would like to thank everyone who entered codes as part of this fundraising opportunity. I am delighted to be able to inform you that when I checked the figures this afternoon a grand total of **£470** had been raised towards to overall cost of next year's Y5 visit to Kingswood.

**trips for schools**

## Top Table

This week's winning family is the Robins! Congratulations to Ruben, Kiera B, Zarnetta, Jack W, Marisa, Caitlin, Faith and Alex, we are very proud of you all!

## Houses

The scores so far in Term 1 are:

<b>St Andrew</b>  <b>89</b>	<b>St David</b>  <b>99</b>	<b>St Patrick</b>  <b>78</b>	<b>St George</b>  <b>126</b>
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## Achievements Outside of School

- **Sophie Hemingway** in **Y1** achieved her Stage 2 Swimming Award recently! What an achievement!
- **Millie Turner** in **Y2** received a beautiful certificate for showing improved water confidence! What a star!
- **Bethany Beatson** in **Y2** has recently gained her Level 7 award at 'Super Swimmers' and is now doing lane swimming! She did her first session recently and although nervous did very well! Bethany has also recently started gymnastics classes and has already been awarded Levels 6, 7 and 8 of the British Gymnastics Proficiency Awards! Congratulations Bethany we are all very proud of you!
- **Harry Cawthorne** in **Y2** was very proud when he explained to me that he had recently learned to ride his bicycle and had managed to cycle around Rother Valley Country Park without falling off! I was so impressed with this great achievement that I wanted to share his wonderful news!
- **Rowan Lodge** in **Y3** received a certificate to mark the fact that he had completed the 'Hour of Code'! What a great achievement Rowan!
- **Bertie Pickering** in **Y4** was received his Bronze Level 5 Water Safety Skills Award recently! What an amazing achievement Bertie, well done!
- **Ashleigh Sigauke** in **Y3** achieved her Level 9 Green Gymnastics Award! Well done Ashleigh, we are all very proud of you!
- **Hannah Downes** in **Y5** was awarded two trophies for coming second and third in a big martial arts competition recently! Hannah told me that she loved it and was never scared! Well done superstar, we are all proud of you!
- **Olivia King** in **Y5** and her partner Lewis competed in the All England Ballroom Championships last Sunday against 33 couples and managed to win each of the six events that they entered including the 'All England Ballroom and Latin 2015 Champion's' title! What a fantastic achievement, well done!
- **Ruben Jackson** in **Y6** was recently certificates for being both 'Man of the Match' and the Manager's Player for his team Middlewood Rovers Junior Football Club! Well done!



## Assemblies

Congratulations to all the children mentioned in today's assembly. Thank you also to everyone who joined us, it was great to see you. Next Friday (**9<sup>th</sup> October**) the parents, carers, family and friends of our **Y6** pupils are invited to join us for the celebration assembly at 3.00pm in the school hall.

## Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like thank the young people and staff of Y5 for leading this week's liturgy, as well as the family and friends who supported them. Next week (**8<sup>th</sup> October**) our liturgy will be led by the young people of **Y3**. We therefore invite their family and friends to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

## Writing Champions

Our fantastic Writing Champions this week are:

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
Kessy Higaro	Daisy Green	Tamzin Samba	Christian Adusei	Ola Dominiak	Evie Stamford	Ruben Jackson

Please look out for their fantastic work in the school hall!

## Ukulele Lessons

Mr Burt, our keyboard and guitar teacher is offering children the opportunity to learn the ukulele during half-term on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2015. If you are interested or would like to find out more please call or text him on 07906826833 or email him ([peedeeburt@hotmail.com](mailto:peedeeburt@hotmail.com)). Thank you.

## Y6 Leavers' Party

*Here is a message from Mrs Nicola Holmeshaw*

At the end of the year the parents/carers of our Y6 pupils have traditionally organised a party for those leaving to go on to secondary school next September. There will be a meeting to discuss this on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September at the Fairways Inn, Birley Wood at 5.30pm. All are welcome, hope to see you there.

## Golden Children

This week's Golden Children are:

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Emily Murray</b> for listening well, helping others and for showing great skill at blending sounds in order to make words!
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Alhamzah Al-Rammahi</b> for always working really hard in class and asking for extra work to do!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Archie Saxton-Clayton</b> for persevering with Mathematics, your efforts are really paying off!
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Amna Javid</b> for being a fantastic role-model and for being a good all-rounder in every subject!
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Ashleigh Sigauke</b> for working really hard in Mathematics and for showing a clear understanding!
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>William Oadley</b> for for always working hard and for being an excellent role-model! Well done, keep it up!
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Dominic Rolfe</b> for being a fantastic role-model. He is hard working, determined and is always kind and polite. Well done !

## Phonics Workshop

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the Read Write Inc. (RWI) workshop this week. If you could not attend you might find it helpful to look at the 'Parent's' section of the RWI website ([www.ruthmiskin.com](http://www.ruthmiskin.com)) in particular the sound pronunciation guide also available via this link:

[\(www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/sound-pronunciation-guide/\)](http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/resources/sound-pronunciation-guide/)

## Student Council

Following class-based elections the pupils elected to our school council were announced at assembly this morning by our Student Council Coordinator, Mrs Darken. I had the privilege of awarding each with their badge of Office. The elected councillors are:

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
Will be elected later	Daisy Green & Marisa Avelino	Lily Peters & Sami Hardy	Amna Javid & Rowan Lodge	Kayla Osei-Badu & Ruby Molloy	Olivia King & Jack Waldron	Daphney Adebayo Patrick Lodge Brody McConaghy Dominic Rolfe

The four Y6 children did speeches to the whole school today explaining why they would be a good Chairperson, and I was very proud of them all for it. The voting will be concluded next week and the result announced in next week's newsletter. It is great that the children are experiencing democracy in action.

## Class Blogs

Each class now has their own blog which can be accessed via our website, [www.st-johnfisher.org](http://www.st-johnfisher.org) Simply click on the class pages link to find links to each class' blog page. These pages will be updated with various items, including information about what the children have been doing in school and on trips; commentaries and articles from the children; and useful links and information from their teacher.



## Pet Club

We are launching a new pilot project in school for children in Years 2, 3 and 4. They will learn about animals and raise awareness of the responsibilities of looking after pets. Please see Mrs Asquith if you have any questions about the group.

## Good News!

St John Fisher has been awarded a Bronze Award in recognition of all the work we do to promote PE and extra-curricular sporting opportunities. I would like to thank our partner coaches, our Young Leaders and my colleagues and particularly Mrs Broadhead for all their hard work.

### Rainbows

The Rainbows group this term will be for children who may be experiencing uncertainty and sadness because their parents have had to make the difficult decision to separate. The group provides an opportunity to come together and look at their issues and explore the different ways in which they can still be a family, but in a new way. If you feel that your child would benefit from this support please see Mrs Asquith.

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### Y5 Kingswood Residential

Last week, the year 5 children had a fantastic trip to the Kingswood centre in Dearne valley. The children had a wonderful time. They took part in many wonderful activities such as the Leap of Faith, Jacob's Ladder and Nightline. They learnt to work together as a team and listen carefully to instructions. I would like to thank Mr Andrews, Mrs Asquith and Mrs Golland who accompanied the children and a special mention to Mrs Holloway for coordinating everything.

### FS2 Meeting Change of Date

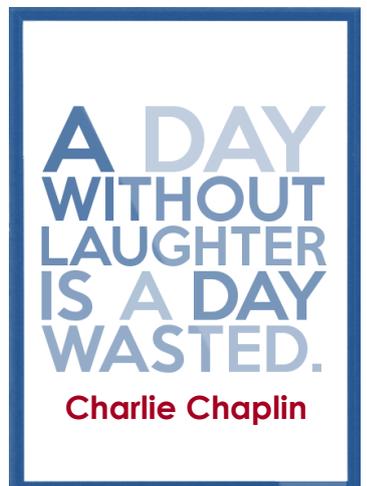
We have had to change the date of the FS2 welcome meeting to **Weds 7<sup>th</sup> October**, at 3.30pm. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes. This meeting will be an important time to ask questions and to find out more about learning in our Foundation class.

### FS2 Request

FS2 pupils love making box models. If you have any boxes or old birthday cards that could be used for box modelling, FS2 would really appreciate them. In addition if you have any toys or play sets that your children do not use anymore or have grown out of, we always welcome new resources. Many thanks in advance, Mrs Darken

### Attendance This Week

FS2	95.2%	
Year 1	97.5%	
Year 2	99.1%	Bobby is visiting next week
Year 3	95.3%	
Year 4	98.8%	Brenda is visiting next week
Year 5	98.0%	Elvis is visiting next week
Year 6	96.7%	
<b>Weekly Target</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>This week's Average Attendance</b> <b>97.3%</b>



### Statement to Live By

Next week's statement to live by is: **"I can laugh and have fun."**

**Time to talk:** Together remember times when you had fun; those special times when you laughed and couldn't stop laughing. What made them special? Who were you with? Why is it important to laugh and have fun? What would life be like without fun and laughter? What makes you laugh? What is fun to you?

Laughter is no enemy to learning.  
- Walt Disney

Have a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt

