

SJF NEWS

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Citizen of the Week

The week's recipient is **William** in **Y5** who understands the importance of cooperating with others in work and play – in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. William is fair and honest and is great when working as part of team, making sure that everyone is included. He enjoys school and has developed a wonderful attitude to learning. Congratulations William, what a super role-model you are! We are all very proud of you!

Term 3 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House  541	St David's House  570	St Patrick's House  697	St George's House  615
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Calendar Reminders

Our **SJF calendar** is available online on the Homepage of our website and in two formats via these links:

- <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/parents-and-carers-zone/calendar/>
- http://www.st-johnfisher.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/2019-09-24_17_35_37//SJF_CALENDAR_OF_EVENTS_2019-2020.pdf

10-02-20	• SJF STEM Week 2020 (Day 1) – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
11-02-20	• SJF STEM Week 2020 (Day 2)
12-02-20	• SJF STEM Week 2020 (Day 3)
13-02-20	• SJF STEM Week 2020 (Day 4) • Y4 Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall) – Y4 family and friends are welcome
14-02-20	• SJF STEM Week 2020 (Day 5) • Y6 educational visit to London (The Eye, Parliament, a Thames cruise and The Tower of London) • Y2 Celebration Assembly (9.05, School Hall) – Y2 family and friends are welcome • End of Term 3

School Holiday (17-02-20 to 21-02-20)

24-02-20	• School Closed (INSET Day)
25-02-20	• Start of Term 4 and Shrove Tuesday
26-02-20	• Start of the season of Lent 2020 • Ash Wednesday Service (9.30am, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church) – led by Y6
28-02-20	• Yellow Day (to mark the feast of St David on 01/03/20 - members of St David's House only)

INSET Day Reminder!

All Sheffield Catholic primary schools will be **closed** on Monday 24th February 2020 because it is a staff in-service training (INSET) day. We will therefore reopen on **Tuesday 25th February 2020** for the start of Term 4.

Safeguarding Update: Xbox One

Many parents have concerns about their children playing video games. They worry that their children are spending too much time gaming, with all the negative impacts of this on their wellbeing and development. Though valid concerns, there are also dangers that could be even more threatening. Xbox Live is much more than just a gaming console. It is actually a gaming community, connecting more than 48 million members around the world who are all looking for social entertainment. On one level this sounds like fun, but such connectivity opens doors to all sorts of risks, so you are advised to consider these three tips:



1. Approve friend requests

Gamers can participate in multiplayer games and even chat with each other on the Xbox Live platform. If you decide to let your child participate in this social aspect of gaming, then be sure that you have the 'finger on the pulse' of everyone your child is interacting with.

Remember, there are plenty of adult gamers out there, and your child will not necessarily be able to tell the difference between a friend, a peer and a grown-up. The best way to monitor player-to-player communication is to set up parental controls that require your password approval for each friend request. You can do this from the 'Family Centre' on the console settings.

2. Restrict inappropriate content

Prevent your child playing mature video games. Restrict games and videos based on their ratings. You can do this by going to "Settings" and choosing "Family" from the menu to access this feature.

3. Set time limits

It is easy for children of all ages to become absorbed in video games for hours at a time if they are left to their own devices. Evidence suggests that this is not healthy or good for them in terms of their physical and psychological wellbeing - even if the game itself is age-appropriate in terms of its rating.

Xbox's 'Family Timer' allows you to set daily and/or weekly time limits for your child. Once the time is up, the console will shut down until the timer is automatically reset by the parent/carer - the next day or week. Parents/carers can watch [this video tutorial](#) to learn how to activate the 'Family Timer' on a console. Gaming can be a fun and safe activity for children as long as proper boundaries are set and enforced.

Safeguarding Update: Tiktok

General Information

- ✓ <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>
- ✓ <https://themodernparent.net/the-modern-parents-guide-to-tik-tok-the-new-musical-ly/>

Tiktok Parental Controls

- ✓ <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>



Tik Tok



SAVE the DATE

Safer Internet Day

2020 | Tuesday
11 February

Together for a better internet

www.saferinternetday.org



Collective Worship

Lent 2020: Ash Wednesday Liturgy

This year instead of a school Mass to mark Ash Wednesday we will have a very special *non-Eucharistic* Ash Wednesday Service, planned with Fr Paul and led by the young people of Y6. Fr Paul, who is so supportive of our collective worship, is now also the Parish Priest of St Theresa's at Manor Top, and will be celebrating Mass with the Primary School this year as we had an Ash Wednesday Mass last year. Our Service will be at **9.30am** on **Wednesday 26th February 2020** in **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**. During the Service blessed ashes will be distributed just as they would during an Ash Wednesday Mass. Please join us!

Lent 2020: Class Lenten Liturgies

Lent is a time when we are invited to go on a spiritual journey to the *greatest* Christian feast, Easter. The journey gives us all an opportunity to reflect both on Jesus' example and our own lives. It is also a time of repentance and renewal. We would therefore like to invite you all to join us for any of our simple Lenten class liturgies. The dates are listed below. They will start at 3.10pm. Please notify the Office staff *on the day* if you wish to attend.

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| Monday 2 nd March 2020 | Years 1 to 6 |
| Tuesday 3 rd March 2020 | FS2 |
| Friday 6 th March 2020 | all classes |
| Monday 9 th March 2020 | Years 1 to 6 |
| Tuesday 10 th March 2020 | FS2 |
| Friday 13 th March 2020 | all classes |
| Monday 16 th March 2020 | Years 1 to 6 |
| Tuesday 17 th March 2020 | FS2 |
| Monday 23 rd March 2020 | Years 1 to 6 |
| Tuesday 24 th March 2020 | FS2 |
| Friday 27 th March 2020 | all classes |
| Monday 30 th March 2020 | Years 1 to 6 |
| Tuesday 31 st March 2020 | FS2 |
| Friday 3 rd April 2020 | all classes |



Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next 'Liturgy of the Word' will be on **Thursday 13th February 2020** and will be led by the young people of **Y4**. We invite their family and friends to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am.

Celebration Assembly

Our next Celebration Assembly will be on **Friday 14th February 2020** just after 9.00m in the School Hall. The family and friends of our **Y2** pupils are invited to join us.

February Prayer: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
 the Father Almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried;
 He descended into hell;
 on the third day He rose again from the dead;
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
 From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.



I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Holy Catholic Church,
 the communion of Saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and life everlasting.
 Amen

Attendance this week		
1st	Y1	99.0% Bobby Bear will visit next week
2nd	Y2	97.7% Brenda Bear will visit next week
3rd	FS2	95.8% Elvis the Owl will visit next week
4th	Y6	95.5%
5th	Y4	95.3%
6th	Y3	94.8%
7th	Y5	94.3%
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 96.0%

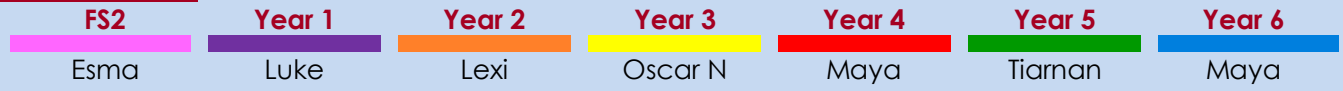


Get Set, GO!		
1st	Y3	92%
2nd	Y6	90%
3rd	Y1	89%
4th	Y4	88%
5th	Y2	80%
6th	Y5	71%
7th	FS2	70%
		Average = 82%

Golden Children

- FS2** **Kristian** for working very hard to develop his speech sounds and for also trying hard in his Phonics (RWInc.) lessons! Well done Kristian, we are all very proud of you!
- Y1** **Musa** for really pushing himself and working hard! You have made great progress, keep it up!
- Y2** **Florence** for having a great week! She has participated brilliantly in discussions and worked hard to complete all her tasks!
- Y3** **Emily** for being kind and helpful to everyone, especially Elizabeth, who is visiting school for taster days before making the move permanent! What a super example you are Emily!
- Y4** **Finley** for trying really hard in all subjects, especially Mathematics, and for having such a positive attitude! Well done!
- Y5** **Ethan U** for making a brilliant effort to improve his writing! What a star you are!
- Y6** **Sophie B** for asking brilliant questions, for providing fantastic explanations and for being so positive about learning generally! We are all very proud of you!

Writing Champions



Beat Your Best

Mr Johnson's Weekly Personal Challenge!

This week the children's challenge was a rugby passing game. This fun activity was designed to test pupils' rugby and passing skills and challenge them to improve over the week! There were three lanes with a pupil in each. One child started with the rugby ball. They then had to run forward before passing the ball to the person in the lane next to them. The important rule students had to remember when passing the rugby ball was that the ball could not be passed forwards (this is because in rugby passing the ball forward results in a penalty). In the challenge a forward pass resulted in a costly time penalty instead.



The challenge was therefore to move forward with the ball to the end of the lane as fast as possible, with accuracy of passing and good communication being key to success. The students soon realised that they needed to work together in order to make sure they were running at just the right speed to be in the right position to receive or make a pass. Well done to everyone who participated in this week's 'Beat your Best Challenge'! Everyone did really well! Special mentions to the following:



Mobile Phone Complaints

Some issues have come to light recently concerning some KS2 children who have apparently been contacting one other by phone and via social media in the evening and sometimes quite late at night. One pupil complained that she was awoken at 11.00pm because another pupil had called her. Our enquiries revealed that sometimes a few pupils were even being contacted *through* the night as well by people they both knew and did not know. This is all very worrying.

Aside from the fact that all children need a quality of sleep every night in order to be healthy and ready to learn, there is the added concern that the information being shared with them might be inappropriate or cause them anxiety. Time away from blue light technology before sleep is essential for healthy sleep routine.

We have talked to the children about all this.

You might consider keeping children away from their phones and any access to technology before bed and overnight. You could use the app that limits screen time. The reality is that *all* children with access to the internet are at risk – and those with unfettered access even more so.

As a parent myself I know how easy it is to lose track of your children's online lives. We continually point out these risks to our SJF pupils, especially if they have unsupervised access to the internet. We also remind them that the majority of the most popular social media sites are **not** for primary-aged children anyway.

During Be Safe Be Happy Week the children also learned about the very real dangers of sleeping with gadgets that are plugged in and charging close by and even under the pillow, as a result of electrical fires etc. This is something that some of our older children did or had done. Please follow the link (below) for more information:

<https://health.clevelandclinic.org/put-the-phone-away-3-reasons-why-looking-at-it-before-bed-is-a-bad-habit/>

Extreme Reading Challenge 2019





Between now and 5th March 2020 (World Book Day) we invite you to enter this year's Extreme Reading competition. Think of the weirdest, strangest and funniest place to read a book and take a picture and email it in to us via our main email address:

enquiries@st-johnfisher.org

All we ask is that no risks are taken and your children come to no harm in the pursuit of the perfect photograph! You might also like to send in funny photo-shopped pictures too! If you email us pictures please confirm that you are happy for them to be published, without names, on our website and in this newsletter. Nothing will be published without consent. If you want to enter, but do not want images shared, please let us know when you email in the photographs, your child's picture will still be entered but not shared. Thank you for your support.



Reading & Library Volunteers

If you would like to support school in a very special and important way please consider joining our small but dedicated team of Reading Volunteers! We are looking for Reading Volunteers to support and encourage children in all classes, including our youngest FS2 children in the afternoons. If you can spare a little time, please get in touch. We are also looking for volunteers interested in supporting us to run the library and expand its opening times so that it is more available for parents/carers and children to use before or after school. All volunteers will be subject to the usual safeguarding checks. If you would like to volunteer, or would like some more information, please email Mrs Barrett via enquiries@st-johnfisher.org. Thank you.

Bags2School

A huge thank you to our fantastic PTFA and to everyone who supported today's appeal for old clothes in one way or another. Your generosity has raised a magnificent **£80** for PTFA funds which will benefit our children directly! Thank you all once again!



Achievements Outside of School

Please don't forget to share your children's achievements outside of school. Big or small, if they are important to your child we will always be very happy to publish and celebrate. Achievements can be emailed via: enquiries@st-johnfisher.org or posted in the box in the foyer.

Here are this week's achievements:

- **Jenson** in **Y1** visited 'Go Ape' at Sherwood Pines for his birthday and completed the 'Adventure' and 'Nets' courses, thirty feet up in the trees, climbing balancing and zip-wiring! Well done Jenson!
- **Samuel** in **Y2** received his Stage 1 swimming award recently! A fantastic achievement Samuel, well done!
- **Daniel** in **Y3** took part in 'The Spirit of the Game' trophy ice-hockey event at Nottingham, playing brilliantly and scoring two goals for his team! Well done Daniel! Fantastic news!
- **Eleanor** in **Y5** achieved Stage 8 of the ASA aquatic skills programme! Eleanor has now moved on to 'Rookie Lifeguard' training! Congratulations Eleanor, fantastic news!
- **Sophie B** in **Y6** achieved her NISA Silver Ice Dance Award and is now starting to work towards the Gold Award! An amazing achievement Sophie, well done!

Yellow Day (The Feast of St David)

As the feast of St David is on Sunday 1st March 2020, the children in St David's House (only) will be invited to come to school wearing something yellow on **Friday 28th February 2020** instead of school uniform. The children in the three other Houses will be expected to wear full school uniform on the day. Thank you.



Statement to Live By



Next week our 'statement to live by' is "**I try to use words that make the world better.**"

Time to talk: Why is it important to use kind words when we talk to (and about) others? Why is it wrong to say unkind words or share lies? How does it feel when people say positive things? How does it feel when they don't?

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

