



St John Fisher News

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Citizen of the Week

There is no award this week as it has been 'Santa in School Day'.

Mr Peter Anyon RIP

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Mr Peter Anyon - another great friend and supporter of our school - died earlier this week.

Mr Anyon was a Local Authority Governor and served our school in this capacity for a number of years. He was passionate about championing the interests of all children and especially those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and he was incredibly supportive when I first started and we began work to re-evaluate and develop our approach to inclusion.

In fact he continued to offer encouragement after he stepped down as a Governor in the summer of 2013. He was always keen to share his delight with every positive step forward that we made; articles in newspaper; our SATs outcomes and the various building improvement works undertaken etc. He would always be so quick to drop us a line or phone us up in order to affirm and encourage us and I know he would have been looking forward to our 60th anniversary celebrations.

I will always appreciate the support he gave our school throughout the years and especially during my first year here. Mr Anyon was a genuine and special member of our community and we will all miss him. His funeral takes place at 1.30pm on Wednesday 14th December 2016 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. We pray for him and we pray for his family. May God grant him eternal rest.

Forthcoming Events

12-12-16	✓	Key Stage 1 Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal
13-12-16	✓	Funeral of Mrs Dorothy Campbell RIP – Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church (10.15am)
	✓	Key Stage 1 Nativity Play – School Hall (2.15pm)
14-12-16	✓	Funeral of Mr Peter Anyon RIP – Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church (1.30pm)
	✓	Key Stage 1 Nativity Play – School Hall (2.15pm)
15-12-16	✓	Whole-School visit to the Lyceum Theatre – Snow White and the Seven Dwarves
	✗	No liturgy
16-12-16	✓	Community Carol Concert – Our Lady of Lourdes followed immediately by -
	✓	Christmas Refreshments PTFA – School Hall
	✗	No Celebration Assembly
19-12-16	✓	Y3 Parents/Carers meeting with Mrs Drake – Y3 Classroom (3.30pm)
21-12-16	✓	Celebration Assembly (open to all parents) – School Hall (9.05am)

Santa in School

The children have had a fantastic day! Santa arrived on the school roof before school - to cheers from all the children (and grown-ups) and all visited Santa with their buddies and all had a brilliant time. The atmosphere was wonderful and the church was transformed! It looked so fantastically magical for the children!

I would like to thank our fantastic PTFA for organising this year's amazing day! It has certainly been a very long time in the planning! So much hard work from our small team of dedicated volunteers. I would also like to thank all the parents who have helped – by setting up the grotto and Christmas market stalls and/or by supporting on the day. I would like to thank our fantastic former pupils for coming back to also support the event, they were amazing and I thank our colleagues at All Saints Catholic High School for giving them permission to do so. I would like to thank the Senior Pastor at Spa View Church, Chris Jeavons, for enabling the PTFA to use his church. Finally I would like to thank Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to be with us here today! It was one of those special days that the children, and everyone involved, will always remember.

If you would like to get involved by joining or helping the PTFA please leave your name/contact details in the post box in the entrance foyer. All offers would be gratefully received, thank you.



Parent Advice and Support – Drop-in Sessions

Sue Bernarde from the MAST Parent Support Team will be in the school library from **8.30am on Thursday mornings** to offer support and advice to parents and carers.

This advice can be on anything from finding out about services available for parents in Sheffield to advice specific to you, for example, a parenting issue (e.g. sleep routines and behaviour management); housing issues, debt management and support for coping with addictions of one form or another. If you would like to pre-book an appointment please speak to Mrs Asquith. This valuable new service provides everyone with access to support and help when they need it.

Advice and support
for children and
families



Contact MAST when
your family needs
some extra help

Achievements Outside of School

- **Emily Cowlshaw** in **Y3** recently achieved her 100m backstroke award took part in her first swimming gala, winning four medals. She also achieved the 'Level 8' swimming standard recently. Well done Emily!
- **Rowan Lodge** in **Y4** recently achieved 'Stage 4' in his swimming lessons. What a fantastic achievement! Well done Rowan.

Term 2 Smiley Scores So Far...



Staff News

I would like to remind you that Mrs Drake, our new Y3 teacher, will start in the last week of term. Parents/carers will have an opportunity to meet her after school **Monday 19th December** at **3.30pm**.

Attendance This Week

FS2	98.7%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
Year 1	99.6%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
Year 2	98.1%	
Year 3	97.1%	
Year 4	98.1%	
Year 5	97.2%	
Year 6	98.4%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week
Weekly Target	97%	This week's Average Attendance 98.2%

Our attendance figures this week are fantastic! Every class has managed to beat the weekly target of 97%.

Thank you for your continued support!

Our Catholic Life

RE Inspection

On Tuesday 6th December we welcomed Mr Alan Dewhurst, from the Diocese of Hallam, to lead a formal inspection RE and the Catholic life of the school. Mr Dewhurst's judgements are being quality assured and will be shared (and posted on the website) as soon as we are given permission to.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank the young people of **Y5** who led Tuesday's liturgy so beautifully. There is no liturgy next week because of the whole-school visit to the pantomime.

Weekly Celebration Assembly

There will be no Celebration Assembly next Friday it is our annual KS2 Community Carol Service. You are all invited to join us in Our Lady of Lourdes Church for a prompt 2.00pm start. This will be followed by tea, coffee, mince pies and buns in the school hall straight after. There will also be a raffle. All are welcome.

As we do not want to make the children wait until January to receive their awards or celebrate birthdays we will have our final Celebration Assembly of 2016 on Wednesday 21st December at 9.05am and parents/carers in all year groups are invited to join us.



Our Catholic Life (continued)
Daily Advent Class Reflections

Our daily class Advent reflections continue until the end of term. The only days they will not take place on are on Fridays and on the children's PE days. The Advent liturgies are very special time for each class to pause and reflect at the end of a busy day, about the importance of the season of Advent and the true meaning of Christmas. Family and friends are invited, but places are limited. Please book on the day, through the School Office, if you wish to attend. Thank you for your support.

Parish News

The next children's Mass takes place on 18th December 2016 followed by a short carol concert straight after Mass. Everything starts at 10.30 and you are all invited!

FS2 Nativity

FS2 performed their Nativity this week and were marvellous! I would like to thank Mrs Darken, Mrs Prentice, Mrs Walton and Miss Clark for preparing the children so brilliantly and for all the hard work they put in to preparing costumes, props and all the other extras.

Thank you also to all the parents, carers, family and friends who came to watch – it was a very special occasion appreciated by all. Please check out the class blog for more pictures!



SJFC News

Here is a report from Mr Broadhead.

St John Fisher VS Mosborough

On Wednesday our year 6 boy's football team, played against teams from Mosborough School. Our players did really well winning both matches 7-0 and 4-2.

Immediately after kick-off we managed to score after a stunning move! Our players continued to play extremely well - considering it was the first time they had played together as a school team! Each player showed great sportsmanship at the end of the game; shaking hands with their opponents and giving them three rousing cheers. It was really nice that parents and children in other year groups came up to watch the second game and said that we played well. Now let's see if we can keep going as we train hard for our next match against Birley Community Primary!

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is '**I can work, rest and pray every day**'

Time to talk: Together you could think about all the things you do in a typical day from the moment you wake up in the morning to the moment you go to bed. Make a list and see how long it is. Using different coloured pens highlight/underline (i) in the first colour, anything to do with work or school; (ii) in the second colour, anything to do with relaxing and rest; and (iii) in the third colour, the moments when you pray. What do you notice? Is your typical day balanced? Can you find space for more moments to listen to God?



**A healthy family life
requires frequent use of three phrases:
"May I? Thank you, and I'm sorry"
and
"never, never, never end the day
without making peace."
Pope Francis**

Have a great weekend,

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt