



St John Fisher News

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★ Citizen of the Week

★ This week's recipient is **Lily Sanders** (Y5) who understands why forgiveness is important and how people should show they are sorry in line with this week's 'Statement to Live By'. Lily is a well behaved, kind and generous young lady who thinks of others and we are all very proud of her! Congratulations Lily!

The Catholic Life of the School

Harvest Mass

Today we came together as a community for our annual Harvest Mass of thanksgiving. It was a joyful occasion and I would like to thank Fr Paul and the young people of Y5 for leading today's celebration. I would also like to thank Miss Pendlebury and Miss Kiernan for the beautiful music. Today was the first time that our newest and youngest children were able to join us for Mass and I thought that they were all wonderful. I would therefore like to thank their new Y4 buddies and of course Mrs Darken, Mrs Prentice, Miss May and Miss Clark for preparing and looking after them so well. Finally I would like to thank all the family and friends who were able to join us this morning as well as everybody who donated food items for distribution to those most in need.



Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Next Thursday 13th October our liturgy will be led by the young people of **Y2**, and the family and friends of our Y2 children are very welcome to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am.

Weekly Celebration Assembly

Next week we invite the family and friends of our **Y1** children to join us in the hall at 2.55pm for our Celebration Assembly.

Children's Mass

You are all invited to join our parish community for the next children's Mass on Sunday 16th October 2016 at 10.30am at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church.

Bringing Toys and Cards into School

Recently we have become aware that some children have been bringing their own toys and swapping cards to school e.g. 'Pokémon' and football cards. I would like to remind you that children are not allowed to bring cards and toys into school.

From time to time children can bring special items in; to show their teacher, me or for show and tell (in line with class arrangements), but this must be occasional and the items must be handed straight to the teacher at the beginning of the day and left with him/her until the end of the day i.e. not kept by the child and taken out into the playground etc.

Obviously children can bring in items in response to a direct request from their teacher - as part of topic work for example, we just do not want them to bring in toys, swapping cards and other personal items. Thank you.



Coffee Morning

We would like to thank everyone who supported our coffee morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support earlier this week by helping set up/serve; by providing cakes to sell or by coming along. I would also like to thank Fr Paul for kindly allowing us to use the Parish Hall in order to run the event.



SJF Open Morning 2016

Our Opening Morning takes place on Saturday 15th October 2016 (10.00am-12.00pm). If you know anyone who might be interested in looking around school or finding out more about our community please let them know and encourage them to contact us.

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



PTFA News

Information Evening

Thank you to everyone who came along to the AGM/information evening on Wednesday. It was really great to see so many new faces.

Family Night

Thank you to everyone who supported the Family Night last Friday.



Forthcoming Events

Our School Calendar is available on the website or via: www.st-johnfisher.org/parents/school-dates/.

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| 11-10-16 | • Read Write Inc. Information Evening (Y2 Classroom) | (3.30pm) |
| 12-10-16 to 14-10-16 | • Y6 Residential (The Hollowford Centre, Castleton) | |
| 15-10-16 | • Open Morning | (10.00 – 12.00) |

Achievements Outside of School

We will do our best to publish your child(ren)'s achievements in the newsletter when you pass the details to us. It does not matter what the achievement is, if it is important to your child we will share it and celebrate it!

SJF Diamond Anniversary

We would still really like to hear from any former pupils and/or their parents, especially if you were part of the community in its early days – including when school first opened in 1957. If you have artefacts we could borrow e.g. photographs, school letters, newsletters, school books, reports, certificates etc. we would be very grateful. Please contact us via our email address: enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk. Thank you.



Golden Children

This week's Golden Children are:

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| FS2 | Oscar Nelson for always being helpful in class and for making an excellent effort to use his sounds in writing! What a superstar! |
| Year 1 | Olivia Moomba for listening brilliantly to feedback and acting on it to enhance her work! Well done! |
| Year 2 | Olivia Wood for getting on really well in all lessons and for trying to make sure her work is presented beautifully! |
| Year 3 | Alex Murray for being keen to learn across all subjects; helping others in their understanding and for focusing on his work! Well done! |
| Year 4 | Filip Dominiak for always being sensible. He is always one of the first children ready and is an excellent role-model to the entire school! Congratulations! |
| Year 5 | Ashleigh Sigauke for getting on really well in all lessons and for ensuring her work is well presented which is very important! |
| Year 6 | Arienne Alfonso for being a model student who always tries hard and produces her very best – always! What a star! |

Writing Champions

| FS2 | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| Paige Tough | Jessica Ball | Daniel Hill | Molly Peckham | Alice Curtis | May Woodhouse | Hannah Downes |

Term 1 Smiley Scores

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|  St Andrew's House 324 |  St David's House 331 |  St Patrick's House 249 |  St George's House 310 |
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Attendance This Week

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| FS2 |  | 100% | Brenda and Elvis will visit next week! |
| Year 1 |  | 100% | Brenda and Elvis will visit next week! |
| Year 2 |  | 100% | Brenda and Elvis will visit next week! |
| Year 3 |  | 98.0% | |
| Year 4 |  | 98.8% | |
| Year 5 |  | 100% | Bobby Bear will visit next week! |
| Year 6 |  | 97.8% | |
| Weekly Target | | 97% | This week's Average Attendance 99.19% |

Attendance figures this week are incredible – the best I have known since starting in 2012. Every class beat our 97% target for the first time this year. Y5 pupils were the winners because pupils not only managed to attend every day attendance but no one was late either. Thank you all for your support!

Workshops at St Marie's Cathedral

Here is a message from the Cathedral:



The beautiful, but seriously damaged, Victorian wall tiles that decorate St Marie's Cathedral will be restored to their former glory in the next few weeks as part of our Heritage Project.

Join the conservator, Katie Langridge, and her team for this exciting and hands-on Family Fun Workshop. You will find out more about St Marie's amazing tiles and how they have been conserved, and even restore your own tile! Not to be missed!

Join us for an exciting and hands-on workshop on Wednesday 26th October, 10.30am-12.30pm to find out more about these amazing tiles and how they have been conserved, and even paint and restore your own tile! Activities are suitable for children 3+ (children must be accompanied by an adult). The workshops are free, but you need to book as there are limited places. If you are interested in booking places please follow this link for more information:

<http://stmariecathedral.org/events/conservation-in-action-family-fun-workshop/>

Chaplaincy Team 2016-17

We would like to introduce our new Chaplaincy Team and we wish them every success in their new roles.

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| FS2 |  | Cavani Alvaranga | Lily Reaney | | |
| Year 1 |  | Olivia Whiteley | Giovanni Mukendi | | |
| Year 2 |  | Mike Masuka | Olivia Wood | | |
| Year 3 |  | Evan Siner | Xiomara Gregory | | |
| Year 4 |  | Rafal Boratyn | Odette Paige | | |
| Year 5 |  | Jared Ward | Owen Pack | Ellie Cope | Lily Sanders |
| Year 6 |  | Bitanga Kalyata | Olivia King | Ellie Cheetham | Jack Green |

Mission Together

On Wednesday, Mrs Dunphy came in order to talk to the children about the work of 'Mission Together' which is the charity supported by the children of St Patrick's House this year.

Mrs Dunphy was very inspiring as she explained to the children how we could all help some of the world's most vulnerable children. She explained how we can pray for them using our new prayer cards and how we can also save our pennies in order to help buy food for children in Kenya.

Every penny really does count, so please be generous in donating your spare change to this important children's charity.



House Charities

At St John Fisher we support specific charities in line with the Bishop's recommendations.

House Charities 2016-17



- St Andrew's House - **CAFOD** (Catholic Charity – worldwide focus)
- St David's House - **The Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal** (Catholic Diocesan charities – local focus)
- St Patrick's House - **Mission Together** (Catholic Diocesan charity – worldwide focus on young people)
- St George's House – **Macmillan Cancer Support** (nominated charity for 2016-17)

The principle way we raise money is through the monthly '50p Friday' collections. The collection dates are:

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| • 30 th September | • 21 st October | • 25 th November | • 16 th December |
| • 27 th January | • 17 th February | • 31 st March | • 28 th April |
| • 26 th May | • 30 th June | • 21 st July | |

If you wish to support our House charities please send in 50p per child on each of the dates specified above. Thank you.

As well as the House Charities we also support Children in Need with a special dress-down day for which children are invited to make a voluntary contribution - all of which goes to the charity.



Y2 Ball Skills Festival

A group of Y2 pupils participated in a special 'Ball Skills Festival' organised by our partners from Links at All Saints Catholic High School this week. We will include a report and pictures in next week's newsletter. Thank you.

Bible Stories

Here is an appeal from Mrs Holloway; our lead for RE and Catholicity:

Dear parents/carers,

We would like to have more bible stories and stories about saints available in school for children to read and enjoy. We are looking to use some of our RE budget for this. However we also appreciate donations of any books you have at home and no longer need. If you can help us, please pass them to me so that I can share them among the classes.

Thank you

Mrs Holloway

Non Uniform Day

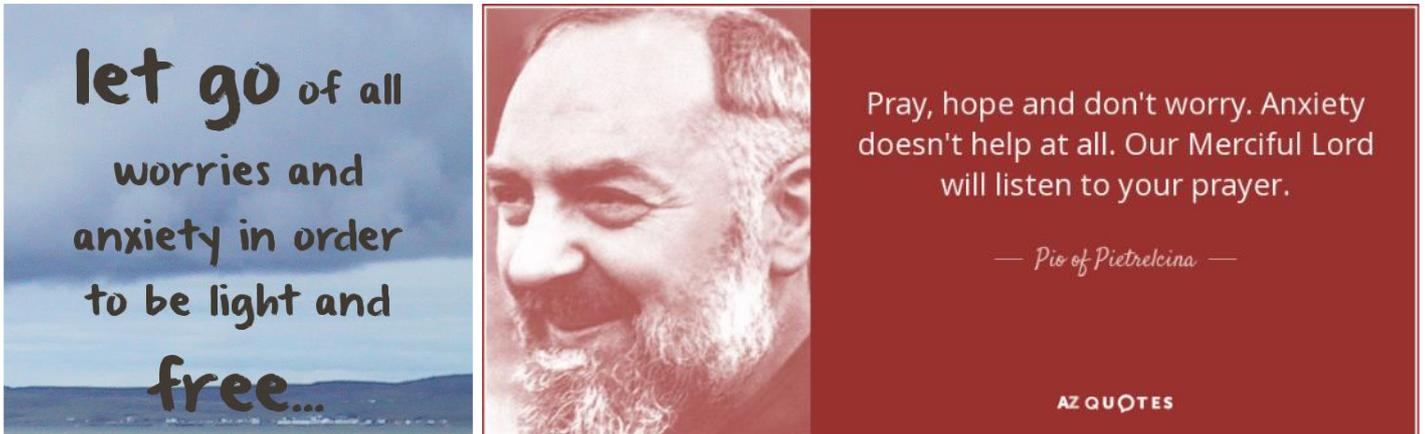
We are holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 21st October** (the last day of Term 1) in order to raise money towards our Diamond Jubilee fund. Children are asked for a contribution of £1. Thank you for your support.

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **"I can say how I feel."**

Time to talk: Why is it important to be able to share your thoughts and say how you feel? Does it help to keep them 'bottled up' if they are causing you to feel frightened, anxious or unsure? Why is it important to remember that you have the right to feel happy, safe and loved at home and at school? Who can you speak to if you need to? Who will listen?

Explore why it is very important to share worries and to be brave enough to ask for help when you need it, knowing that you will always be listened to.



Have a really good weekend,

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

