

# SJF NEWS

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## Citizen of the Week

The week's recipient is **Finn** in **Y2** who understands that it is simple things that make us truly happy, in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Finn enjoys learning and has a real sense of wonder and awe about the world around him. The simple and important things fascinate and amaze him, as they should everyone! He is also a wonderful friend and learning partner to the other children because he is very thoughtful and good at listening. The respect he shows to others is very much appreciated. What a star you are Finn!

## Term 2 Smiley Scores

<b>St Andrew's House</b>  <b>383</b>	<b>St David's House</b>  <b>390</b>	<b>St Patrick's House</b>  <b>323</b>	<b>St George's House</b>  <b>370</b>
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## Calendar Reminders – Countdown to Christmas!

The **SJF calendar** is available online on the Homepage 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>17-12-18</b>	• Key Stage1 (KS1) Nativity Play dress rehearsal (performed to pupils in school)
<b>18-12-18</b>	• KS1 Nativity Play (2.15pm, School Hall)
<b>19-12-18</b>	• KS1 Nativity Play (2.15pm, School Hall)
<b>20-12-18</b>	• Class Christmas Party Afternoon ✓ non-uniform (Christmas jumper/party clothes) day ✓ £1 donation towards party treats
<b>21-12-18</b>	• Celebration Assembly (9.05am, School Hall) – <b>Y4</b> family and friends • <b>KS2</b> (Years 3-6) Community Carol Service (2.00pm, Our Lady of Lourdes) – all welcome • <b>PTFA</b> refreshments, mince pies and Christmas raffle (2.50pm, School Hall) – all welcome • End of Term 2

## School Holiday

<b>07-01-19</b>	• Start of Term 2 • Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Week – Day 1
<b>08-01-19</b>	• STEM Week – Day 2
<b>9-01-19</b>	• STEM Week – Day 3
<b>10-01-19</b>	• STEM Week – Day 4
<b>11-01-19</b>	• STEM Week – Day 5 • New Year Mass (9.30am, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church)

## Advent & The Daily Advent Class Reflections

Our daily Advent class reflections continue in to the last week for all classes except for Years 1 and 2 on the days of their Nativity Play on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The class Advent Liturgies the following days:

- **FS2:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- **Y1 & Y2:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- **Y3 & Y4:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- **Y5 & Y6:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

Place should be booked on the day through the School Office. If you are attending, please arrive at **3.00pm** so you are on time for a prompt 3.10pm start. Thank you.



### *Why is one candle not like all the others?*

Advent and Lent, are seasons of penitence. On the Advent wreath, the three purple candles mark our preparations while awaiting the arrival of Christ on Earth at Christmas.

Unlike Lent, Advent is a happier season. The Third Sunday of Advent, called Gaudete Sunday. The word 'Gaudete' is Latin for 'rejoice'. From the third Sunday of Advent we light the rose-coloured candle on our wreaths. Priests also wear rose-colored vestments at Mass on the third Sunday of Advent.

Pope Francis was talking about the difference between happiness and joy when he said:

*"To be happy is good, yet joy is something more. It's another thing; something which does not depend on external motivations, or on passing issues: it is more profound. It is a gift."*

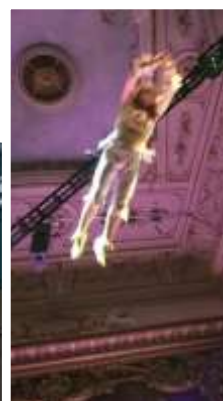
If joy is a gift from the Lord, then the Lord Himself is our first and greatest gift, and the only one that will never tarnish, break or fade. Gaudete Sunday reminds us that the gift has not yet arrived, but is very near.



### **Panto 2018!**

On Tuesday the school community travelled to the Lyceum Theatre to watch Peter Pan on the PTFA-funded coaches. Everyone enjoyed themselves! It was absolutely brilliant!

A huge 'thank you' to our PTFA for all their hard work and for funding the transport and providing fantastic interval snacks and drinks for every child! I would also like to thank our volunteers, trainees and my fantastic colleagues who all worked so hard to make this event possible!





Finale, 11-12-18



### Uniform Reminders

#### Footwear

Children are required to wear proper black school shoes in school every day. Trainers (including all black trainers) and high boots are not permitted. Children can wear them to and from school and at playtime but must have proper school shoes with them to wear during around school and during lessons.

#### PE Uniform

Children must wear the school PE uniform on PE days. This can be the official uniform provided by one of our two uniform suppliers (with the school logo) or plain a plain version in the correct colours which has been sourced from other places.

Please note that items bought from places other than our official suppliers must be **completely plain**. Items should not be 'designer' (Nike, Adidas, Puma etc.), or have labels, pictures, slogans or any other embellishment. Please note that the colour of the sweatshirt/hoodie is burgundy and the colour of the jogging pants is light grey.

We have some donated PE uniform that we would be happy to pass on, please make enquiries with my colleagues in the School Office. Thank you.



## Collective Worship

### KS2 Community Carol Service 2018

The family and friends of our children in **Years 3-6** are invited to our annual Community Carol Service on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018**, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. The Service will start at **2.00pm**. The children in FS2 and Years 1 and 2 will not be attending because they will be very tired at the end of a long term. Also space in the church is quite limited and we want to ensure that there is sufficient room to accommodate the families and friends of our older children who wish to come along and support the event. Thank you.

### Mince Pies & Refreshments

EVERYONE is invited to join us for refreshments and mince pies provided by our PTFA in the School Hall from 2.45pm. So whether you attend the Carol Service or not, please do try to come along. It is a really nice way to mark the end of the term and 2018 in school. If you can help the PTFA, please let us know. Thank you!

### New Year Mass

You are all invited to our New Year Mass on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019**, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Mass will start at 9.30am. Thank you.

### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

The next 'Liturgy of the Word' will be on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019**, and will be led by the young people of **FS2**. We invite their family and friends to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am. Please note that there is no liturgy in the first week back because of the New Year Mass.

### Celebration Assembly

next Celebration Assembly will be on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018** just after 9.00m in the School Hall. The family and friends of our **Y4** pupils are invited to join us.

### Advent Prayer

Throughout Advent we will focus on a prayer we called 'The Act of Contrition'. It is a special prayer in which we ask God to forgive us for our sins and to support so that we can move forward and do better. The prayer is also shared during the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The words are: **O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you – and by the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen**









## Christmas Cards

There will be a post box in the reception area of the main office from next week (Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December). All cards should be posted in here and not handed out in class. Please ensure that every card has: Recipient's first name, last name (if known) and class. The Y6 monitors will sort and deliver the 'post' each day.











## SJF Christmas Lunch 2018

This year the children will enjoy their Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018**. Please do not forget to order your child(ren)'s meal(s) in time!

Attendance this week				
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y1		<b>99.6%</b>	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y6		97.5%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y3		96.9%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y5		96.6%	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y2		96.3%	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y4		96.3%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	FS2		96.0%	
<b>Target = 98%</b>			<b>Average Attendance = 97%</b> 	



Get Set, GO!			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y6		93%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y2		89%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y3		89%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y4		89%
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y1		88%
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y5		88%
7 <sup>th</sup>	FS2		85%
<b>Average = 89%</b>			

Congratulations to the children of Y1 who managed to beat this week's attendance in spite of the various bugs going around. Congratulations too, go to the young people of Y6, who managed to exceed 90% attendance for the 'Get set, GO!' activities this week. Remember that children have to be in class at the beginning of the 'Get Set, GO!' session in order to be marked as present.



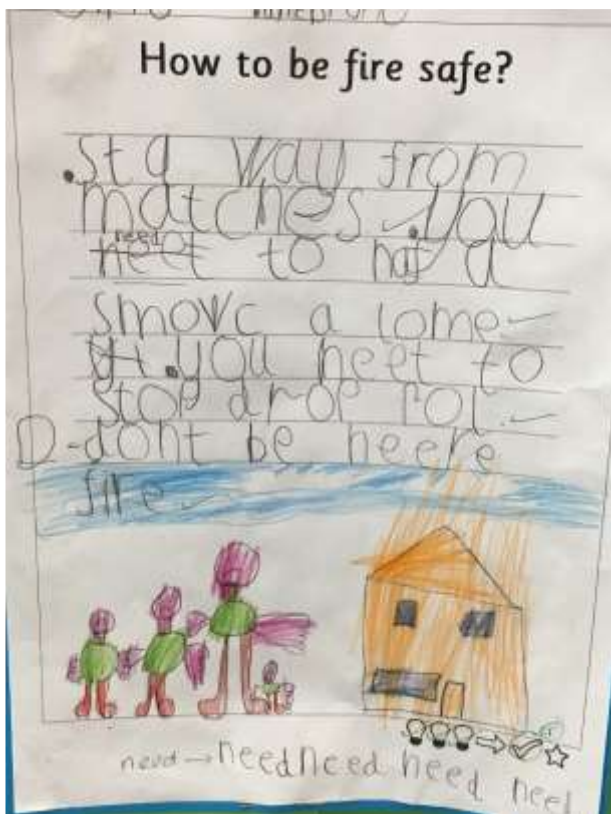


## Curriculum Exhibition

On Friday we showcased the children's work at our exhibition in the School Hall. It was a fantastic celebration of the children's learning and achievement and it was wonderful that so many of you were able to join us.



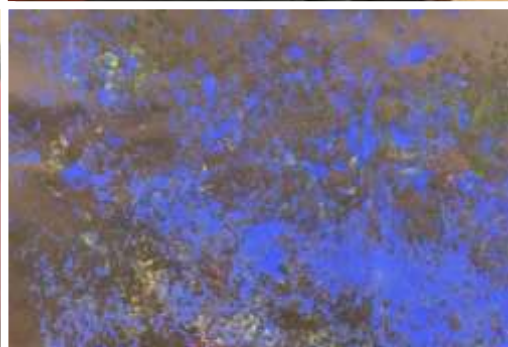








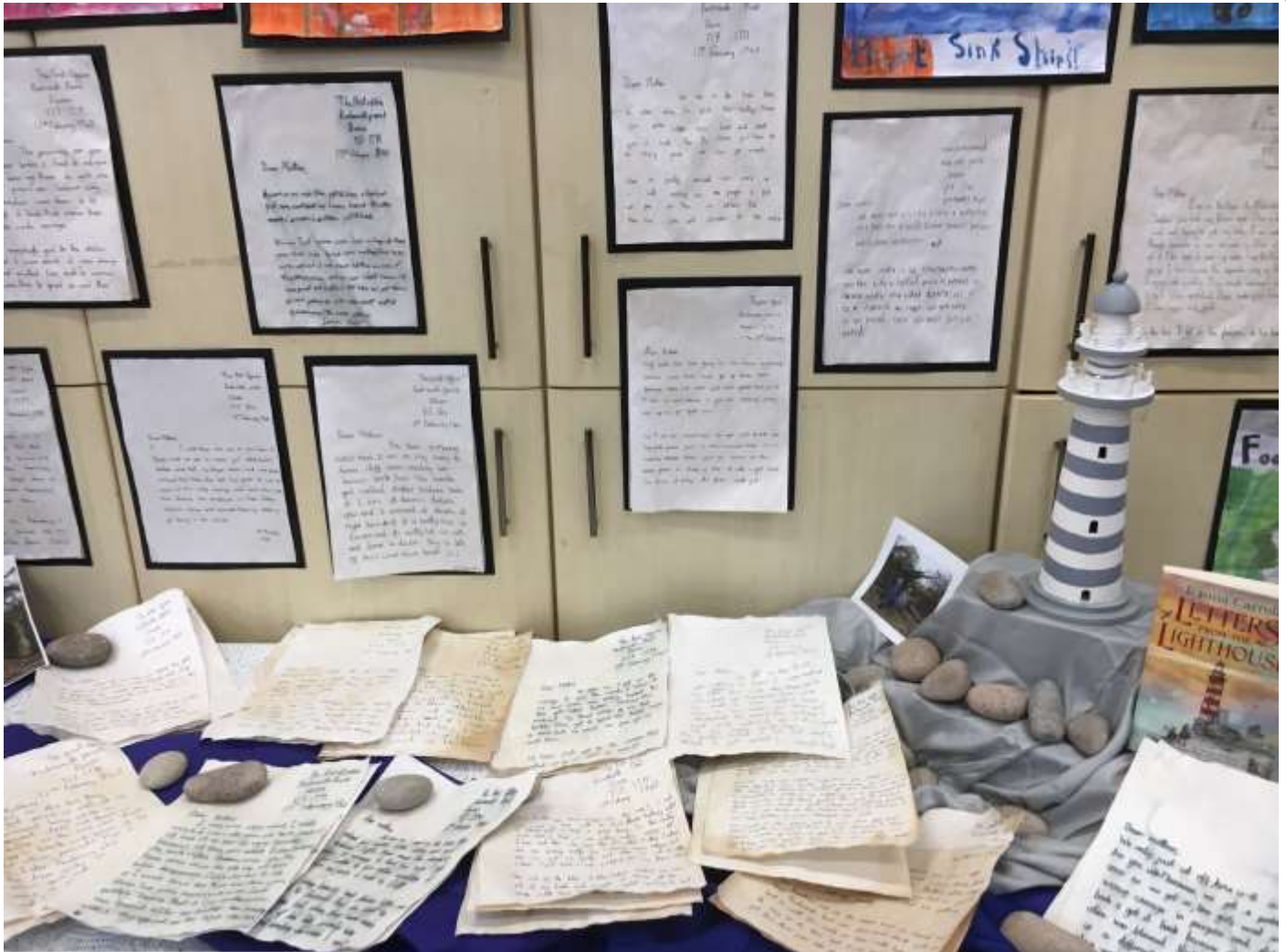




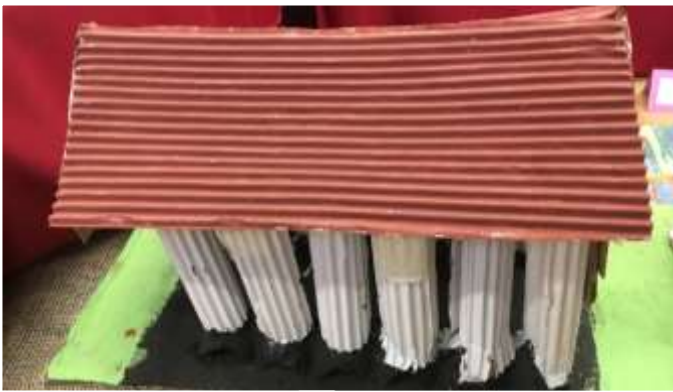














## FS2 Nativity Play



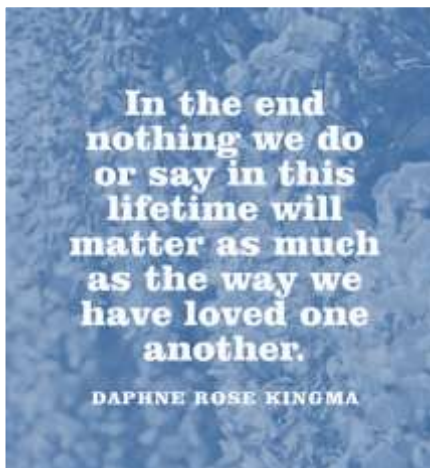




### Statement to Live By

Our 'statement to live by' is '**I try to love others as I love myself**'

**Time to talk:** Why do some people think they are better than others? What can happen when people put themselves above others? Are they right to do this? Will this attitude help others to feel happy, safe and loved? What would our world be like if everyone treated everyone else better? Would there be wars or famine if people reached out to one another and loved them as they loved themselves? Would our world feel safe? Would people be happier? Why?



Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt

