

# SJF NEWS

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## **Citizen of the Week**

The week's recipient is **Charlotte** in **FS2** who understands the importance of cooperating with others in work and play – in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Charlotte is very fair and makes sure that everyone is included in play and in other learning activities. She enjoys school very much and has a wonderful attitude to learning. Congratulations Charlotte, what a super role-model you are! We are all very proud of you!

## **Term 3 Smiley Scores**

<b>St Andrew's House</b>  <b>413</b>	<b>St David's House</b>  <b>422</b>	<b>St Patrick's House</b>  <b>362</b>	<b>St George's House</b>  <b>383</b>
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## **Smiley Awards**

Congratulations to the following children who achieved smiley awards: Edie-Mae, Lily R, Hannah D, Priscilla, Isabelle T, Katy B, Tadsa, Bethany B, Archie S-C, Emily M, Amelia D, Lily P, Daisy P, Evan, Hibah, Harry, C, Phoebe A, Mitchell, Phoebe K, Sami, Sam M and Tamzin.

## **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/doclett-20180713194822-9030/SJF%20CALENDAR%20%20\(2018-2019\).pdf](http://www.st-johnfisher.org/cmsfiles/items/downloads/doclett-20180713194822-9030/SJF%20CALENDAR%20%20(2018-2019).pdf)

<b>11-02-19</b>	• Start of <b>Black History Week</b>
<b>14-02-19</b>	• <b>Y2</b> Liturgy of the Word (9.05, School Hall) – Y2 family and friends are welcome
<b>15-02-19</b>	• <b>Y5</b> Celebration Assembly (9.05am, School Hall) – <b>Y5</b> family and friends are welcome • <b>Y6</b> taking part in 'The Big Sing 2019' at Notre Dame Catholic High School • <b>PTFA</b> Fashion Show (6.30pm for a 7.00pm start, School Hall) – New Date, tickets available! • End of Term 3
<b>School Holiday</b>	
<b>25-02-19</b>	• <b>INSET Day</b> School <u>closed</u> for the staff training day
<b>26-02-19</b>	• <b>Term 4</b> - school reopens
<b>01-03-19</b>	• <b>Y6</b> Celebration Assembly (9.05am, School Hall) – <b>Y6</b> family and friends are welcome • <b>Yellow Day</b> – Feast of St David <u>members of St David's House only</u> can wear something yellow

## **INSET Day Reminder!**

All Sheffield Catholic primary schools will be closed on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019 because it is a *joint* staff training (INSET) day. School will therefore reopen on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019** after the next holiday.

## **Collective Worship**

### *Weekly Liturgy of the Word*

Thank you to our Y3 pupils for leading this week's liturgy. Our next 'Liturgy of the Word' is on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019** and will be led by **Y2**. We invite their family/friends to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am.



### Celebration Assembly

Our next assembly is on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019** just after 9.00m in the School Hall. We were scheduled to invite the family/friends of our Y6 pupils, however they will not be in school that day because they are taking part in 'The Big Sing 2019' along with Y6 pupils from all Sheffield Catholic schools, so we are going to invite the family and friends of our **Y5** pupils instead.

We will instead invite the family/friends of our **Y6** pupils to the Celebration Assembly on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019** (which is the first Friday after the holiday). Thank you.

### 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



### SJF Black History Week 2019

Black History Month has been marked in the UK for more than 30 years. It takes place during the month of October. It started because often in the past, the contributions made by black people to our country and our communities were ignored or played down - as black people were not always treated in the same way as other people because of the colour of their skin. Black History Month aims to address this unfairness, by celebrating the achievements and contributions of the black community over the years.

At St John Fisher we will mark Black History Month next week, dedicating it to a special week of learning as we explore and celebrate the lives, contributions and legacies of some very inspirational people...

- John Coltrane (FS2)
- Bessie Coleman (Y1)
- Mary Seacole (Y2)
- Mohammed Ali (Y3)
- Morgan Freeman (Y4)
- Nelson Mandela (Y5)
- Jessie Owens (Y6)

**“Every generation has a duty to fight against racism. It will find its way into our country and into our homes. Addressing this challenge is our duty if we wish to seek a happy and prosperous existence.”**

Paul Stephenson, Campaigner for equal rights



### Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Musa	Noah	Daniel	Finley	Daisy	Emily	Jack S

### Golden Children

The Golden children are chosen by teachers each week.

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Keyla</b> for being a wonderful example to others! She always listens well and shows great skill – a true superstar!
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Amelie</b> for trying so hard with her handwriting in all of her work! A super example of determination and resilience, well done!
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Hannah</b> for setting a super example in class and for trying really hard with her writing! Well done, keep it up Hannah!
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Olivia</b> for trying really hard in all her lessons, and especially in Mathematics, where she has been practising column subtraction!!
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Tiarnan</b> for working hard all week and for having a very positive attitude in all his work this week! Well done superstar, keep it up!
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Molly</b> for always smiling and being positive and for putting her hand up in lessons! Well done!
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Amna</b> for being so hard working and diligent! A wonderfully positive role-model to others!

### Sports Leaders' Blog

You can keep up-to-date with news from the national 'School Games' programme generally via this link:

[www.yourschoolgames.com](http://www.yourschoolgames.com)

and with what is happening at SJF via this link:

<https://www.yourschoolgames.com/schools/st-john-fisher-catholic-primary-school-a-voluntary-academy/>





# FASHION SHOW

FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY | FROM 6.30 PM

### PTFA Fashion Show Reminder

A reminder that you are invited to a special charity fashion show in support of the PTFA! It takes place in the School Hall on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019! The doors will open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Why not bring your family and friends along, or use it as an opportunity to get to know other parents? It promises to be a fun night out! It would be really great if as many people as possible could support this even for our school. Thank you!

Tickets are available from the PTFA committee members. If you would like to find out more, or offer your services to help with this or any future event you can email the PTFA committee via their email address: [ptfa@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:ptfa@st-johnfisher.org). Thank you.



**Beat Your Best!**

*The SJF Weekly Personal Challenge!*

This week's challenge was run by our new Sports Leaders and was the **standing long jump**.



Participants had to stand on the end of the mat and jump as far as they could from a static position. Mr Cross and the Sports Leaders (Jack O and Willis) were very pleased that a lot of people took part this week, which is great to see.

Congratulations to the students who took part and beat then managed to beat their best:

Y1	Isaac, Alfie, Ava, Luca and Sam
Y2	Paige
Y3	Alan, Mateah and Annabel
Y4	Phil
Y5	Phoebe K and Maks
Y6	Max and Marcus



We are supporting  
**Safer Internet Day**  
 5 Feb 2019

#SaferInternetDay2019  
[www.saferinternetday.org.uk](http://www.saferinternetday.org.uk)

**Safer Internet Day 2019**

Last Tuesday was a special national day of learning as the staff and children again focused on internet safety. In the evening there was another workshop for parents/carers where important information and updates were shared about current and emerging threats in this fast-moving media. Special events like this and 'Be Safe – Be Happy Week' in November each year supplement our ongoing curriculum. I am grateful to my colleagues for leading the learning with their classes and to Mr Broadhead for coordinating the day and leading the parent/carer workshop in the evening.

Please check out the class pages on the website for photographs and information about what we got up to!

<http://www.st-johnfisher.org/class-zone/>

If you have any concerns or would like any information about promoting internet safety at home, there are some excellent resources on the Safer Internet Day website:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2019>

or you can contact us directly: [enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) or (0114) 2485009. Thank you.



### Teddy Bears' Party and Sleepover in FS2!

This week the children in FS2 invited their cuddly toys into school for a special party and sleepover! After enjoying the book "We're Going on a Bear Hunt!" the children thought the bear was a little sad and needed cheering up. They made their own sandwiches, invitations and party hats before inviting their cuddly toys into school. They then enjoyed an inside picnic. That night, the cuddly toys had a sleepover, and you would not believe what they got up to! Check out the FS2 Class Zone via this link to find out!

1. <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/a-teddy-party-/>

2. <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/sleepover/>



Attendance this week			
1st	Y3	99.7%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2nd	Y2	98.3%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3rd	Y4	97.8%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week
3rd	Y6	97.8%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week
5th	Y1	97.1%	
6th	Y5	96.6%	
7th	FS2	86.3%	
<b>Target = 98%</b>		<b>Average Attendance = 97.7% ↑</b>	



Get Set, GO! (from 08:45)		
1st	Y4	84%
2nd	FS2	83%
3rd	Y3	75%
4th	Y5	74%
5th	Y6	70%
5th	Y1	70%
5th	Y2	70%
<b>Average = 75% ↓</b>		

### 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.

### Extreme Reading Challenge 2019

Between now and 7<sup>th</sup> March (World Book Day) why not enter this year's Extreme Reading competition. Can you think of the weirdest, strangest and funniest place to read a book and take a picture and email it in to us via our general email address: [enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto: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! The winners will receive Book Vouchers.



You can also send in funny pictures which have been photo-shopped to show reading in strange places! When you email the pictures please confirm that you are happy for them to be posted on the website (please note that **no** children's names will be added to photographs posted on the website).

If you do not want images posted please let us know when email in the photographs, you child's picture will still be entered but not shared.

There were lots of fantastic entries in last year's competition, let us see if we can do even better this year! Thank you.

**Achievements Outside of School**

This week's achievements are:

- **James** in **Y2** has moved from the 'Primary Group' to the 'Improver Group' at gymnastics where he had to demonstrate fifteen skills to the required standard! What a super achievement! Well done James!
- **Bronte** in **Y2** achieved the standard and so received British Gymnastics Proficiency Badges 2 and 3! Congratulations Bronte!
- **Amelia** in **Y5** has been selected to swim as part of a team in the 9/10 age group at the Yorkshire Swimming Championships at Ponds Forge at the end of February! It is the first time in ten years that Sheffield City Swimming Club have had a team fast enough to enter the championships at this level. Congratulations Amelia and good luck!

Achievements should be emailed in to: [enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) or posted in the school reception foyer. Thank you.

**Yellow Day (The Feast of St David)**

The first Friday back (1<sup>st</sup> March) is the feast of St David. The children in St David's House (only) are therefore invited to come to school wearing something yellow on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018** 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?



**KIND WORDS ARE  
SHORT AND EASY TO  
SPEAK, BUT THEIR  
ECHOES ARE  
TRULY ENDLESS.**

*~ Mother Teresa*

Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt