



St John Fisher Weekly News



Friday 6th December 2013 (Issue 13 ~ 2013/14)

Nativity Performances

The performances take place on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December 2013. Both performances will start at 2.15pm and the doors will not open until 1.45pm. **Entry will be via the old entrance.** If you (or someone you are coming with) require special access requirements, please contact us. There will be the usual SJF raffle - £1 for a strip of 5 tickets!

The Visit of Bishop John

As you know, Bishop John Rawsthorne will visit our school on Monday 16th December 2013. During his visit he will meet all the children and staff. He will then lead a special liturgy at 2.30pm in the school hall during which he will officially open and bless the new administration block and library (redeveloped in partnership with our PTFA).

You are all invited to join us for our simple liturgy and then to remain in the hall until the end of the school day for refreshments provided by the PTFA and a chance to meet and talk to Bishop John. I am delighted that we will also be joined by Father Paul; some Governors; our partners from the Diocese of Hallam; the architect and the main contractor as well as the PTFA – everyone who, in one way or another, made this all possible.

Building Redevelopment: Phase 2

This week I met with our partners from AEDAS to discuss the next phase of the redevelopment of our building. Now that we are an academy we have to submit a bid directly to the Department for Education. I will keep you informed with how we get on.

Blessing of the Advent Wreaths

Thank you to Father Paul and everyone who joined us to support this year's special liturgy. I would like to thank the young people of Year 2, who were excellent and Miss McCann for preparing them.

PTFA: Bags2School

Thank you to everyone who supported bags2school this week.

PTFA: Christmas Hamper Raffle

Please return the hamper raffle money by next Friday at the latest please.

PTFA: Santa in School Day

The members of the PTFA have invited Father Christmas to our school to meet all the children and staff but are still waiting to hear back. As soon as they do they will let us know. Please keep those fingers crossed that he will be able to visit St John Fisher! If you can support the Santa in School please speak to one of the PTFA committee members or leave your details on the list in the school office.

PTFA: Internet Shopping

Please consider using the following link if you shop online and make some money for school. Thank you

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel



Golden Children

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

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| • F 2 | Harry Cawthorne for returning to school and settling down to work with his friends! |
| • Year 1 | Filip Dominiak for working really hard on his numbers to 12 and for doing good sitting and listening during 'carpet time'! |
| • Year 2 | Ben Fargo for trying hard to be sensible and for being a super example to others! |
| • Year 3 | Isabella Ramsden for always trying her very best and for being kind and helpful to others! |
| • Year 4 | Max Smith for working really hard to master full stops in his writing! |
| • Year 5 | Natasha Sanders for persevering with her reading and for making fantastic progress as a result! |
| • Year 6 | Olivia Harpin for improving in confidence in her mathematical skills! |



Links Partnership Sport Stars of the Week

The following children have been identified by our sports coaches as stars this week: Olivia King (chosen four weeks running), Hubert Jaworski, Sam Wilson, George Marsden, Oliver Ost, William Oadley, Julia Kepinska, Bitanga Kalyata, Kayleigh Collins, Kimi Hardy, Ellie Cheetham, Saffron Kilbride, Arianne Alfonso, Benjamin Cartwright, Ellie Cope, Lola Pardo-Figueroa, Lucille Owens, Jenson Pugh, Evie Flint and Jack Green. Well done to you all!

Parish News: Children's Mass

The Next Children's Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes will take place on **Sunday 15th December** at **10:30am**. All parents, carers and children are welcome to attend this special children's Advent Mass. Thank you.

Parish News: Community Carol Concert

You are all invited to this evening's community carol concert at Our Lady of Lourdes Church starting at 7.00pm. It will feature our new choir led by Miss Pendlebury. All welcome.

Writing Champions & Assessment Week

As this week has been our second assessment week of the year there are no Writing Champions as the children have been doing tests. Mini reports containing information on how the children have performed in this round of assessments will be shared with you at the beginning of January as soon as the data has been collated.

House Points this Term

| St Andrew | St David | St George | St Patrick |
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| Smilies This week | | | |
| 155 | 125 | 146 | 209 |
| Term 2 Running Total | | | |
| 581 | 591 | 691 | 795 |

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

The next liturgy will be led by the children of **Year 6** on **Thursday 9th January 2014** in the school hall, starting just after 9.00am. The family and friends of our Year 6 pupils are very welcome to join us. Thank you.

Weekly Attendance Winners

For the week ending 29-11-13 in first place are the girls and boys of Year 2 who achieved a 98.3% attendance - and will be visited by Bobbie Bear. In second place were the children of Foundation 2 with 98% attendance. They will receive a visit from Brenda Bear as Bertie is indisposed! In third place were the young people of Year 1 who managed 96.3% attendance and will be visited by Elvis the Owl. Congratulations all of you!

The average attendance was **95.7%** which is below our target of 96% so please help us improve next week.

Achievements Outside School

- Hubert Jaworski in Year 5 and Lola and Mia Pardo-Figueroa in Years 1 and 5 all successfully attended the Children's University for 30 hours - each achieving a Bronze Award as they completed the 'Hola' project. Congratulations, we are all very proud of you! You will receive your certificates on Monday during assembly, well done!
- Norbert Boratyn in successfully passed the Certificate in Cartooning awarded by the Fairford Centre. Congratulations Norbert, what a star you are!

Heartfelt Designs

One of our former pupils has set up this company with two friends as part of an enterprise competition organised by DLA Piper called the 'The Big Challenge'. The girls are now at All Saints Catholic High School and set up their company with just £25! They have designed and made decorative Christmas hearts - and the quality is excellent. There is a display in our new reception foyer and you can get an order form from my colleagues in the school office. At the end of the competition any profits will be donated to the British Heart Foundation, a very worthy cause. Please support them if you can. Thank you.

Statement to Live By

Next week our statement to live by is: **"I try to follow our school and classroom rules."**

Time to talk: Why do we have rules? What would happen if we had no rules? Is it possible to be truly happy, safe or loved with no rules to guide and protect us? How does keeping rules make us better people? What should we do if we see someone breaking rules? What is the right thing to do if we break a rule ourselves?

Have a happy and safe weekend,

Mr Barratt