



St John Fisher Weekly News



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Dates for you Diary

You will find dates of most events in your school calendar - below is a breakdown of forthcoming events:

• Monday 7 th July	✓ Taster days for the <u>second</u> group of children joining FS2 in September 2014
• Wednesday 9 th July	✓ (9.45am-2.30pm)
• Friday 11 th July	
• Wednesday 16 th July	✓ Theme 2 Exhibition in the school hall ✓ (9.00am)
• Thursday 17 th July	✓ Leavers' Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church (Full school uniform) ✓ (7.00pm)
• Friday 18 th July	✓ End of year Mass of thanksgiving in <u>School</u> ✓ (9.30am)

Please note that the end of year Mass is at 9.30am and not 2.00pm as indicated in the School Calendar

Strike Action

The Governors and I are aware that school and class closures inconvenience parents and carers, which is why I warned you in last week's newsletter that a number of unions were calling on their members to take part in a day of action next **Thursday 10th July**.

If the strike action goes ahead our school will have to close for children in **Foundation Stage 2** and **Year 1** only. Please note that there will also be no provision to look after children in these classes.

The children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be expected to come to school as normal. A letter was sent to the parents and carers of children in FS2 and Y1 this evening.

Annual Reports

The annual school reports will be sent home next week.

The Catholic Cup Inter-School Football Competition

I would like to apologise for not including this article in an earlier newsletter.

Miss Rybka wrote:

A huge well done to the football team that played in the Catholic Cup on Wednesday 18th June. They all played brilliantly and I am proud because of the way they played and prepared. I would also like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Bower who came along to help; the parents/grandparents that came to support; Miss Hardman for helping us get down there and Hugo a past pupil of St John Fisher who helped and guided us all afternoon.

I would also like to thank Miss Rybka for organising and supervising our team on the day.

Year 3 Athletics Competition at the English Institute of Sport (EIS)

On Wednesday the 25th June Year 3 took part in an athletics competition organised by our Links partners at the EIS. Our children wrote:

"We did lots of different activities such as long jump, high jump, sack racing, skipping and relay. We also met Pat (who plays for the Sheffield Sharks), and we got to drink some more delicious smoothies that he had showed us how to make in class. We even saw Mr Simpson and Miss Mowat who coach sport at our school. We had an epic awesome time. Last but not least Team 19A managed to come second out of 46 teams and our 'Athletes of the Day' were Evie Flint, Kimi Hardy and William Oadley from Year 3!



NSPCC

Last Monday (30th June) we had a special NSPCC assembly at which Lynda Gooch (the NSPCC representative) reminded the children about the need to be safe and to tell someone if they feel worried or unsafe because of someone or something. With the help of some Year 2 volunteers Lynda Gooch then revealed that as a community we had managed to raise a magnificent £1,644.57 to support the NSPCC in its important work. I would like to add my thanks to hers for all your support.



Parish News

Come and meet A SPECIAL GUEST who represents **THE NATIONAL CRUSADE OF MARY IMMACULATE** based in Manchester. You will have an opportunity to learn more about this worldwide Movement founded by St Maximilian Kolbe and about consecration to Mary Immaculate. You can meet this special guest at:

- **Saturday 12 July at 6.30pm** (Sunday Mass) at Our Lady of Lourdes
- **Sunday 13 July at 09.00am** at St Anthony's
- **Sunday 13 July at 10.30am** at Our Lady of Lourdes (Mass lead by "Immaculata" group).

More information is available on: www.mi-sheffield.com

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next weekly liturgy of the Word will be on **Thursday 10th July**. It will be led by the children of **Y3** and the family and friends of our Y3 children are invited to join us just after 9.00am in the hall. Thank you.

Appeal for Support - Improving our Environment

Y1 Outside Area

We have been trying hard to make this area more attractive and pleasant not just for Y1 but for everyone to use for learning, playing, just sitting or maybe reading. Mrs Golland will be staying after school on Wednesday 9th July (weather permitting) to clear part of it. She would really appreciate any help from parents, carers, friends, family and children. If you have some time to spare and would be willing to help us it would be wonderful. Please let us know by phone or via email: enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk

Classrooms

Although we have a long-term plan to improve the buildings I wondered whether anyone would be prepared to volunteer to help me give one or two classrooms a lick of paint to brighten them up until we get around to refurbishing them. If you are interested in helping at the beginning of the holiday please email us on enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk.

Thank you.

Achievements Outside of School

- **Joshua Mercer** in Y4 recently passed his karate exam to achieve his purple belt. He was also awarded 'Student of the Month'.
- **Cerys Pope** and **Caitlin Grayson** in Y5 were successful in auditions for a professional dance academy. They added that they are very excited and grateful to everyone who has supported them. Well done!

Golden Children

The class teachers added the names of the following children to our Golden Book last week:

● F 2	All of FS2 for welcoming our new children so warmly and showing kindness!
● Year 1	Alice Curtis for putting a lot of effort into her writing! Joseph Kandare for his positive learning behaviour and challenging himself, especially in mathematics!
● Year 2	William Ludlam for working hard on his phonics all year and not giving up. He passed his assessment with flying colours!
● Year 3	Isabella Ramsden for being a positive role model and showing great learning behaviour.
● Year 4	CJ Pinto for a brilliant year – he is leaving us to go to a new school and we will really miss him. Good luck, CJ!
● Year 5	Cerys Pope for being a good role model to the Y1 buddies.
● Year 6	Sasha Dunks for excellent progress in all subjects this year. What a wonderful attitude to her work!

Writing Champions

The children who have been named as champions this week for being enthusiastic and for making (or sustaining) improvements in their writing are:

Foundation 2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Tamzin Samba	Alex Jasinski	Theo Butler	Jack Green	Patrick Lodge	Charlotte Cope	Cheryl Sigauke
Scarlet Cook	Evie Ramsden					
Maya DeSousa	Oliver Ost					

Weekly Attendance Winners

For the week ending 27-06-14 the girls and boys of **Y5** were in first place with **98.2%** attendance and will be visited by Bobby Bear. In second place were the children of **FS2** with **98%** attendance and they will be visited by our Brenda Bear. In third place were the young people of **Y2** who were just behind with **97.9%** attendance and who will be visited by Elvis the Owl. The average overall attendance for the week rose to **96.5%** which is above our 96% target. Thank you for your support.

Reading Books

Please return all reading books by next Friday (11th) please. Thank you.

Free School Dinners/Pupil Premium

Please return the orange form to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Statement to Live By

Next week, our statement to live by will be: **"I think of others who need our prayers."**

Time to talk: Together you could make some time to think about others who need our prayers. Perhaps it is someone in your family, or a friend. It might be someone you know well or not at all. Perhaps you have seen someone on the news or in a magazine that needs someone to pray for them. Perhaps you could make some time to say your own simple prayer for them or for anyone who has no one to pray for them.

Have a great weekend,

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