



# St John Fisher News

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## Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Katy Beatson** (FS2) who has shown that she really understands this week's Statement to Live By, by the way she is so thoughtful and considerate to others. Katy has been excellent at sharing and listening to others and is always forgiving and cheerful. We are all so delighted with the positive start that she has made. Well done Katy!

## Mrs Broadhead and Mrs Golland

I am very sad to share with you the news that last week both Mrs Golland and Mrs Broadhead lost their fathers following long and brave battles with cancer. Our community is, of course, rallying around them both, but I know they would also very much appreciate your prayers at this difficult time. Thank you.

## A Big Thank You!

Isabelle Walton-Hall is a very special young lady in Y5 who has had to be very brave indeed. She has had to endure painful operations and treatments over a long period of time, in order to correct her leg bones and hip joints. At various times this remarkable girl has been in pain and has needed lots of help and support. It is to her absolute credit that she has been determined not to feel sorry for herself and to remain positive and happy. In fact she has a smile that lights up a room and so has been inspirational in so many ways.

Last week, after months of treatment, Isabelle was finally discharged from physiotherapy and was also told that she had made so much progress that she does not have to see her Consultant for a whole year! When we were talking about this it was clear that Isabelle really wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who had helped and supported her, especially at those times when she felt particularly low - so I suggested that she use the newsletter to express her gratitude:

*"I feel so happy that I am better and do not need my wheelchair and fixator. I would like to say a big 'thank you' to my friends and classmates, especially Ruby Hayward, Asghleigh Sigauke, Dadiso Bandawa, Saffron Kilbride, Poppy Walton and Lily Sanders. I would also like to thank Mr Smith, Mrs Pickering, Mrs Asquith and Mrs Dewsnap and all the grown-ups who have helped me. Thank you everybody."*

## Birley Community College

All Y6 pupils and their families are invited to attend an open evening at Birley Community College on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016** from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Mr Steve Robinson, Executive Headteacher, would also like to meet SJF parents/carers at school on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 3.30pm**. If you would like to meet him please register your interest by emailing us first ([enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk)). Please note the meeting will not go ahead if we do not hear back from anybody. Thank you.



## Coffee Morning



We would like to invite all parents, carers, grandparents, family friends and members of the local community to our SJF MACMILLAN Coffee Morning which will take place on **4<sup>th</sup> October** from **8.45am to 11.00am** in the Parish Centre.

Why not come along and stay for a cuppa and a delicious slice of cake after dropping your children at school? Why not also bring your friends and family members along too? If you cannot stay you could just pop in and pick up a couple of slices of cake to enjoy later!

If you can help please in any way beforehand and/or on the day then please contact us via our email ([enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk)) marked for the attention of Miss Kiernan, or write your contact details on a piece of paper and pop it in the post-box in the foyer of the school entrance. Thank you.

### SJF Open Morning 2016

Our Opening Morning takes place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2016 (10.00am-12.00pm). If you know anyone who might be interested in looking around school or finding out more about our community please let them know and encourage them to contact us.

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



### PTFA News

#### Information Evening

The PTFA would like to invite you all to their information evening on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016** in the School Hall at **6.30pm**. Please try to come along and find out more about the fantastic work they do for our community. It will also be a great opportunity to make new friends and find out about the different events and ways you can help. Why not come along with a friend? Thank you.



### Harvest Mass

Next Friday (7<sup>th</sup> October) is our Annual Harvest Mass. This will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church at 9.30am – and you are all welcome. This is a special Mass of thanksgiving for the bountiful harvests and the good food that we are fortunate enough to eat. It is also a time when we think of, and pray for, those in our world, like the children of Aleppo, Syria; those in our country; and those in our city who are not as fortunate as us, and who do not have enough good food to eat for one reason or another.



As in previous years, we will be collecting donations of food for the St Wilfred's Centre in Sheffield. The Centre would very much appreciate donations of non-perishable foods like:

- ✓ tins (meat, fish, soup, vegetables and fruit)
- ✓ cereals
- ✓ 'Pot Noodles' (and similar sorts of product)
- ✓ biscuits and crackers
- ✓ drinking chocolate, tea and coffee
- ✓ dried pasta, rice and instant mashed potato.

From Monday there will be a box in the playground just outside the door into the new Y5 classroom for you to leave your donations. Your support is so important and very much appreciated. Thank you.

### Forthcoming Events

Our School Calendar is available on the website or via: [www.st-johnfisher.org/parents/school-dates/](http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents/school-dates/) .

04-10-16	• Welcome Meeting for FS2 Parents and Carers (FS2 classroom)	(3.30pm)
05-10-16	• PTFA Information Evening and AGM (School Hall)	(6.30pm)
07-10-16	• Annual Harvest Mass (Our Lady of Lourdes)	(9.30am)
11-10-16	• Read Write Inc. Information Evening (Y2 Classroom)	(3.30pm)
12-10-16 to 14-10-16	• Y6 Residential (The Hollowford Centre, Castleton)	

### Achievements Outside of School

- **Alhamzah Al-Rammahi** in **Y2** has achieved his 'Stage 1' ASA Learn to Swim Award! Congratulations! What a fantastic achievement, well done!

We will do our best to publish your child(ren)'s achievements in the newsletter when you pass the details to us. It does not matter what the achievement is, if it is important to your child we will share it and celebrate it!

### SJF Diamond Anniversary

We would still really like to hear from any former pupils and/or their parents, especially if you were part of the community in its early days – including when school first opened in 1957. If you have artefacts we could borrow e.g. photographs, school letters, newsletters, school books, reports, certificates etc. we would be very grateful. Please contact us via our email address: [enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk). Thank you.



### Term 1 Smiley Scores

<b>St Andrew's House</b>  <b>202</b>	<b>St David's House</b>  <b>258</b>	<b>St Patrick's House</b>  <b>220</b>	<b>St George's House</b>  <b>260</b>
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### School Post Box Reminder

Please remember that notes, forms and letters can be posted in post box in the entrance foyer, to save you time if you do not actually need to speak to a member of staff.

### Golden Children

This week's Golden Children are:

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Alexia Houghton</b> for being a superstar in everything we do! She has really impressed all the staff and is joining in amazingly during Read Write Inc. well done!
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Tyler Hague</b> for showing such determination in Read Write Inc. and for reading lots at home! We can see such a difference already! Be proud of your hard work!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Alhamzah Al-Rammahi</b> for concentrating and persevering with his Mathematics work! What a superstar!
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Freya Jones</b> for perseverance and a positive attitude towards her Mathematics work! Well done!
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>George Marsden</b> for concentrating and working really hard this week and especially with his Mathematics and writing! He has been sensible all week! We are all very proud of him!
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Sam Orbell</b> for having a very positive attitude in our Mathematics lessons! Keep it up Sam, we are all very proud of you!
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Vinny Ambrose</b> for really working hard this week and for producing some amazing pieces of work! What a champion!

### Writing Champions

<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>
Frederick Field	Charlie Emmett	Sophie Hemingway	Mitchell Clayton	Alice Curtis	Lily Sanders	Abdullah Al-Rammahi

### The Catholic Life of the School

#### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Next Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October our liturgy will be led by the young people of **Y6**, and the family and friends of our Y6 children are very welcome to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am.

#### Weekly Celebration Assembly

Next week we invite the family and friends of our **Y2** children to join us in the hall at 2.55pm for our Celebration Assembly.

## Attendance This Week

FS2	97.6%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week!
Year 1	96.3%	
Year 2	96.8%	
Year 3	98.7%	Bobby Bear will visit next week!
Year 4	97.2%	
Year 5	96.9%	
Year 6	97.8%	Brenda Bear will visit next week!
<b>Weekly Target</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>This week's Average Attendance</b> <b>97.1%</b>

Overall we managed to beat our 97% target for the fourth week running.

Thank you for supporting our drive to keep attendances high and congratulations to the four classes who beat the 97% target. Y2 and Y5 were so close!

## Workshops at St Marie's Cathedral

Here is a message from the Cathedral:



*The beautiful, but seriously damaged, Victorian wall tiles that decorate St Marie's Cathedral will be restored to their former glory in the next few weeks as part of our Heritage Project.*

*Join the conservator, Katie Langridge, and her team for this exciting and hands-on Family Fun Workshop. You will find out more about St Marie's amazing tiles and how they have been conserved, and even restore your own tile! Not to be missed!*

*Join us for an exciting and hands-on workshop on Wednesday 26 October, 10.30am-12.30pm to find out more about these amazing tiles and how they have been conserved, and even paint and restore your own tile! Not to be missed!*

*Activities are suitable for children 3+ (children must be accompanied by an adult).*

*The workshops are free, but you need to book as there are limited places. If you are interested in booking places please follow this link for more information:*

<http://stmariecathedral.org/events/conservation-in-action-family-fun-workshop/>

## Clipper Race

As you know, last year Mr Peter Murray, father of Alex and Emily, took part in a clipper race. His leg of the race was televised and is being broadcast by Sky Sports 5 at 9.00pm Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Emily makes a brief appearance!



## Y5 Residential

Last week, the pupils of Y5, went on residential to the Dearne Valley Kingswood Centre in Doncaster. Everyone had a wonderful time; completing a range of different team and individual challenges which ranged from: scrambling up telegraph poles; making and racing rafts on the water; and fencing! They were superb and I would like to thank the Kingswood staff; Mrs Holloway for coordinating the visit and Mr Andrews, Mrs Asquith and Mrs Scott for accompanying the children and looking after them so well.



The children were an absolute credit to our school and staff at the centre (and from other schools) commented on how polite and positive they were. I could not have felt more proud of them. Well done Y5!



**Statement to Live By**

Next week our 'statement to live by' continues with the forgiveness theme as we journey to the end of the special Year of Mercy. It is "I know how to show I am sorry."

**Time to talk:** Time to talk: Together you could think about what being sorry is really like.

What does it mean to be sorry?

How can we show that we are sorry?

Why is it so hard to say sorry sometimes?

Why does Jesus challenge us to say sorry when we have been unkind or unfair to others?

How does it feel when you say sorry and are then forgiven?

How does it feel when someone who has hurt you says sorry and really means it?

Have a great weekend,

Mr Barratt

