



St John Fisher News

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Apologies

I would like to apologise for the delay in sending out last week's newsletter.

Communion Mass

Last Friday we came together as a community to offer a celebration of thanksgiving for the children of our school who have made who received the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time recently. The children looked resplendent in their Communion dresses or smart clothes. The Mass took place in the school hall and was celebrated by Father Paul, and our sincere thanks go to him. I would also like to thank Miss Pendlebury, our new music teacher, for leading the music and recognise the great work of Miss McCann in organising the Mass and preparing the children so well. It was also absolutely fantastic to be able to welcome the parents, family and friends of our communicants to join us for this special school celebration. Your support is very much appreciated. Lastly I would like to thank our special boys and girls themselves, and a reminder that they are:

James Williams	John Genita	Sam Devoti	Jack Harwood	Zak Pilkington
Fay Curtis	Luckie Musngi	Christiano Pinto	Nicole Mercado	Kiera Beck
Patrick Lodge	Keira Swift	Daryn Tiroi	Dominic Rolfe	Stella Avelino
Elizabeth Avelino	Joseph Holmshaw	Daphney Adebayo		

Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you.

Parish News: Enrolment for First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes 2013-14

Please complete and return the admission forms, available in Church, for the 2013/2014 programmes to receive the Sacrament(s) in 2014.

- To receive 1st Holy Communion in 2014 you must be in Y3 or above.
- To receive Confirmation in 2014 you must be in Y6 or above.

Please note that this is for children only. Adults interested in receiving either of the sacraments are asked to speak to Fr Paul separately.

Completed forms must be handed back in by the end of July 2013, accompanied by a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate. Please let others parents know about this, especially from School.

ATTENDANCE AT WEEKLY MASS IS A NECESSARY PART OF BEING A MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Thank you,
Fr Paul

Focus Group

If you would like to be part of the Focus Group to help me unpick and address the development issues identified by parents and carers in the recent questionnaire please phone me or email me with your contact details via the following email address: enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk. Your support would be very much appreciated. If you can offer any support please get in touch. Thank you.

Feedback Please

Following the recent questionnaires parents and carers asked for more regular updates regarding the curriculum and also regarding the progress and achievement of their child(ren). As a consequence we sent out a 'Curriculum Overview' for Term 6 as well as an individual 'Progress and Attainment Update' for the last assessment point (4 of 6). Parents and carers will now receive an update after each assessment point in future. I hope you found this information useful. I would be very interested to receive your feedback which can be sent to me via letter or email using the following address: enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk.

School Calendar 2013-14

A calendar of key events for the next academic year has been compiled and the last few details are being finalised. It is my aim to send it home in early July and also put a copy on the website. The aim is to provide you with early notice of key events that are planned for next year. I hope you find it useful. There are a number of positive changes occurring next year including the introduction of 'Welcome meetings' for each

year group at the beginning of the school year which will give parents/carers an opportunity to meet teachers and support staff; to find out details about the timetable, curriculum and events and to ask any questions.

Tennis Champions!

Last Wednesday two teams of talented Year 4 tennis enthusiasts travelled to Graves Leisure Centre for an inter-school tournament. The first team consisted of: Hubert Jaworski, Jacob Croft, Ciara Brady and Natasha Sanders who came second and the second team consisted of: Sahil Yunis, Oliver Peters, Sophie Robinson-Oates and Mia Pardo-Figueroa. Both teams did very well, finishing second and third respectively. Everyone had lots of fun and took a lot of positives from the experience. I would like to thank Miss Hardman for organising the event.

Triumphant Cricketers!

Yesterday three teams of crickets from Year 5 travelled to Frechville Cricket Club to participate in the 2013 inter-school Kwik Cricket Festival. We entered three teams: a boys' team, a girls' team and a mixed team.

The mixed team secured a very creditable third place following some impressive performances. The team consisted of: Sophie Tyree, Norbert Boratyn, Olivia Harpin, Ipanda Kalyata, Martina Mura, Winnie Saxton, David Sayers, Charlotte Williamson and Jun Wu.

The girls' team worked fantastically as a team and as a result they won their tournament. The players were Olivia Worrall, Grace Woolhouse, Darcy Tirol, Cheryl Sigauke, Holly Longden, Libby Kilbride, Amelia Jackson-Werchez, Sasha Dunks, Bethany Croft and Elizabeth Avelino.

The boys' team also put in some fantastic performances to win their tournament. The team consisted of Sam Wilson, Oliver Wallace, Gabriel Pinto, Finlay morris, Lewis mappin, Finn, Lodge, Corey goodinson, Travis Beresford, and Joseph Stamford.

I would like to congratulate all players for playing so well; working together so effectively in teams and representing our school so well. I would like to thank Miss Kipling for coordinating the teams and our team of enthusiastic parents and carers for supporting and encouraging all our children so well. The winning teams now advance to the next stage of the competition, details to follow.

Golden Children

The teachers of each class have added the names of the following children to our Golden Book last week:

• F 2	Evie Ramsden for working extremely hard in everything she does. Well done!
• Year 1	Matthew Ford for always being polite and giving of his very best! What a star!
• Year 2	Lucille Owens for working hard to achieve fantastic results in her recent assessments! Congratulations!
• Year 3	Faye Curtis for working hard to move off the Read Write Inc programme and for doing so well with her reading that she is now a 'free reader'. Congratulations!
• Year 4	David Crosby-Griffen for making a positive start to the term and for some excellent work in Mr Hawley's group! Everyone is very proud of you David, well done!
• Year 5	Holly Longden for making a fantastic effort (and progress) in mathematics this year!
• Year 6	Charlotte King for being a fantastic student who always gives 100% in everything she does. She is a super example to others and we are all very proud of her!

House Points Update

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We are reviewing the current house structure for next year. This change will see staff join houses in order to really promote the separate identities and create a greater sense teamwork within them. As part of this we are thinking about whether the current names will remain or whether this is an opportunity to take a fresh look and maybe even change them to something that means more to our children. Suggestions so far include:

- the four most significant locations in the life of St John Fisher;
- the Gospel writers: St Matthew, St Mark, St Luke and St John; and
- The UK national Saints: St George, St Andrew, St Patrick and St David

If we adopt the names of saints for our Houses the aim would also be to mark the different feast days in some special way, again to build awareness. If you would like to share your views or have any further ideas please contact me via the school email address (enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk), thank you.

Buddies

From September every child in school will be paired with another as 'buddies'. As the aim will be for children to keep their buddies for as long as possible the children of next year's Y4 class will have buddies in next year's Foundation 2 class. This will mean that children will keep their buddies for three years. Year 1 children will have buddies in Year 5 and the children in Years 2 and 3 will 'buddy up' with Year 6 children. The aim is to help our younger children to feel secure, and because there is a firm expectation that the older buddy will be a positive role-model it promotes good and responsible behaviour. Children will have time to learn and play together throughout the year.

Thank you

I would like to thank the PTFA for organising the 'Big Lunch' recently. I know everyone who attended really enjoyed themselves. Events such as these are so important for bringing our community together and I would also like to thank everyone who supported the event. If you would like to join the PTFA please let us know.

Gardens

In partnership with the Probation Service we will have 'Community Payback' teams working in and around school most weekends as part of ongoing works to improve the physical environment. I am still looking for any volunteers to help me develop and maintain outside garden spaces. The role might suit someone in our local area who has retired and has some time to spare and an interest in gardening. If you know anyone who might be interested please ask them to get in touch. All volunteers working in and around school will be subject to the usual security checks as part of our safeguarding procedures. Thank you.

Weekly Attendance Winners

The classes achieving the highest attendance for the week commencing 20 May were:

- In first place was Y1 with 99.7% attendance over the week
- In second place was Y6 with 98.3% attendance over the week
- In third place was Y3 with 98.1% attendance over the week

Over the week our average pupil attendance was 94.1% which is below our target of 96%. This means that Bobby will visit Y1, Bertie will be visiting Y6 and Elvis will be visiting Y3 next week.

Achievements Outside School

Daniel Hoy in Y6 told me about one of his special achievements. It was so good I asked him to write to me so I could share it with you. *"At the weekend I took part in a fighting competition (martial arts) at the Sheffield Dragons Fighting Academy in Woodhouse. I fought a thirteen year old who was twice my size and although I eventually lost to him I did manage to come third! Congratulations Daniel, we are all very proud of you.*

Natasha Sanders Y4 has been attending Sheffield Hallam Parkrun in Endcliffe Park every Saturday at 9am and completing a 5k run. She has already received a '10' t-shirt as she has completed more than 10 runs. Her next target is for the '50' t-shirt. A new parkrun has also started at Rother Valley Country Park and Natasha completed the first one of these.

Dominic Rolfe Y3 has just achieved his Stage 4 ASA swimming level at Eckington swimming baths.

May Woodhouse Y1 has completed Stage 1 in swimming, she received a badge and certificate and moves up to stage 2 this week.

Matthew Ford in Y1 achieved his 100m swimming certificate on Wednesday the 29th of May at Eckington Swimming Pool.

Sonny Wilson Y6 and Callum Foster Y6 who play for Sheffield Boys won the Green un Cup last week when they beat Hull 2-1 in the final. The first time it has been won in over 20 years in Sheffield.

A big 'well done' to Ruby Hayward who managed to raise a staggering £86.00 in sponsorship following the recent Sheffield Fun Run. This is an absolutely marvellous achievement which was then donated to Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre. Well done, we are all very proud of you!