



St John Fisher News

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Welcome Back!

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to you all for the new academic year! I have really enjoyed meeting back up with all the children and catching up on their news. It has been really special to hear about all the exciting things they did over the summer holiday.

Mass

Today we gathered as a community for our annual start of the school year Mass. The purpose is to root all our hopes, aims and wishes for the year ahead in prayer, together. The theme of the Mass was friendship and community and our prayers were that the year ahead will be one in which we continue to grow positively as a community and as individuals.

I would like to thank Fr Paul for celebrating Mass; Mr Smith and the young people of Y6 for leading the liturgy, Miss Pendlebury for the wonderful music and all the parents, carers, family and friends who were able to join and support us. All our children conducted themselves beautifully and I was very proud of them. It was a very special Mass.

Staff News

We welcome back Mrs Bishop who re-joins us following her maternity leave last year. We also welcome Mrs Sambrook who will be working in Y1 with Mrs Bishop and Miss Scholey who joins Miss Kiernan in Y3.

Building Works

The summer holiday has been an extremely busy one as we undertook the fourth phase of significant works to renew our building. The ambitious programme saw the complete replacement of our entire heating system and the redevelopment of the corner of school which previously housed the old entrance; the offices for the Headteacher and admin team; and the former kitchen, as well as staff facilities.

I am delighted to be able to inform you that we now have a self-contained inclusion area, complete with its own toilet, which will be known as 'The Ark'; new staff toilet facilities; a small office and storage area for Building Manager; a staff room and a brand new learning area created out of the old kitchen, which will be known as 'The Fisher Room'.

It is hoped that with the new efficient boiler installed in October/November 2012; the new and heavily insulated roof added last year; and the installation of a new, efficient, heating system we will be able to continue reducing both our carbon footprint and previously sky high energy costs.

PTFA Information Evening

The PTFA would like to invite you all to their information evening on Tuesday 13th September 2016 in the school hall at 6.30pm.

It will be a great opportunity for you to meet other members and learn more about what they do. You can find out about how you can support school in small ways or by actually joining the team. The PTFA is very keen to attract new members and develop new ideas for bringing our community together and raising funds for our children. If you can spare an hour please try to come along, perhaps with a friend or two! Thank you.



★ Citizen of the Week

★ The first recipient is **Jensen Gough** (Y6) who has made a magnificent start to the new school year. He has impressed everybody with his focus and maturity, and has already tried hard to apply himself diligently to his studies. Today at Mass he fulfilled his important role with dignity and also looked after his buddy sensitively and with kindness – setting a great example to others. Though all the children have made a really positive return, the staff agreed that Jensen really did deserve to receive the honour of being our first Citizen of the Week award of this new academic year.

Curriculum Overviews

The Term 1 Curriculum Overviews were sent out earlier in the week. They are also available in the website. Please do contact us if you can support us. Thank you.

Lottery Grant

We have been awarded a lottery grant to develop and improve the FS2 outdoor learning area and work will hopefully start later this term.

FS2 Children & Families

On Monday we welcome the children who will be joining our new FS2 class. We also welcome a number of new families and we hope that they all feel welcome and very much part of our special community.

A Message from Y1

Both Mrs Sambrook and Mrs Bishop have been very impressed with how the Y1 children have been coming in to school on their own each morning and would like to thank the parents/carers for encouraging their children to be independent.

Forthcoming Events

Below is a summary of forthcoming events. Please also refer to our School Calendar available on our website or via this link: www.st-johnfisher.org/parents/school-dates/.

12-09-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit to the Yorkshire Farming Museum (Years 3 and 4)• Years 5 & 6 Welcome Meeting (in Y6 classroom)*	(3.30pm)
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14-09-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 1 & 2 Welcome Meeting (in Y2 classroom)*	(3.30pm)
21-09-16 to 23-09-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Y5 Kingswood Residential	
26-09-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information Meeting for current Y5 parents/carers about the 2017/18 Y6 Hollowford residential (in Y6 classroom)	(3.30pm)
14-09-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information Meeting for current Y3 and Y4 parents/carers about the 2017/18 Y4 and Y5 Kingswood residentials (in Y4 classroom)	(3.30pm)
30-09-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PTFA Family Night (in School Hall)	

*Please note that we are happy to supervise pupils and any pre-school siblings during the Welcome Meetings.

All Saints Open Morning

The members of our Y6 class and their families are warmly invited to attend an Open Morning on Saturday 24th September from 10.00am until noon.

All Saints is a very special place with strong links to our school. Further information is available via this link: <http://www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/>



Clare Scott
Headteacher

We are a Christian community, within the traditions of The Roman Catholic Church, working within the spirit of the Gospels within this tradition our aim is to:

- share a common philosophy of life,
- teach the truths of our faith and the principles of Christian morality,
- encourage our members to fulfil their intellectual, spiritual and physical potential,
- prepare each person for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

We work in partnership with the home, our churches and local communities in delivering high quality education for all. These relationships provide the foundation for developing lifelong wholeness and integrity.

Achievements Outside of School

- **Tamzin Samba** in **Y3** received a distinction for her Grade 1 tap dancing exam recently! Tamzin attends Susan's Dance Studio in Eckington. Congratulations!
- **Finley Jones** in **Y4** was invested as a Cub Scout in the 69th Mosborough Pack at the end of last year. Congratulations Finley!

Please forward any of your child(ren)'s achievements and we will do our best to publish them in the newsletter. It does not matter what the achievement is, if it is important to your child we will share it and celebrate it!

Flu Vaccinations

As part of an initiative led by NHS England nasal flu vaccinations are being offered to children in Years 1, 3 and 3. Please complete and return the consent forms by **next Wednesday** (14-09-16) if you would like your child to benefit from this service.

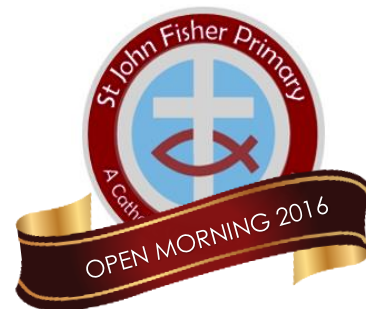


According to the Director of Clinical Services there is good evidence from the last three years of vaccination programmes across the country of the benefits of immunising healthy children to reduce the transmission of Flu and to reduce absenteeism in schools for children and staff. I hope that parents will therefore consent.

SJF Open Morning 2016

Our next Opening Morning will be on Saturday 15th October 2016. 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 and carers of children who are due to start school next September. It is a good opportunity to see the improvements and meet children, staff, Governors and members of the PTFA.



Term 1 Smiley Scores



This week's smileys will be added to next week's totals, and the scores published in the newsletter.

Please take note of the dates the Feast days will be celebrated in school this year. You will note that we are marking the feast days of the House patrons on Mondays and Fridays because these are not PE days for children in Years 1-6 and so it means that when we celebrate the feast day in school the members of that House can come to school dressed in their House colour, and join in with feast day activities without missing PE, which the children have told us they would prefer to do.

 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Official Feast of St Andrew is on Wednesday 30th November 2016✓ Members will mark the feast in school (Blue Day) on Monday 28th November 2016
 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Official Feast of St David is on Wednesday 1st March 2016 (Ash Wednesday)✓ Members will mark the feast in school (Yellow Day) on Friday 3rd March 2016
 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Official Feast of St Patrick is on Friday 17th March 2016✓ Members will also mark the feast in school (Green Day) on Friday 17th March 2016
 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Official Feast of St George is on Sunday 23rd April 2016✓ All children will learn about St George during the morning of Monday 24th April 2016✓ Members will mark the feast in school (Red Day) on Monday 24th April 2016 (PM)

SJF Diamond Anniversary

This year is our 60th (Diamond) anniversary and to mark this significant milestone in the life of our school and parish we have invited Bishop Ralph to celebrate a special Mass of thanksgiving on the Feast of St John Fisher, (Thursday 22nd June 2016). Further information about this and all the things we are hoping to do this year will be shared in due course. We hope to make the year a true celebration of our school and parish communities.

We would like to hear from former pupils and/or their parents, especially if you were part of the community when school first opened in 1957. Thank you.

Golden Children

This week's Golden Children are:

FS2	The children start on Monday
Year 1	Phoenix for settling so well into Y1! You are a superstar who has made a great start!
Year 2	Mike Masuka for making such a fabulous start to Y2. Mrs Broadhead is so impressed and has loved watching Mike support his peers in class this week!
Year 3	Oscar Yan for really settling in and being ready to join in all the learning activities with such enthusiasm!
Year 4	Jack Oadley for having a fantastic attitude to learning all week! A fabulous start!
Year 5	Finley Mappin for showing that he is ready for learning in class and for being so motivated! Keep it up!
Year 6	Melissa Clayton for showing great self-belief in Mathematics this week!

Top Table

The lunchtime 'family' chosen to sit on the Top Table today by Mrs Bower and her team of lunchtime supervisors was the Parakeet family! Congratulations to Daniel H, Jacob G, Ethan Y, Olivia W, Annabell O and Courtney N! They were chosen for demonstrating good table manners; for not being messy; and for including one another in great mealtime conversations! Well done!

Parish News

The next children Mass will be on Sunday 18th September 2016 at 10.30am at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Everyone is invited and it is a great opportunity for our school and parish families to come together.

Further information about parish and Diocesan life including the times of Masses and Confession is available via this link to the parish website: <http://www.ourladyoflourdesheffield.org.uk/> .

Statement to Live By

We start our year with the same 'statement to live by' that when finished the last year with, and that is: **"We are all special"**

Time to talk: We are all special. We all have gifts and talents which make us unique. What things make you special? What makes your friends special? What about your parents, brothers and sisters? Remember that God created each of us in the palm of His hand to be beautiful, amazing and to shine brightly. When we are feeling down on ourselves or others it is important that we try to remember this and refocus because we are all amazing and special.

I AM FEARFULLY AND
WONDERFULLY MADE. I
AM SPECIAL. I AM A
DIVINE MASTERPIECE.



Your talent is God's
gift to you
What you do with it is
your gift back to God

Best wishes for the weekend and thank you so much for all your kind wishes and messages of support for the year ahead,

Mr Barratt