



St John Fisher News

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Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Ruben Jackson** (Y6) for understanding the importance of being both just and fair in line with this week's 'Statement to Live By'. Ruben has a strong sense of what is right and wrong and of when things are fair and unfair which he demonstrates in the way he takes responsibility and shows care for others! Well done superstar, we are all very proud of you!



SJFBE SAFE BE HAPPY WEEK

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This week has been a special week of learning focused on what helps us to feel safe and happy. The children have explored a wide range of issues including: bullying, fire safety, road safety, e-safety, stranger danger, first aid, cycling proficiency and

safeguarding issues. FS2 have had a very exciting week thinking about ways to be safe and happy. On Monday they had a visit from the Fire Service to help them think about what to do if there was a fire. On Tuesday they learnt about how to be safe around a campfire and they even had a chance to toast their own marshmallows. In the afternoon they listened to the story of Little Red Riding Hood and considered 'stranger danger'. On Wednesday they learnt about road safety and how to be safe near roads. On Thursday and Friday they thought about how to be safe and enjoy fireworks.



Check out the class blogs on the website to see more photographs from different year groups and the FS2 'Firework Dance'! Our children were wonderful and I would like to thank my colleagues and everyone who supported us this week.

Special weeks like this are so important for raising children's awareness about lots of things, including the dangers around them in an appropriate way, and we would welcome your feedback/ideas. Thank you.

St. John Fisher Chaplaincy Team

On Thursday 19th November, the diocesan 'In Reality' youth team are coming in to school in order work with our newly formed SJF Chaplaincy Team. Throughout the day our young chaplains will take part in exciting activities designed to help them including learning to work as a new and effective team.

At 2.45pm on that day they will then lead a special liturgy that they have prepared for the whole school in the school hall.

This will mean that the Y4 children will not now lead their class liturgy that morning, and we apologise for any disappointment this might cause. The parents/carers of our Chaplaincy Team members are invited to join us.





50p Friday

A reminder that if you did not donate 50p, and would like to, it is not too late. You can simply enclose it in an envelope marked '50p Friday' with your child's House name/colour written on it. Thank you for your support.

House Charities 2014-15

- **St Andrew** **CAFOD** (Catholic Charity – worldwide focus)
- **St David** **Good Shepherd** (Catholic Diocesan charities – local focus)
- **St Patrick** **Mission Together** (Catholic Diocesan charity – worldwide focus on young people)
- **St George** **Teenage Cancer Trust (Weston Park)** (local focus on young people)

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Blue Day: St Andrew's Feast Day

I would like to remind you that **Monday 30th November** is the feast of St Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland. To celebrate the feast, the members of St Andrew's House (only) do not have to wear school uniform on that day. Instead, they can come to school wearing something blue and in the afternoon they will get together to do some special activities organised by Miss D'Roza, their Head of House.

All children who are members of other classes are expected to wear their school uniform on that day.

Remembrance

At St John Fisher we believe strongly that it is important to honour Remembrance Day and the sacrifice made by our soldiers and their families through the years to the present day. All children will spend time leading up to Armistice Day reflecting on the origins of Remembrance Day and why it is so important. We will also pray for peace and remember all who are (or have been) affected by war.

On 11th of November we hold our fourth annual Community Service of Remembrance at Our Lady of Lourdes church at 10.30am and you are all invited. We also invite anyone from our community who would like to join us, particularly current or ex-service personnel and their families. So please pass on this invitation to them

If they would like to take part in the service, by simply taking the class wreaths from some children and laying them at the foot of a cross we would really appreciate it and ask that you pass us their details so that we can get in touch. I would also like to hear from any former or current members of the armed services who would be prepared to come into school to talk to the children about why Remembrance Day is important to them. Opportunities like this can really help the children's understanding.

Poppies are on sale every day, so we ask that children bring in a contribution for the Royal British Legion if they would like one. Thank you.



Top Table

This week's winning family - chosen by Mrs Bower and our lunchtime supervisors - is the Buzzard Family! Congratulations to Daphney, Arianne, Daniel, Rafal, Emilia, Chloe, Marika and Jessica. Well done, we are all proud of you!

Spread the Happiness

Check out these cool ideas to help your child learn and have fun at the same time at: www.spreadthehappiness.co.uk. There are loads of great ideas to engage and support young children.



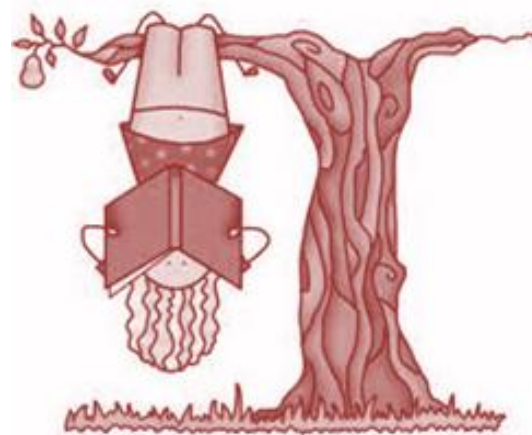
EXTREME Reading

Are you an extreme reader? Books don't need electricity or a comfy chair. We can read them **anywhere** and **everywhere**!

We are inviting you ALL (including everyone in your family) to take part in the St John Fisher Extreme Reading Challenge! It is all about finding different, exciting, fun and **safe** places to enjoy a book. Somewhere a bit different and unusual!

Take your book with you wherever you go and snap a quick picture or create an illustration of the moment to show where you have been reading - any *extreme* place!

Bring your pictures into school, with your name on the back and give it to your teacher. Email them too (enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk) and we might post them on the website! All pictures will be displayed alongside other extreme readers – pupils, their family members and staff! Why not go for it?



Children in Need

Next Friday is 'Children in Need' day and the children are invited to come to school dressed as their hero. It could be a superhero or a character from their favourite book, TV programme or film like Harry Potter, Dora the Explorer, Alex Ryder, Ben 10, Dr Who or his assistants. It might even be an everyday hero that inspires your child; a nurse, a firefighter, doctor or an explorer!

Please don't spend lots of money on expensive costumes especially. There is absolutely no need. Use what you have at home already and creations put together by the children themselves would be brilliant! The main thing is that the children just have fun dressing up and using their own imagination and creativity. We would appreciate a minimum donation of £1 which can be given to our friends from the PTFA before school. **All money collected will be donated to the Children in Need appeal.** Thank you.

Term 1 Reading Awards

The Term 1 Reading Awards have now been given to the children and I will publish the recipients' names in next week's newsletter. Thank you.

Smoking and E-Cigarettes

I would like to remind you that smoking and the use of E-cigs anywhere on school grounds is **strictly** prohibited. This *includes* the area outside the office by the main entrance. Thank you for your support.



Achievements Outside of School

- **Bertie Pickering** in **Y4** received a special award for achieving his 600m, 800m and 1000m awards! For his 1000m award Bertie had to swim 100 lengths in one go! Well done Bertie, you showed great resilience!
- **Jack Stacey** in **Y4** received a special Blue Peter badge for showing his cousin how to play cricket! What a great achievement Jack – and a kind thing to do!
- **Asia Robinson** in **Y5** has been trying really hard to learn how to swim and was so proud to tell me that she managed to swim 10 metres this week! An incredible achievement by a very brave young lady! I am so proud of you Asia, all your hard work and determination is really paying off!
- **Isabella Ramsden** in **Y5** achieved her Shark 1 award which tests lots of important and different swimming skills including survival! Congratulations young lady, what a brilliant achievement!

Curriculum Overviews

Term 2 Overviews were sent out earlier this week. Please refer to them and contact us if you need any further information, assistance or support. Thank you.

Assemblies

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank the young people and staff of Y6 for leading this week's beautiful liturgy, as well as the family and friends who supported them. Next Thursday our Liturgy of the Word will be led by the young people of **Y5** and we invite their family and friends to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am on that day. Thank you.

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. Next Friday we invite the parents, carers, family and friends of our **Y5** pupils to join us at **2.50pm** in the school hall. Thank you.

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Caleb McAulay	Lottie Fitzpatrick	Vilius Bagdonas	Cole Hague	Harry Parkin	Bitanga Kalyata	Lilly Cox

Please look out for their fantastic work in the school hall!

Golden Children

This week's Golden Children are:

FS2	Dylan Steenson for being an excellent role-model and for being so caring towards other children, especially recognising when they might be playing alone!
Year 1	Faith Tough for always choosing to do the right thing and for always helping others!
Year 2	Isla Atkinson for thinking carefully about what to include in her Baptism blessing – choosing some really thoughtful words!
Year 3	Oliver Ost for working really hard in RE and giving fantastic answers to difficult questions!
Year 4	Lily Sanders for hard work in all she does resulting in a super growth of confidence, well done!
Year 5	Isaac Woolhouse for working hard in our RE lessons and for thinking carefully about our missions!
Year 6	Jasmine Green for being an excellent role-model at all times. She is hardworking, sensible and responsible!

Nail Polish

Please remember that children are not allowed to wear nail varnish etc. to school on normal uniform days. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Attendance This Week

FS2	100%	Bobby, Brenda and Elvis will visit next week!
Year 1	100%	Bobby, Brenda and Elvis will visit next week!
Year 2	98.7%	
Year 3	98.4%	
Year 4	100%	Bobby, Brenda and Elvis will visit next week!
Year 5	98.8%	
Year 6	95.7%	
Weekly Target	97%	This week's Average Attendance 98.7%

Well done everyone, most classes exceeded the 97% weekly target for attendance this week meaning that our weekly average was one of the highest it has ever been. Attendance at school is so important for the children's confidence, well-being and academic development, so thank you for your support!

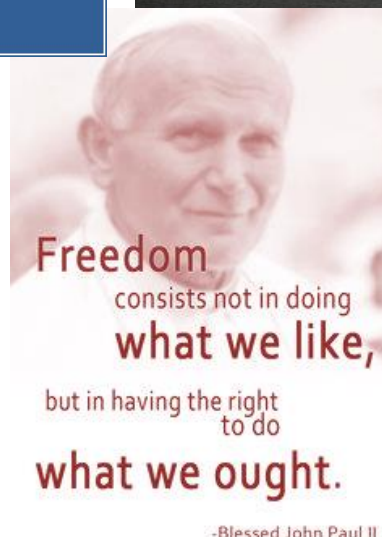
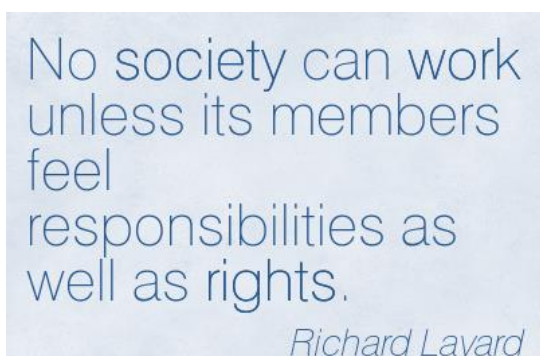
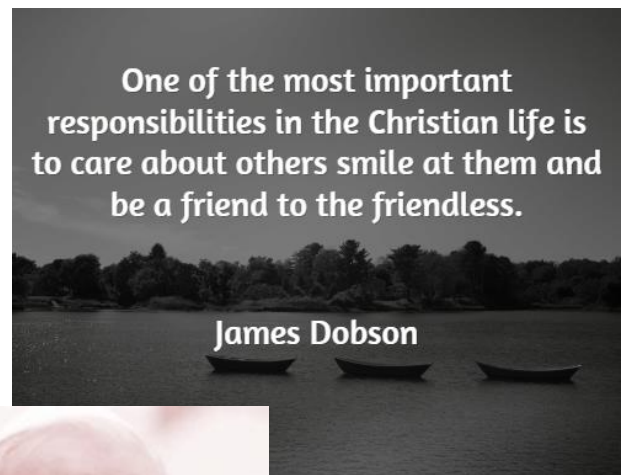
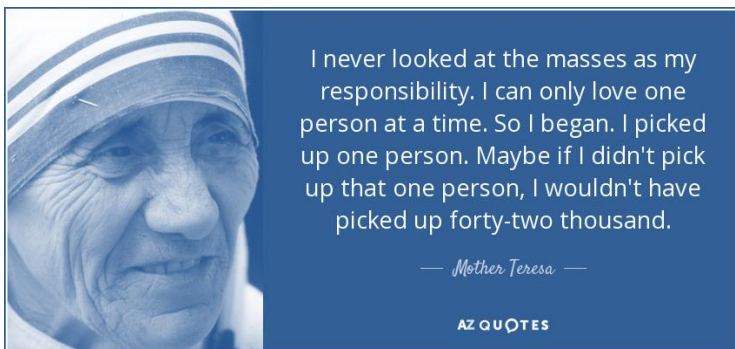
November Remembrance

In November we are asked to pray for all our family and friends who have died. If you have a photo of someone you would like us to pray for we will place them in our Remembrance Garden in the newly developed Sacred Space. Please make sure you have the person's name and the name of your child on the back as we will return them to you at the end of November. Each person will be named and prayed for during our assemblies throughout November.

Statement to Live By

When we return our 'statement to live by' will be **"I understand that rights match responsibility!"**

Time to talk: Together you could think about what a **right** and a **responsibility** is. What are your rights in life-at home and in school? What responsibilities do you have to help make our school a brilliant place to be?



Have a great weekend,

Mr Barratt