



# St John Fisher News

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## Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Laurie Paige** (Y6) who has made a brilliant start to the school year. Laurie really does understand that everyone – including her – is special. Every day at school she demonstrates this by the way she reaches out to others in class and at playtime, showing respect and kindness. What is also special is that Laurie does not seek to draw attention to her thoughtful actions, but does what she does because she knows it is right. Well done Laurie, we are all very proud of you!

## Staff News

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Bishop is expecting her second child in early February. Governors are advertising for a suitable teacher to cover her maternity leave.

## PTFA Information Evening

The PTFA would like to invite you all to their information evening on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016** in the School Hall at **6.30pm**.

It will be a great opportunity for you to meet other parents and members and learn more about what the PTFA does. Information will be shared about the ways you can support different events e.g. 'Santa in School Day' and discos and share new ideas too. The PTFA is always looking to attract new members and develop new ideas that will bring our community together whilst raising funds for our children. If you can spare an hour please try to come along, perhaps with a friend or two! Thank you.



## Curriculum Overviews

The Term 1 Curriculum Overview for the children in FS2 was sent home earlier today. All overviews are also available via the website. Please do contact us if you can support us. Thank you.

## Lottery Grant

Last week I shared with you that we had been awarded a lottery grant to develop and improve our FS2 outdoor learning area. We have a meeting next week with the designers and hopefully work will commence shortly afterwards.



## Y1 Outdoor Learning Area

I am also meeting with the designer to discuss a further bid to the National Lottery to improve the outdoor learning area by Y1 and make it more accessible. Currently the area is a bit overgrown and untidy as we have focused our energies on improving other key areas of school. We are looking for volunteers who are prepared to help us clear and tidy this area before the bad weather sets in, possibly one Saturday morning. If you think you can help please let me know via our email address: [enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk). All offers of help are appreciated greatly. Thank you.

## Welcome Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended this week's Welcome Meetings.

## Forthcoming Events

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

21-09-16 to 23-09-16	• Y5 Kingswood Residential	
26-09-16	• Information Meeting for current Y5 parents/carers about the 2017/18 Y6 Hollowford residential (in Y6 classroom)	(3.30pm)
14-09-16	• 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	• PTFA Family Night (in the School Hall)	
04-10-16	• Welcome Meeting for FS2 Parents and Carers (in FS2 classroom)	(3.30pm)
05-10-16	• PTFA Information Evening and AGM (School Hall)	(6.30pm)

### All Saints Open Morning

The members of our Y6 class and their families are invited to attend an Open Morning on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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/>



### SJF Open Morning 2016

Our next Opening Morning will be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Achievements Outside of School

- **Polly Flude** in Y1 earned two medals from 'Melody Movement Dancing'! Congratulations! A great achievement.

We will do our best to publish your child(ren)'s achievements in the newsletter if you pass 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!

### Term 1 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House	St David's House	St Patrick's House	St George's House
 100	 99	 100	 107

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Official Feast of St Andrew is on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016</li><li>✓ Members will mark the feast in school (Blue Day) on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Official Feast of St David is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 (Ash Wednesday)</li><li>✓ Members will mark the feast in school (Yellow Day) on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017</li><li>✓ Please note that this is different to the calendar</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Official Feast of St Patrick is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017</li><li>✓ Members will also mark the feast in school (Green Day) on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Official Feast of St George is on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017</li><li>✓ All children will learn about St George during the morning of Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017</li><li>✓ Members will mark the feast in school (Red Day) on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (PM)</li></ul>

### SJF Diamond Anniversary

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. If you have any artefacts we could borrow e.g. old uniform, 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](mailto:enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk) . Thank you.

### Parish News

The next children Mass will be on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 is available via this link to the parish website: <http://www.ourladyoflourdesheffield.org.uk/> . Thank you.

### School Letter Box

If you have notes and letters that you would like to pass to our administrative staff you might find it quicker to use the post box in the entrance foyer if you do not also need to speak to anyone.

### Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of benefits and/or you income and family circumstances have changed you might find that you are entitled to apply for free school meals for your child(ren).

School systems and processes protect the privacy of all children who are entitled to free school meals so that their experience is no different to that of others. Children do not know who is and who is not entitled to free school meals.

All children in FS2 and Years 1 and 2 receive free school meals under a government scheme called 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' regardless of their family circumstances. However, it is **very** important that you inform us if you are a low income family and/or in receipt of benefits as we can also apply for a significant pupil premium grant for your child. This is not provided automatically, we have to apply.

If you have any questions please email us ([enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk)); phone us (2485009) or come in and speak to us in confidence so that we can answer your questions and take you through the process if you would like us to help you. Thank you.

### Golden Children

This week's Golden Children are:

<b>FS2</b>	<b>The whole of FS2</b> for making a fabulous start to school!
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Ruby Adelanwa</b> for settling so well into Y1 and for trying really hard in Mathematics this week!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Caitlin Hardy</b> for having such a sensible and positive attitude in class! You are a star!
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Phoebe Asumandu</b> for trying really hard in lessons – especially Mathematics – and for settling in so well!
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Amna Javid</b> for being helpful in class; supporting others in need; and for working well!
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Ellie Cope</b> for creating a very neat bar chart of all her talents in Y5! She listened carefully and was very neat! Keep it up!
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Imogen Cranston</b> for overcoming her fear of speaking out in front of the class by 'being the teacher' in an excellent mathematics session!

### Top Table

The lunchtime 'family' chosen to sit on the Top Table today by Mrs Bower and her team of lunchtime supervisors was the **Falcon** family! Congratulations to Eleanor C, Charlotte F, Giovanni M, Alfie M, Phoenix S, Charlie M, Isabelle T and Paige T! They were chosen for demonstrating good table manners; for not being messy; and for including one another in great mealtime conversations! Well done!

### Writing Champions

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
	Isobel Stoeman	Lottie Fitzpatrick	Phoebe Kilbride	Marcus McKernan	Jack Stacey	Jack Waldron

### Harvest festival

Here is a message from Mrs Holloway our Lead for RE & Catholic Life:

*It will soon be time for our Annual Harvest festival. As in previous years, we will be collecting donations of non-perishable food for the St Wilfrid's Centre in Sheffield.*

*The kinds of donation which are useful to them are: tins of meat, fish, soup, vegetables and fruit; as well as cereals, snacks like 'Pot Noodles', biscuits, drinking chocolate and instant mashed potato.*

*All donations will be gratefully received. There will be a box outside of the new Y5 classroom from the beginning of October for you to hand in any donations you may like to give.*

### Attendance and Punctuality

Here is a message from Mrs Asquith our Lead for Attendance and Punctuality:

*Welcome back to the new school year. In line with the rest of our local family of schools we want to maintain our excellent attendance results. Please note that all children should be on the playground by 8.50am when the whistle will blow for lining up (FS2 children go straight to their classroom).*

*If there is a particular reason why it is difficult for your child(ren) to be at school for 8.50am please speak to me to see whether we can offer any support. Thank you.*

### Attendance Last Week

FS2		-	
Year 1		98.9%	
Year 2		99.2%	
Year 3		93.8%	
Year 4		99.4%	
Year 5		98.1%	
Year 6		98.1%	
<b>Weekly Target</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>This week's Average Attendance</b>	<b>97.3%</b>

### Attendance This Week

FS2		98.9%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week!
Year 1		94.8%	
Year 2		100%	Bobby Bear will visit next week!
Year 3		95.6%	
Year 4		97.8%	
Year 5		98.8%	
Year 6		99.4%	Brenda Bear will visit next week!
<b>Weekly Target</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>This week's Average Attendance</b>	<b>97.8%</b>

We have maintained our good overall start, beating our school target for the second week running.

It would be really great if all the classes could reach (or pass) the 97% target next week!

### The Catholic Life of the School

#### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

I would like to thank Mrs Holloway and the special young people of Y5 for leading our Liturgy of the Word yesterday, so beautifully. Thank you to all the family and friends who were able to join us. Next week the liturgy will be led by the young people of **Y4** and the family and friends of our Y4 children are very welcome to join us in the school hall just after 9.00am.

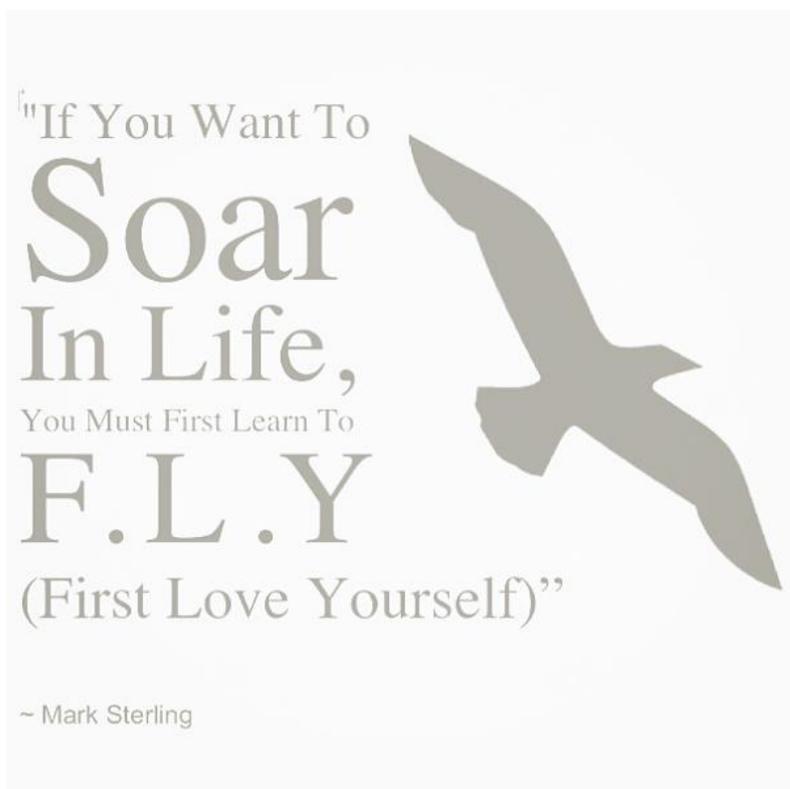
#### Weekly Celebration Assembly

Next week we invite the family and friends of our **Y3** children to join us in the hall at 2.55pm for our Celebration Assembly.

**Statement to Live By**

Our 'statement to live by' next week will be: **"I can say one good thing about myself"**

**Time to talk:** Sometimes we find it easier to say good things about others than about ourselves. Together think about the things that you are good at or the qualities that make you special and pick your favourite. Talk about why it is important to remember the good things about ourselves rather than dwell on the negatives. You can then explore why it is important to see the best in others too (rather than their faults).



Have a great weekend,

Mr Barratt