



St John Fisher News



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★ Citizen of the Week

The first recipient of the year is **Keira Ambrose** (Y3) who had a fantastic first day. At St John Fisher we want all our children to be thoughtful, generous and caring towards others. Yesterday Keira went out of her way to show kindness to the new children who joined our community for the first time. This included caring for a young lady who was a bit upset. She talked to her; tried to cheer her up and make her laugh; she showed her what was expected and she even put her arm around her when she cried; bringing her to me and explaining clearly what the issues were and what she had tried to do to help. My colleagues and I were so impressed with Keira and her mission to make the first day of every new child a special one. What a little star, and what a great example to have set, thank you!

PE at SJF

PE will now be taught by the class teachers rather than coaches and we will all follow the new and holistic 'REAL PE' philosophy. Further details will be shared in the forthcoming curriculum overviews and at next week's Welcome Meetings'.

PE in FS2

PE-based activities for children in **FS2** will be at different times of the week and will take many forms. There will be times when the children in FS2 will wear PE kit and times when they will not. Also as the ability to get changed is part of the development information we need to gather, the children in FS2 are asked to wear their normal uniform every day.

PE in Years 1-6

PE lessons are on the following days:

- **Tuesday:** Years 5 and 6
- **Wednesday:** Years 3 and 4
- **Thursday:** Years 1 and 2

PE: Kit

Our new uniform suppliers: 'School Trends' stock both the basic PE kit along with optional extras which include a new 'hoodie sweatshirt', plain sweatshirt and jogging pants all with the school logo – all very competitively priced. These extras are optional and are provided because the children will do PE outside whenever the activity and/or the weather permits. Though we hope all children will have the full school PE kit, including the school sweatshirt and/or bottoms, pupils will be allowed to wear other suitable sportswear over their basic school PE kit if the weather is cold and they do not have the optional extra PE kit.



School Trends



From next week we will trial the children in Years 1-6 **only** wearing school PE kit on the day they have a PE

I expect that such a decision might not be popular with everyone so we will monitor it and see what happens. We will also take careful notice of people's views before finalising any decisions. As with everything, we welcome your feedback and perspective.

You can order the basic PE kit, optional extras and all other uniform items from the School Trends website: www.schooltrends.co.uk. You then go to 'Find a School' and enter our post code (S12 4HJ). You then click our school name which will take you straight through to our uniform page.

You can also visit the School Trends shop and buy or order items directly. If you buy something that needs a logo and doesn't have one it will be added by a member of the shop staff free of charge, while you wait. The shop is located opposite 'Direct Cars'.

The full contact details are:

- 10 Carley Drive, Westfield, Sheffield, S20 8NQ
- (T) 0870 165 0161
- (W) www.schooltrends.co.uk
- (E) info@schooltrends.co.uk

The only time pupils will not wear PE kit to school on PE days is when something special is happening in school e.g. school photos, a special event or visitor. You will be notified by me, the relevant teacher, or in the newsletter, via email or text if this happens. Thank you.

PE: Good News

I am delighted to be able to inform you that our school has been awarded the Bronze Mark in recognition of all the work we have been doing to develop PE at St John Fisher. I would like to thank my colleagues and our partners from Sheffield Links, and I would like to give a special mention to Mrs Broadhead and thank her for her hard work, passion and for leading the subject so well.



PTFA News

Information Evening

The PTFA would like to invite you all to their information evening which is on Tuesday 15th September 2015 in the school hall at 6.30pm. There will be refreshments and cake on offer too. It would be great if more people could get involved and this event is an opportunity to meet other parents/carers and staff and find out more about all the things the PTFA does and the different ways you might be able to help – which need not be a big commitment.



Lottery Grant

Last summer the PTFA submitted a bid for a lottery grant to develop the outside learning areas by the Year 1 and 2 classrooms. During the holidays we found out that this bid had been successful. I am so grateful to the PTFA for their continued support.

Calendar

Please refer to your school calendar for the dates of forthcoming events. As most of the events are during the day we wanted to give you as much notice as possible in case you need to book time off work, rearrange shifts/duties or make other arrangements in order to attend or be part of something happening in school.

Forthcoming Events

• 07-09-15	Years 5 & 6 Welcome Meeting (in Y5 classroom)	(3.30pm)
• 08-09-15	Year 3 & 4 Welcome Meeting (in Y4 classroom)	(3.30pm)
• 09-09-15	Year 1 & 2 Welcome Meeting (in Y2 classroom)	(3.30pm)
• 11-09-15	Start of the school year 'Welcome Mass' at Our Lady of Lourdes	- led by Y6 (9.30am)

Pupils and pre-school siblings can do supervised activities during the welcome meetings in Mr Broadhead's Y3 classroom throughout the meetings.

Celebration Assemblies

From next Friday we will now have a special celebration assembly to round off the each week. Though we would like to invite all parents, carers, family and friends to be part of it we are severely limited by space. We therefore have no choice but to limit entry to the parents/carers of one year group each week. I will let you know who is invited to join us in the in the newsletter each week.

Next Friday (11th September) the parents, carers, family and friends of our Y1 pupils are invited to join us for the celebration assembly at 2.55pm in the school hall.

Achievements Outside of School

- **Isla Thompson** in Y2 has achieved her 25m swimming award! She also achieved the Level 6 Trampoline Proficiency Award! Congratulations Isla, what a great achievement!
- **Ola Dominiak** in Y5 recently achieved the Stage 4 standard in swimming as well as her purple belt in freestyle karate! What fantastic achievements Ola, well done!
- **Sam Orbell, Bethany Beatson, Mitchell Clayton, Sophie Ball, Harry Cawthorne, Amna Javid, Diana Nicula, Odette Paige, Laurie Paige, Kascper Schichowski, Melissa Clayton, Jasmine Green, Lily Mell and Kiera Swift** all completed this summer's Reading Challenge, well done!

All Saints Open Morning

A special Open Morning for current Y6 pupils takes place on Saturday 19th September 2015. All are welcome.



Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Next Thursday (10th September) the liturgy will be led by the young people of Y6 and the parents, carers, family and friends of our Y6 pupils are invited to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

Statement to Live By

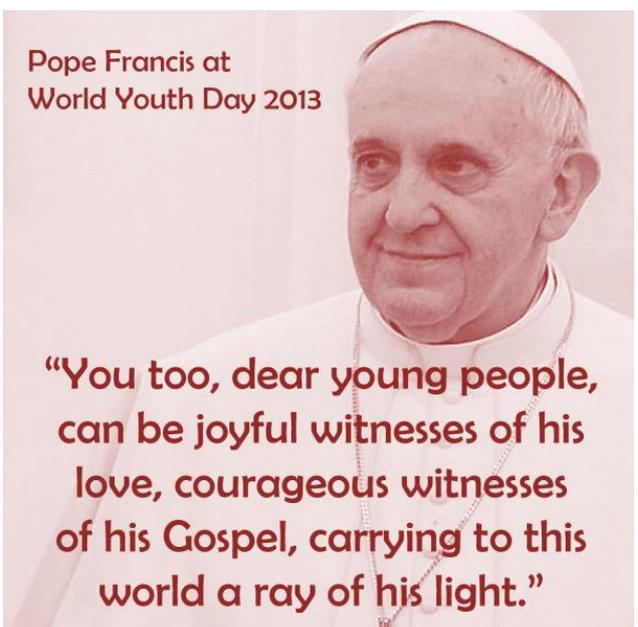
We start our year with the same 'statement to live by' that when finished the last year with, and that is: **"We are all special"**

Time to talk: We are all special. We all have gifts and talents – things that make us unique. What things make you special? What makes your friends special? What about your parents, brothers and sisters? Remember that God does not make rubbish – so that means that you are amazing!

Butterflies don't know
the color of their wings,
but human eyes know
how beautiful it is.
Likewise, you don't know
how good you are,
but others can see
that you are special.



Pope Francis at
World Youth Day 2013



**"You too, dear young people,
can be joyful witnesses of his
love, courageous witnesses
of his Gospel, carrying to this
world a ray of his light."**

Best wishes for the weekend and thank you for your kind messages of support for the year ahead,

Mr Barratt