

SJF NEWS

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Friday 31st January 2020 (Issue 19 - 2019/20)



★ Citizen of the Week

★ The week's recipient is **Jack** in **FS2** who understands that it is not only important to listen actively, but to also show someone that they are being listened to. Jack is a fantastic listener. He listens to the adults and the other children. He already understands that listening *actively* is important in case something important is shared. He also understands that active listening shows respect and good manners to the speaker. People like to work with (and be friends with) good listeners like Jack. Congratulations superstar, we are all very proud of you!

Term 3 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House  385	St David's House  463	St Patrick's House  555	St George's House  513
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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

04-02-20	• PTFA Monthly Meeting (6.30pm, School Hall) – all invited, please join us
05-02-20	• NSPCC follow-up assembly
06-02-20	• Y5 Liturgy of the Word (9.05, School Hall) – Y5 family and friends are welcome
07-02-20	• PTFA Bags2School • Y1 Celebration Assembly (9.05, School Hall) – Y1 family and friends are welcome
10-02-20	• SJF STEM Week 2020 (Day 1) – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
11-02-20	• SJF STEM Week 2020 (Day 2)
12-02-20	• SJF STEM Week 2020 (Day 3)
13-02-20	• SJF STEM Week 2020 (Day 4) • Y4 Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall) – Y4 family and friends are welcome
14-02-20	• SJF STEM Week 2020 (Day 5) • Y6 educational visit to London (The Eye, Parliament, a Thames cruise and The Tower of London) • Y2 Celebration Assembly (9.05, School Hall) – Y2 family and friends are welcome • End of Term 3

School Holiday (17-02-20 to 21-02-20)

24-02-20	• School Closed (INSET Day)
25-02-20	• Start of Term 4 and Shrove Tuesday
26-02-20	• Start of the season of Lent 2020 • Ash Wednesday Service (9.30am, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church) – led by Y6
28-02-20	• Yellow Day (to mark the feast of St David on 01/03/20 - members of St David's House only)

INSET Day Reminder!

All Sheffield Catholic primary schools will be **closed** on Monday 24th February 2020 because it is a staff in-service training (INSET) day. We will therefore reopen on **Tuesday 25th February 2020** for the start of Term 4.



Collective Worship

Lent 2020: Ash Wednesday Liturgy

This year there will be no school Mass to mark Ash Wednesday. Instead we will have a very special non-Eucharistic Ash Wednesday Service, planned with Fr Paul, to mark the beginning of our Lenten season instead. A reminder that following a Diocesan reorganisation, Fr Paul now also supports the community of St Theresa's Catholic Primary School. As they had a non-Eucharistic Service last year it is their turn to have a Mass this year.

Our Service will be led by the young people of **Y6** and will take place at **9.30am on Wednesday 26th February 2020** in **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**. During the Service blessed ashes, made from last years palms, will be distributed just as they would during an Ash Wednesday Mass. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Lent 2020: Class Lenten Liturgies

Lent, like Advent is a time of journey. It is a journey to the *greatest* Christian feast, Easter. As the journey is an important time of reflection, repentance and renewal we invite you all to join us for simple Lenten class liturgies. The arrangements are the same as they are for the Advent liturgies. They are open to all and start at 3.10pm. We ask that you notify the Office staff on the day if you wish to attend. They take place on the following dates only:

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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

Our next 'Liturgy of the Word' will be on **Thursday 6th February 2020** and will be led by the young people of **Y5**. We invite their family and friends to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am.

Celebration Assembly

Our next Celebration Assembly will be on **Friday 7th February 2020** just after 9.00m in the School Hall. The family and friends of our **Y1** pupils are invited to join us.

February Prayer

Our February prayer is called The Apostles' Creed, and is said during Mass. It is basically a statement of what Catholic Christians believe. There are versions used by other Christian denominations too. This prayer has been said since the fourth century and though not actually written by the twelve apostles, every line of it was taught by the apostles and earliest disciples of Jesus...

1. God is not only our powerful Creator but is also our caring Father...

The first article gives us confidence in the power of God because all creatures are dependent on him for existence. It also gives us confidence in the love of God: no creature can separate us from our faithful Father.

2. Jesus Christ is our Lord...

The second article reminds us that we are not our own but belong to Jesus who has made us his own. "My Lord and my God!" Christ's reign saves us from evil. We are not our own and belong to Jesus.

3. Jesus was miraculously conceived by the Holy Spirit through Mary...

This third article is important because Jesus' innocence from conception to the end of his life is what covers all of our sins. Since lived his whole life, from conception to death, without sin, and is able to redeem us.



4. Jesus suffered, was crucified by the Romans in the first century, and died...

In this fourth article, we remember that Jesus lived the perfect life and died in order to save us. In addition, we are reminded that the Christian faith is a historic faith; Jesus lived and died at the same time that Pontius Pilate was a Roman Governor in Israel. This is not myth or fairytale, Christianity is a faith founded on facts.

5. Jesus rose from the dead...

This fifth article teaches us that by his resurrection Jesus overcame death. His resurrection from the dead is a pledge to us that we too will be raised from the dead as he was.

6. Jesus ascended into heaven and is exalted...

In this sixth article, we remember that Jesus is our Advocate in Heaven, pleading on our behalf. When He ascended, Jesus also poured out his Spirit upon us.

7. Jesus will return in judgment...

This seventh article is an especially great comfort to those who are suffering and who face persecution. We affirm that Jesus will come to make right every wrong. All of His people will then have everlasting joy and life.

8. The Holy Spirit is a person of the Holy Trinity...

The eighth article reminds us that the Holy Spirit is part of the Holy Trinity along with God the Son and God the Father. We can take comfort from the fact that the Holy Spirit unites us to Jesus Christ in Heaven.

9. The church is universal...

This ninth article reminds us that since the beginning of time, God has always gathered, defended, and preserved for himself his church. It spans across all ages and it is in this church that all Christians belong.

10. There is a fellowship of Christians across all times and places...

The tenth article relates to the communion of saints. We belong to Jesus Christ as well as one another. Since we belong to one another, we should be kind, tolerant, welcoming and willing to share with those in need.

11. Our sins are truly and really forgiven in Christ...

The eleventh article reminds us that because of what Jesus has done for us in his life, death, resurrection, and ascension, God forgives those who love Him and will no longer remember their sins.

12. Our bodies will be resurrected. Heaven is real...

The twelfth article reminds about our own bodily resurrection. We tend to think of the spiritual life as exclusively soul-related, but it also includes the body. Heaven is real, and we will be with God.

*I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;*

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen*

Attendance this week			
1 st	FS2	98.7%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y4	97.8%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y5	97.7%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y1	97.3%	
5 th	Y2	97.0%	
6 th	Y6	96.1%	
7 th	Y3	95.5%	
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 97.2%	



Get Set, GO!			
1 st	FS2	90%	
2 nd	Y4	90%	
3 rd	Y1	86%	
4 th	Y6	85%	
5 th	Y2	76%	
6 th	Y5	68%	
7 th	Y3	64%	
		Average = 80%	





SAVE the DATE

Safer Internet Day

2020 | Tuesday
11 February

Together for a better internet

www.saferinternetday.org



At St John Fisher we take internet safety extremely seriously. We make sure that we know the current risks and the potential risks lurking in the background and aim to share this information regularly so that our parents and carers are well informed. We hold workshops and share information via this newsletter and the website. It is our aim to keep internet safety at the forefront of our thinking, because whilst the online world has a hugely positive side when used responsibly; offering children access to a wealth of information and opportunities - it also opens the door, sadly, to a darker side where there are potential risks of cyber-bullying, ready access to inappropriate material, grooming and exploitation.

Predators do not discriminate. They will target anyone, including children from any background and family.

All children are potential targets, especially if they have unsupervised access to the internet via PCs, laptops, tablets, smartphones, smart TVs, gaming consuls, apps at home and whilst 'roaming' or even, via free Wi-Fi in shops as well as on buses, trams, trains, restaurants and even via a neighbour's router not configured right.

Safeguarding At St John Fisher

At SJF, promoting the internet safety of all our children is a key segment of our wider safeguarding role. As Headteacher, I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) in our school. I am supported in this role by my Safeguarding Team of Deputy DSLs: **Mrs Barrett**, **Mrs Hadfield** and **Mrs Pickering**. Day-to-day, the administration of the role is overseen by Mrs Hadfield who, as Lead for Inclusion & Diversity at SJF, is responsible for the care of all vulnerable children supported by Mrs Pickering, our Learning and Inclusion Mentor.

Obviously 'Safeguarding' generally, and internet safety specifically, are also key Governor responsibilities. Overall, responsibility rests with our Chair of Governors, **Mrs Sarah Ludlam**, supported by our Vice Chair of Governors, **Mr Matt Watters**. However, the day-to-day monitoring of school systems and actions is the responsibility of **Mrs Clair Prestidge**, who is our designated Link-Governor for Safeguarding. She reports directly to Mrs Ludlam and the full Governing Body. Mrs Prestidge, Mrs Hadfield and Mrs Pickering also work closely together to ensure processes are effective and all staff receive appropriate and regular training and updates.

Unsurprisingly *Internet safety* is also a key feature of our Computing curriculum, led and coordinated in our school by **Mr Broadhead**. He also works closely with the local authority to ensure that staff, Governors and parents/carers are kept up-to-date and that the curriculum remains current and relevant to our children given the ever-changing nature of the risks they face currently and will, sadly, face in the future. As well as the ongoing curriculum there are certain points of the year when there is an additional focus on being safe. 'Be Safe – Be Happy Week' is one and Internet Safety Day will be another.



A Message from the Safer Internet Day Team

Here is the website address: <https://www.saferinternetday.org/> and hit the underlined quick-links below to access sections of the Safer Internet website (*ctrl+ hover mouse cursor over the word and click*).

We are busy preparing for the next campaign, and our website is being regularly updated.

You can already find some assets to use in your activities in the **About section** of this website, including the **key messages for the campaign** and a **social media plan** with example posts and visuals to help you countdown to the big day!

Also check out the **country** and **supporter** sections to find out what's happening near you or in your areas of interest - profiles are being updated daily, so please check back regularly for the latest news.

In the meantime, if you are curious as to what happened on SID 2019, check out the **SID archive**, and find **other news from the day on this website**, as well as the **Better Internet for Kids (BIK) portal**. Please also visit our **Facebook** and **Twitter** profiles to keep up to date on the latest campaign news and actions.

And don't forget to visit the **Better Internet for Kids (BIK) portal** regularly to keep up to date on online safety issues all year around, find awareness-raising resources in our **resource galleries**, and **subscribe to the quarterly BIK bulletin** for updates direct to your inbox.



ROBLOX

We know that Roblox has been a major hit with children at SJF and worldwide, even though it is an odd-looking and often confusing game - for parents and carers at least. Please follow the links to access information for parents and carers about the game, the risks and the steps you can take:

- ✓ <https://www.familyzone.com/au/families/blog/roblox-parents-review>
- ✓ <https://www.protectyoungminds.org/2019/07/23/is-roblox-safe-for-kids-4-dangers/>
- ✓ <https://www.websafety.com/2018/07/the-hidden-dangers-of-roblox-every-parent-should-know-about/>
- ✓ <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/parents-guide-to-roblox-and-how-your-kids-can-play-it-safely/>

Golden Children

FS2	Jan M for growing in confidence and using lots of English words in class! Well done Jan!
Y1	Sanaya for always setting an example of excellent behaviour and super manners!
Y2	Ava for always working hard! You are making wonderful improvements in Mathematics, well done!
Y3	Isabella W for always being such a superstar in everything she does! She is always kind and helpful to everyone in Y3!
Y4	Lexi for having a really great week and for working hard, especially in Mathematics! Keep it up Lexi!
Y5	Daniel for making a fantastic effort in recent weeks to put his hand up during class discussions! Keep it up superstar!
Y6	Phoebe K for always working hard and for being such a tremendous support to others! Well done Phoebe!



Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Charlotte	Dominic	D'Mari	Zack	Giovanni	Eleanor	Tamzin

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.

Beat Your Best

Mr Johnson's Weekly Personal Challenge!

This week the children's challenge was a tennis *battling* game. This fun activity was designed to test pupils' batting skills and challenge them to improve over the week! There were Three lanes each with one pupil. The children had to bat the ball to the top of their lane going as fast and as accurately as they could manage whilst being timed. The objective for the challengers was to complete the challenge as quickly as possible, whilst also retaining control of the ball within their designated lanes. Every dropped ball incurred a time penalty!



Well done to everyone who participated in this week's 'Beat your Best Challenge'! Everyone did really well! Special mentions to the following:

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
--	Musa Charlotte	Samuel Isaac	Oscar	Olivia Matéah	Harley	Hibah

Rock Steady Mini Concert

The children who have been participating in the 'Rock Steady' programme over the past few weeks took part in a mini concert, under the lights, on Thursday at school this week, in front of family members, friends, peers and school staff. It was fantastic! The children were clearly having lots of fun as they performed, singing and playing a range of different musical instruments under the watchful eye (and with tremendous the encouragement and support) of the Rock Steady tutor. More photographs are available via this link:



<http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/rock-steady-mini-concert/>



VOLUNTEERS WANTED



Reading & Library Volunteers

If you would like to support school in a very special and hugely 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 children in the afternoons. If you can spare a little time to help us, please get in touch. We are also looking for volunteers interested in supporting us to run the library and possibly opening it before or after school for parents and carers to use with their children. All volunteers will be subject to the usual safeguarding checks. If you would like to volunteer, or would like some more information, please email us via enquiries@st-johnfisher.org for the attention of Mrs Barrett. Thank you.



Bags2School Reminder



A reminder that **Friday 7th February 2020** is the PTFA's next Bags2School day! Donations of old and unwanted clothing can be converted into hard cash! Please support the PTFA if you can. Thank you.

If you can help sort the clothing, please speak to a member of the committee or leave your contact details in the mailbox in the foyer by the School Office.

Please do not bring bags until collection day! Thank you!



Chinese/Lunar New Year 2020

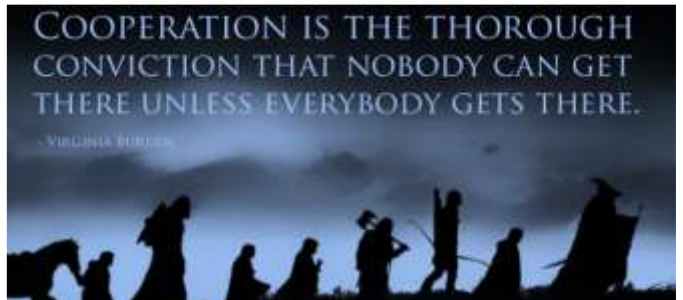
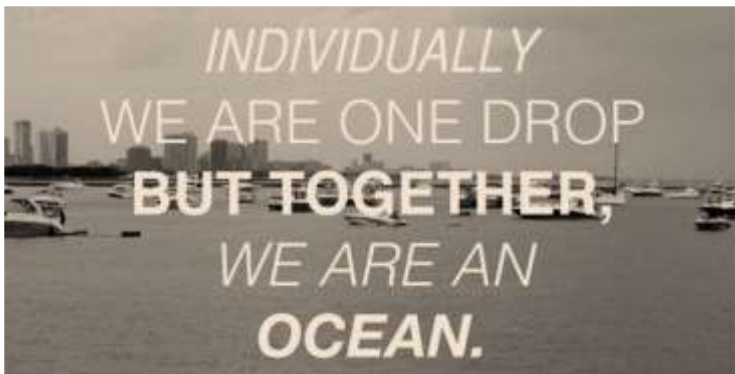
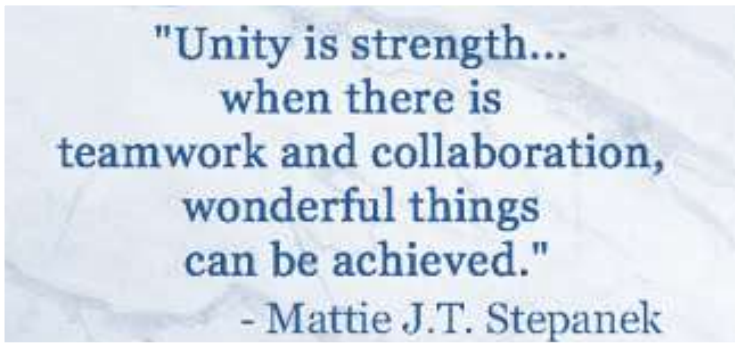
The children of FS2 have been learning about the Chinese/Lunar New Year and discovered that they were born in either the Year of the Snake or the Year of the Horse! They prepared and cooked some Chinese food, which they then sampled and wrote about. They even made their own Chinese dragon and music and danced! Please follow the link for more pictures: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/chineselunar-new-year/>



Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is "**I cooperate with others in work and play**".

Time to talk: What does the word 'cooperate' mean? Can you find the meaning using a dictionary? Why is it important to cooperate in work and play? What sorts of things can we do and say to show that we are cooperating? What can happen if we do not cooperate?



Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

