

SJF NEWS

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★ Citizen of the Week

★ The weeks recipient is **Emily** in **Y5** who understands why it is so important to say how she feels, in line with this week's 'Statement to Live By'. Everyone at SJF understands that they must **TELL! TELL! TELL!** if they ever feel upset or worried about something at home or in school. We have learned that problems rarely, if ever, go away on their own, and so, by telling a trusted someone we can take a very big step towards dealing with an worry/concern/problem that we might face. Emily understands this perfectly and is prepared to share her feelings with others as well as being the 'trusted someone' herself to those who turn to her for support. Congratulations Emily! What a fantastic example you are to others! We are all very proud of you!

SJF Open Morning 2018

Our next Opening Morning will be tomorrow (**Saturday 6th October 2018**). If you know anyone who might be interested in finding out more about our special school community please let them know and encourage them to come along.

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

I would like to thank all the children who volunteered to come along to act as guides or to participate in class-based activities. We would be grateful if our pupil-volunteers could be at school promptly for 9.30am in full school uniform please. They can be collected at 12.00pm. Thank you for your support.



Term 1 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House



236

St David's House



197

St Patrick's House



221

St George's House



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Uniform

We now have two official uniform suppliers, our newest being Logo Leisurewear. Our newest partner, Logo Leisurewear, will be in school on You are invited to the Logo Leisurewear school uniform launch on Tuesday 16th October 2018 in the School Library from 8.30am to 10.00am and from 3.00pm to 4.00pm.

The pedestrian playground gate will be opened at 8.25am that day and supervised. For the afternoon session the pedestrian playground gate will be opened at 3.00pm and supervised. Access to the library will be via the playground door. In the library will be a

Logo Leisurewear representative and a range of samples for you to inspect. Laptop computers will also be set up so that you can make instant orders if you choose. The Logo Leisurewear headquarters are not far from school and they welcome people who would like to try products on before buying them. They are also looking into the feasibility of setting up some sort of retail operation.



Relationship & Sex Education (RSE) Curriculum

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended this week's special meeting outlining our approach to the teaching of RSE in school. I would like to remind you that our approach is in line fully with guidance issued to all Catholic schools and the wishes of the Bishop of Hallam. If you have any questions regarding the SJF programme please contact us (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org). Below are the details of forthcoming workshops:

Thursday 11 th October	3.30pm	Y1 Reading and Spelling Workshop	Y1 Classroom
Thursday 25 th October	3.30pm	FS2 Phonics & Reading Workshop (2)	FS2 Classroom
Monday 12 th November	3.30pm	Mathematics Workshop: Multiplication & Division	All Classrooms
Thursday 29 th November	3.30pm	FS2 Phonics & Reading Workshop (3)	FS2 Classroom

Forthcoming Events

Please refer to the **SJF calendar** which was sent home before the holidays and available via this link: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents-and-carers-zone/calendar/>

It contains details of planned events in the academic year ahead so that you can plan and prepare for them. Below is a summary of what is coming up next week:

06-09-18	• SJF OPEN MORNING (10.00AM – 12.00PM) Spread the word!
10-10-18	• Day 1: Y6 residential to 'The Hollowford Centre'
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	• Y1 Weekly Liturgy of the Word (School Hall at 9.00am)
	• Y1 Reading & Spelling Workshop (Y1 Classroom at 3.30pm)
12-10-18	• Day 3: Y6 residential to 'The Hollowford Centre'
	• Y3 Celebration Assembly (School Hall at 9.00am)
16-10-18	• Logo Leisurewear SJF Uniform Launch (School Library at 8.30am – 10.00am)
	• Logo Leisurewear SJF Uniform Launch (School Library at 3.00pm – 4.00pm)
17-10-18	• Day 1: Y5 residential to 'The Oakes Centre'
18-10-18	• Day 2: Y5 residential to 'The Oakes Centre'
	• Y3 Weekly Liturgy of the Word (School Hall at 9.00am)
19-10-18	• Day 3: Y5 residential to 'The Oakes Centre'

Attendance this week			
1 st	FS2	100%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y5	99.4%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y6	99.4%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
4 th	Y1	98.9%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
5 th	Y2	98.3%	
6 th	Y3	98.1%	
7 th	Y4	94.4%	
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 98.4% ↑	



Get Set, GO!			
1 st	Y2	95%	
1 st	Y5	95%	
3 rd	FS2	94%	
4 th	Y4	93%	
5 th	Y3	92%	
6 th	Y6	91%	
7 th	Y1	85%	
		Average = 92% ↑	

Congratulations to the pupils in in FS2 who are again top with a perfect 100% attendance this week! Well done! In fact all but one class managed to beat our 98% target this week! This means that our whole-school average was also above target. Congratulations to the classes exceeding 90% attendance at the before-school 'Get Set, GO!' sessions this week. A reminder that In order to be counted, children must be present at the very start of the challenge straight after the daily 'Wake Up! Shake Up!' session at 8.40am.



Collective Worship

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Next **Thursday 11th October 2018** our 'Liturgy of the Word' will be led by the children of **Y1** and we invite the family and friends of our Y1 children to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am.

Celebration Assembly

We invite the family and friends of our **Y3** children to join us for our Celebration Assembly next **Friday 12th October 2018** in the School Hall ready for the 9.00am start.

October Prayers

As October is the month of Mary our 'coming in' song will change to 'Ave Maria' and we have renewed the display in the Sacred Space and in the School Hall. We will share the Rosary and our prayer of the month is 'Hail Holy Queen'. This beautiful and traditional Catholic prayer to Our Lady is not said as often these days which is why we include it in our prayer programme. If you would like to share the prayer as part of your prayer life at home here are the words:

Hail, holy Queen,

Mother of mercy,

Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.

To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advocate,

Thine eyes of mercy toward us,

And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.

How to Use Rosary Beads

(To activate the hyperlinks press the Ctrl button and hover the cursor over the underlined words)

At the crucifix, begin with the [Sign of the Cross](#) and say the [Apostles Creed](#).

- On the first large bead say the Our Father
- Followed by three [Hail Mary prayers](#). It is customary to say "I offer these three Hail Marys for the increase in the virtues of faith, hope and charity."
- Then say one [Glory Be prayer](#)
- Now you are at the medal that joins the beads, it is time to think especially about any prayer intentions that you might have.
- Then announce the first Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful or Glorious Mystery depending upon what mysteries you are thinking about that day.
- Then begin the decade with one Our Father all the while keeping hold of the medal.
- On the ten small beads that follow pray ten [Hail Marys](#)
- Followed by one [Glory Be Prayer](#)
- When you come to the large bead, announce the [second respective mystery](#), look at a meditation aid then pray one Our Father
- On the ten small beads pray another set of ten Hail Marys followed by one Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer called a decade, as before
- Continue this pattern of announcing the mystery and praying a decade. Do this for the third, fourth and fifth mystery consecutively followed by one [Our Father](#), ten [Hail Marys](#), one [Glory Be](#) and the [Fatima Prayer](#)
- After the fifth and final decade has been prayed say the [Hail Holy Queen prayer](#)
- Now just as you began, end with the [Sign of the Cross](#)



Golden Children

FS2	Amelia for doing really well in class and in the after school martial arts sessions!
Y1	Aalia for being amazing! Aalia is so polite and kind to all her classmates! Also, she always sits beautifully on the carpet!
Y2	Bronte for being super calm in class and for showing fabulous resilience to an given challenge! Well done superstar!
Y3	Ruby for making a massive improvement with her attitude to learning and the way she works with others in the class! A fantastic effort sunshine!
Y4	Marisa for always trying her best and for having such a positive attitude! What a star!
Y5	Freya & Ava for always managing to put a smile on everyone's faces (something we will all miss very much)!
Y6	Israel for having an amazing attitude to learning and for asking FANTASTIC questions! Finley for being a superstar! We wish you every happiness for your exciting new beginning!

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lincoln	Dominique	Charlie	Kessy	Lottie	Mitchell	Aleks

Harvest Festival 2018

Our annual Harvest Festival Mass is approaching fast – Friday 26th October 2018. As in previous years, we would be grateful if you would donate food to school which we will then pass on to the St Wilfred's Centre in Sheffield.

It is important that the food you donate is non-perishable, i.e. not fresh, so the items which are particularly useful are: tins of meat, fish, soup, vegetables and fruit; packets of cereals, 'Pot Noodle'-type products, biscuits, drinking chocolate, instant mashed potato, pasta, rice and dried noodles. Items which are tinned or dried are perfect.

All donations will be received gratefully. Donations can be deposited in the box outside the Y6 classroom. Thank you.



Questionnaires & Feedback

Please take your time to complete the questionnaire that was sent home this evening and let us know what you think of our community. It is important to hear your thoughts and ideas and understand the things you like and we are doing well. Thank you.

Achievements Outside of School

This week's achievements are:

- **Keyla** in **FS2** and **Kessy** in **Y3** passed their Legoland driving tests this week! Wow!
- **Rebecca** in **FS2** received her Level 2 'Super Swimmers' award! A fantastic effort Rebecca!
- **Alfie** in **Y1** achieved a 50m swimming award this week! An incredible achievement! Congratulations!
- **Alana** in **Y1** successfully attended Sheffield University learning activities for an incredible 30 hours! Great!
- **James** in **Y2** received the 'Green Award – Level 3' in gymnastics! What a great achievement James!
- **Jessica** in **Y3** achieved a 100m swimming award for backstroke this week! Amazing!
- **Mia** in **Y4** passed her Stage 1 swimming after trying really hard! We could not be more proud of her!
- **Rowan** in **Y6** is a pianist and received a special certificate for passing his Grade 2 music theory exam! He did not just pass, he managed to achieve a distinction for gaining a whopping 97% after a lot of hard work and studying! Congratulations Rowan, an amazing achievement! We are all very proud of you!





PTFA News

The next 'Bags2School' collection will be on Friday 12th October 2018. Please bring in all your unwanted clothing items so that the PTFA can exchange them to raise money for school. Please use your own plastic bags if you do not have the official ones. All unclaimed lost property will be donated to support our fantastic PTFA. If you can help email them on ptfa@st-johnfisher.org. Thank you.

Beat Your Best!

The SJF Weekly Personal Challenge!

This week's challenge was run by our new Sports Leaders and was the '**Volleyball Pass Back Challenge**'.

This week's challenge was run by our new Sports Leaders and was the volley ball pass back challenge. Through the week our fantastic Sports Leaders have been 'blogging' about this week's challenge.

Our Sports Majors did a great job of setting up the challenge and encouraging others to get involved and have a great time. We would like to congratulate the following pupils who managed to beat their best this week. They are: Max (Y5), Mike (Y4), Ethan (Y4), Lydia (Y2) and Jack (Y6). What amazing role-models you all are!



Stone Age & Roman Adventures!

Last Friday the young people of Years 3 and 4 travelled to the Yorkshire Museum of Farming for a special immersive day. The Y3 'warriors' were learning about life during the 'Stone Age' and the Y4 'centurions' enjoyed a thoroughly Roman experience!

I would like to thank the team at 'The Yorkshire Farming Museum' as well as Mr Broadhead, Mr Shepherd and everyone who accompanied them to support the children and keep them safe, especially Mrs Wood, Mrs Ramos, Mrs Tan and Mrs Goddard!







Community Service of Remembrance 2018

On Friday 9th November 2018 our community will come together to mark the centenary of Armistice Day. Our service will start at 10.50am at Our Lady Lourdes Catholic Church and will incorporate a minute's silence in honour of both the fallen and those who love(d) them. As it is the centenary we would like to make it even more special...

If you, a relative or someone you know is a serving or retired member of the armed services and could play a small part in our service (placing a wreath at the foot of a cross), please let us know.

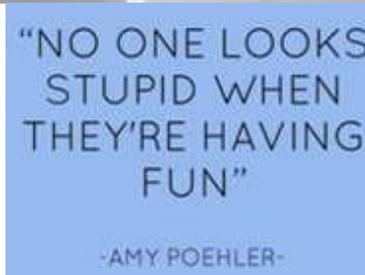
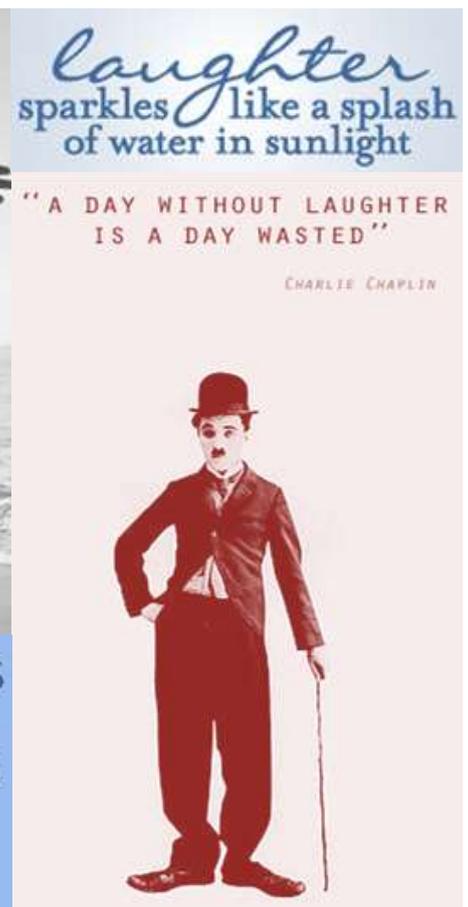


Also we are looking for serving and/or retired service personnel who would be willing to visit school in order to speak to the children about why Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday is so important to them. Again if you can help, please get in touch. Finally if you know someone who would like to just come along and join us for our service, please bring them along! They would be most welcome to this special community event.

Statement to Live By

Next week's statement to live by is: "I can laugh and have fun."

Time to talk: Together remember times when you had fun; those special times when you laughed so much that nothing could make you stop, and your sides ached, and you could barely stand up. What made these times so special? Who were you with? Why is it so important to laugh and have fun? What would life be like without fun and laughter? What really makes you laugh?



Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

