



St John Fisher News

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★ Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **James Williamson** (Y6) who has been chosen for the way he has understood this week's statement to live by and has been doing his best to make others feel welcome and special in our school family. James is always kind to others and, this week especially, has been noticed going out of his way to include people who have been on their own. Thank you, James. We are all very proud of you!

St John Fisher Primary - A Catholic Voluntary Academy



OPEN MORNING

Saturday 26 September 2015

10:00am - 12:00pm

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'A Good School' OFSTED May 2015

for children starting school September 2016



SJF Open Morning

I would like to remind you that tomorrow (**Saturday 26th September 2015**) we are holding our second Open Morning from 10.00am to 12.00pm. The event is for the parents and carers of children who are due to start primary school next year (September 2016). It is a great opportunity for them to have a look around; ask lots of questions and find out about our school. They will also be able to meet children, staff, Governors and parents.

If you know anyone who might be interested, please let them know. Thank you.

PTFA Family Evening

Our PTFA are holding a special family evening event in the school hall on Friday 2nd October 2015, from 7.30pm to 11.00pm.

There will be a disco, a quiz and a bar selling a range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic refreshments.

The entry fee is just £1 per person and everyone is welcome. No actual tickets will be issued as the PTFA will be on the playground collecting payment before and after school. Anyone wishing to go will have their names added to a guest list.

If you are prepared to help for all or part of the evening please let one of the committee members know. They are looking for helpers to work on the door, behind the bar and selling raffle tickets. You can do this by writing your name and contact details on a piece of paper and leaving it with the School Office staff marked for the attention of the PTFA. You can also speak directly with Donna Murphy (Y1 & Y6), Sally Watters (Y5), Bridget Ambrose (Y3 & Y5) and Louise Ramsden (Y3 & Y5).

Thank you for your support.



Happy Eggs are currently on promotion in Morrisons: 2 boxes for £2

PTFA: Fantastic Fundraising Opportunity

The Happy Egg Company is running a fantastic promotion with Kingswood; where our children enjoy residential educational visits.

For every specially marked box of eggs you buy the school can receive a **£10** towards the cost of next year's Y5 residential visit!

Please start collecting promotional packs and register the special code on the Happy Egg Co 'Trips for Schools' website by 30th September 2015.

If you have no internet access at home, or need help entering the code then let us know and we would be happy to do it for you.

This is a nationwide promotion and so it would be great if you could also ask your family and friends to do the same on our behalf. Thank you. **A reminder that this fantastic opportunity ends on 30th September 2015**

trips for schools



Top Table

This week's winning family is the xxx! Congratulations to Abdullah, Emma, Ruby, Diana, Daniel, Jacob, Dylan and Finley we are all very proud of you all!

Achievements Outside of School

- **Dominic Rolfe** in Y6 has recently achieved his 7th kup in taekwondo grading, meaning he is well on his way to a green belt. He was also voted best of grading and received a certificate, medal and fantastic trophy! Well done, Dominic! What a fantastic achievement!
- **Patrick Lodge** in Y6 has successfully completed Gold level of the YMG Junior Golf Programme at Rother Valley Golf Centre. He achieved a distinction! Well done Patrick, we are all very proud of you!
- **Rowan Lodge** in Y3 received his 20m backstroke certificate. Well done Rowan, a fantastic achievement!



Celebration Assemblies

Congratulations to all the children mentioned at today's assembly. Thank you also to all the family members and friends of our Y3 children who were able to join us, it was great to see you.

Next Friday (**1st October**) the parents, carers, family and friends of our **FS2** pupils are invited to join us for the celebration assembly at 3.00pm in the school hall.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like thank the young people and staff of Y4 for leading this week's liturgy, as well as the family and friends who came along to support them. Next week (30th September) our liturgy will be led by the young people of **Y5**. We also invite the family and friends of our **Y5** pupils to come along and join us in the school hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

Writing Champions

Our fantastic Writing Champions this week are:

| FS2 | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| Olivia Moomba | Mike Masuka | Sami Hardy | Evie Ramsden | Saffron Kilbride | None this week | John Genita |

Please look out for their fantastic work in the school hall!

Golden Children

This week's Golden Children are:

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| FS2 | Finley Page for settling in so well to school. He is really trying hard to listen and join in at group time! Well done! |
| Year 1 | Daniel Hill for being a super helper to the adults and children in his class! He is a superstar! |
| Year 2 | Calista Owusu Asumadu for trying really hard in her writing. She has been improving her use of capital letters and full stops! |
| Year 3 | Alex Jasinski for working really hard and trying to set a good example for others. Well done! |
| Year 4 | Daniel DeSousa for always working and trying to give his best in every lesson. Well done, Daniel! Keep it up! |
| Year 5 | Joseph Hurst for trying really hard to improve his handwriting. Well done, Joseph! |
| Year 6 | Hannah Moomba for doing her absolute best in everything she does. She has given 100% in her assessments this week and done really well as a result! |

Chaplaincy Team

During this academic year Mrs Holloway will be forming a Chaplaincy Team with the help of children in Year 5 and support from Fr Paul, Mrs Walton (a parent and one of our Governors) and Mrs Asquith. Their main aims will be:-

- *Pastoral care* - looking at new ideas to help children feel happy, safe and loved in school
- *Social Justice* - fundraising and raising awareness about global and local needs
- *Prayer and spirituality* - promoting our saints' days and the Church year and preparing prayers for liturgies

We are already well into setting up a 'Sacred Space' in what was the former entrance. A special book will be purchased to stay in the Sacred Space where children (and parents) can write their prayers, any thoughts extracts from scripture passages that inspire them. Further details will follow shortly.

Class Blogs

Each class now has their own blog which can be accessed via our website, www.st-johnfisher.org. Simply click on the class pages link to find links to each class' blog page. These pages will be updated with various items, including information about what the children have been doing in school and on trips; commentaries and articles from the children; and useful links and information from their teacher.



Pet Club

We are launching a new pilot project in school for children in Years 2, 3 and 4. They will learn about animals and raise awareness of the responsibilities of looking after pets. Please see Mrs Asquith if you have any questions about the group.

Rainbows

The Rainbows group this term will be for children who may be experiencing uncertainty and sadness because their parents have had to make the difficult decision to separate. The group provides an opportunity to come together and look at their issues and explore the different ways in which they can still be a family, but in a new way. If you feel that your child would benefit from this support please see Mrs Asquith.

Parking

Please remember to park considerately when you are bringing children to and from school. We have had some complaints from residents about pavements being blocked and the police do occasionally come round and issue spot fines.

House News: "50p Fridays"

In the light of the many struggles that people are facing in our world and following in the footsteps of the saints we have chosen to be our house patrons, we would like to begin a new charitable focus called "50p Fridays." Once a month each child will be given the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution of 50p which will then be collected by their House Captains to support their house charity this year.

House Charities 2014-15

- St Andrew **CAFOD** (Catholic Charity – worldwide focus)
- St David **Good Shepherd** (Catholic Diocesan charities – local focus)
- St Patrick **Mission Together** (Catholic Diocesan charity – worldwide focus on young people)
- St George **Teenage Cancer Trust Weston Park** (local focus on young people)

At the end of the academic year all monies raised will be donated to the charities. Please note that the first collection will be on **Friday 25th September**. Thank you

Special Sport & Nutrition Day

On Monday we had a Sports and nutrition day for the whole school. We explored why exercise is important and what we can do to make us healthier. Some of the activities were led by Premier Sports and included: Fencing, Tri-Golf and multi-skills games. It was great fun and everyone enjoyed it. I would like to thank Mrs Broadhead for organising the event in conjunction with our friends from Premier Sport.





Forthcoming Events

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| • | 28-09-15 | Year 5 Hollowford 2016 Information Evening (in Y5 classroom) | (3.30pm) |
| • | 29-09-15 | Year 3 & 4 Kingswood 2016 Information Evening (in Y4 classroom) | (3.30pm) |
| • | 01-10-15 | School Photos – Individual/families Y1 and Y2 to come to school in uniform and bring PE kits to change into later. | (Morning in school) |
| • | 01-10-15 | Read, Write Inc. Information Evening (in Y5 classroom) | (3.30pm) |
| • | 02-10-15 | PTFA Family Night | (7.30pm) |

We will supervise pupils and siblings during the information meetings.

FS2 Meeting Change of Date

We have had to change the date of the FS2 welcome meeting to **Weds 7th October**, at 3.30pm. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes. This meeting will be an important time to ask questions and to find out more about learning in our Foundation class.

Christmas Already!!

Next week in school children will be designing their own Christmas cards. We have arranged to have these printed in to sets of cards and gift tags that parents can purchase.

Please watch out for when your child's card is sent home so that you do not miss the opportunity to purchase this special gift. The finished cards need to be ordered by mid-October, which is why we are planning ahead.

The student council are organising this event and any money raised will go towards the work they do in school. Many thanks for your support.



FS2 Request

FS2 love making box models. If you have any boxes or old birthday cards that could be used for box modelling, FS2 would really appreciate them.

In addition if you have any toys or play sets that your children do not use anymore or have grown out of, we always welcome new resources.








Many thanks in advance.

Mrs Darken

Y5 Kingswood Residential

This week our Y5 children have been at Kingswood on residential. There will be a full report next week.

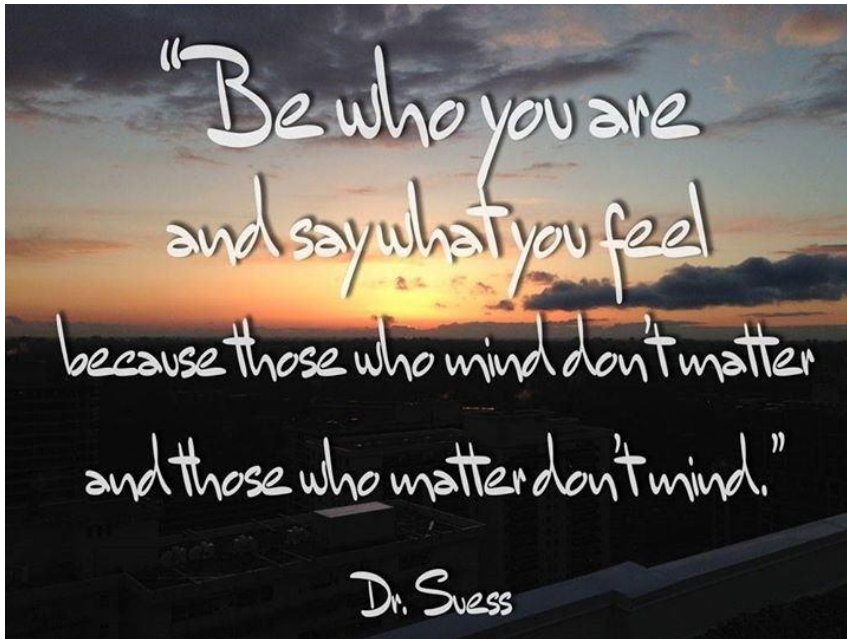
Attendance This Week

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| Year 5 |  | 99.4% | Will be visited by Bobby Bear |
| Year 4 |  | 99.1% | Will be visited by Brenda Bear |
| Year 1 |  | 98.4% | Will be visited by Elvis the Owl |
| Year 2 |  | 98.0% | |
| Year 6 |  | 98.0% | |
| Year 3 |  | 91.9% | |
| FS2 |  | 91.2% | |
| Weekly Target | | 97% | This week's Average Attendance 96.6% |

Statement to Live By

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

Time to talk: Together you could explore why it is important to feel that you can say how you feel, especially if something does not seem quite right. Who can you turn to at home and at school if you need to tell?



Those who
care about you
can hear you
even when
you're quiet.

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Have a fantastic weekend.

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt