



St John Fisher News

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Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Marisa Avelino** (Y1) for knowing how important it is to work, rest, play and pray every day in line with this week's 'Statement to Live By'. Despite being one of our younger pupils, Marisa is an excellent role model to everyone in school. She does everything to the best of her ability and with a great attitude, knowing how important it is to work hard and to have fun. Marisa is also very aware of how important it is to make time for God in our lives – she is a very prayerful and thoughtful young lady. We are all very proud of you, Marisa. Congratulations!

Exhibition

Our first exhibition of the year took place this morning and was a great success! Thank you to all those parents, families and friends who came to see the work that the children have been doing this term. As always, our child 'curators' spoke with great knowledge and enthusiasm about their learning and were a credit to their teachers and families.

Thank you also to our fabulous PTFA for providing teas, coffees and a friendly welcome to all our visitors!

St. John Fisher Chaplaincy Team

Donations have been coming in for the Chaplaincy Team's Advent project 'Mary's Meals'. Thank you to all those who have donated to the backpack project so far, the items will make a real difference to the lives of children in less developed countries than our own.

Suggestions for items to go into the backpack include: clothes, stationery, a spoon (plastic), toiletries such as a toothbrush, toothpaste and a bar of soap, a small ball and a towel. The charity asks that we do not include liquids, sweets and toys as it causes problems at customs.

If you would like to help you can choose to donate an item or two which will be added to a backpack or if you would prefer you can donate a full backpack. If this is what you want to do please label it clearly as a boy's backpack or a girl's.

The Chaplaincy Team will also be running a 'Christmas Jumper Day' on Friday 18th Dec to raise money to provide children with a hot meal everyday at their place of education.



House News

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St Andrew's Feast Day

The children of St Andrew's house had a great time on Monday afternoon, playing games, finding out about St Andrew, and making happy St Andrew's Day cards. Thank you very much to Miss D'Roza and Mrs Asquith for organising this.

Pantomime!

We are really looking forward to our trip to the Lyceum to watch Aladdin next Thursday! Please make sure children are in school in time to be registered at 8.45am on that day as we need to leave school promptly at 9.00am. A letter has gone out this week confirming the final arrangements for the day.

Parent Pay

Please note that it is important that all families register for ParentPay as this system will be used not only for paying for and **ordering** school dinners (including those children entitled to free school meals), but will in the future be used for paying for educational visits and school trips as well. We are expecting that the new system will be better for everyone, making things easier and more flexible.

The information and login details needed in order to register were sent out by letter and email, but if you need to be given login details again, they are available from the school office.

Thank you.

Forthcoming Events

● 09-12-15	FS2 Christmas Nativity (Hall)	(2.15pm)
● 10-12-15	Whole School trip to the Lyceum – Aladdin	(am)
● 11-12-15	PTFA Santa in School and Class parties	
● 15-12-15	KS1 Nativity play (Hall)	(2.15pm)
● 16-12-15	KS1 Nativity play (Hall)	(2.15pm)
● 18-12-15	KS2 Carol Service (Church) followed by refreshments in the hall End of term!	(2.00pm)

Reading Volunteers

If you are looking for an opportunity to support the school, donating your time as a reading volunteer can be a simple and rewarding way to do this. It's a straightforward way for children to have practise.

We are particularly looking for people who can support us for **20mins at 9am and 3pm**, 2 or 3 times a week but we are grateful for any time you can give us.

If you are interested please send your name and contact details to the office labelled 'Reading Volunteers – Miss D'Roza' and we will be in touch. Thank you for all your support and time.

Daily Advent Class Reflections

The daily Advent reflections started in each class this week. There has been a lovely, prayerful atmosphere created in all classes at this time and the children have been sharing some very thoughtful prayers. Don't forget that parents, carers, family and friends are welcome to join us but spaces are limited and should be booked on the day you wish to attend through the School Office. Thank you.



Thank you to Year 4 and Father Paul for leading our beautiful Advent Liturgy last week.

Thank you!

The children have raised £106.04 for Mission Together to help children around the world. We are always impressed by how generous our children and families are when it comes to supporting charities and helping people who are in need.



Achievements Outside of School

Remember to email and let us know about anything your child achieves outside of school so we can celebrate and share it here.

Golden Children

This week's Golden Children are:

FS2	Polly Flude for giving some brilliant answers in class this week. Well done, Polly!
Year 1	William Denham for trying really hard to concentrate more and showing that he is wanting to learn! Well done William!
Year 2	Lily Peters for always setting a good example and showing excellent listening and participating in every lesson. She always has her hand-up and has a go!
Year 3	Laurie Paige for working hard all week and setting a good example for others to follow!
Year 4	Dadiso Bandawa for showing improved confidence and ability in her mathematics. Great work, Dadiso!
Year 5	Kimi Hardy for his hard work in maths this week. Kimi has been resilient and kept going – keep it up!
Year 6	Abigael Collins for working really hard to learn her times tables and showing an improved attitude in maths lessons. It's really paying off!

Assemblies

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank the young people and staff of Y2 for leading this week's beautiful liturgy, as well as the family and friends who supported them. There will be no more class liturgies before the end of term now, and the first one after Christmas will be led by Y1 on **Thursday 14th January 2016**.

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to all the children mentioned in today's assembly. Thank you also to everyone who joined us, it was really nice to see you. Please note that this was also the last Celebration Assembly of the year.

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Alan Cudnowski	Eleanor Checkley	Mitchell Clayton	Keira Ambrose	Ruby Hayward	Abigail Morgan	Anca Nicula

Please look out for their fantastic work in the school hall

Attendance This Week

FS2	96.8%	
Year 1	95.2%	
Year 2	99.3%	Brenda Bear will visit next week!
Year 3	95.3%	
Year 4	98.8%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week!
Year 5	99.4%	Bobby Bear will visit next week!
Year 6	92%	
Weekly Target	97%	This week's Average Attendance 96.7%

Top Table

This week's winning family - chosen by Mrs Bower and our lunchtime supervisors - is the Red Kites family! Congratulations to Jasmine, Kiera B, Kiera S, Bitanga, Fran, Millie Turner, Alice and George! Well done, we are all proud of you!

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **"Simple things can make us happy."**

Time to talk: Together you could think about those things that are really important in life. Especially in this season of Advent, you could think about simple ways that we can make others happy. What is it that makes our lives happy and special? Family, friendship, kindness, laughter... All of us can give others that gift of happiness and we don't need lots of money or time to do it.

