



St John Fisher Weekly News



Friday 11th July 2014 (Issue 37 ~ 2013/14)

Dates for you Diary

Please find a breakdown of forthcoming events below:

• Wednesday 16 th July	✓ Theme 2 Exhibition in the school hall ✓ (9.00am)
• Thursday 17 th July	✓ Leavers' Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church (Full school uniform) ✓ (7.00pm)
• Friday 18 th July	✓ End of year Mass of thanksgiving in <u>church</u> ✓ (9.30am)

Please note that the end of year Mass is at 9.30am and will take place in CHURCH rather than the school

Annual Reports

The annual school reports will now be sent home on Monday. I apologise for the short delay.

Staff News

Following a recent round of interviews I am now in a position to tell you the classes for next year:

- Foundation Stage 2 Mrs Darken
- Year 1 Miss Speed
- Year 2 Mrs Broadhead
- Year 3 Mrs Drake (temporary maternity leave cover for Mrs Evans)
- Year 4 Mr Broadhead
- Year 5 Mrs Holloway
- Year 6 Mr Smith (Acting Assistant Headteacher) & Miss Kiernan

When Mrs Evans returns later in the academic year she will immediately resume her duties as Deputy Headteacher and class teacher in Year 3. At this point Mr Smith will cease being Acting Assistant Headteacher and Miss Kiernan will join Mrs Evans in Year 3.

Taster Day

On Monday 14th July all the children will be spending most of the day with their new teachers in their new classrooms. The new and current staff will be on the playground from 8.40am in case you would like an opportunity to meet them and introduce yourselves. It would be great to give them a warm welcome. Current staff will also have time during the day for a hand over to the new members of staff.

There will be further opportunities at the very beginning of the next academic year for you to meet the teachers at the one-to-one review and target-setting meetings that take place in the first week back and at the class welcome meetings that take place in the second and third weeks.

School Calendar

The new 2014-15 school calendar will be out at the beginning of next week.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

There will be no weekly liturgy of the Word next week. In fact the next one will be on **Thursday 11th September**. It will be led by the children of our new **Y6** class and the family and friends of our new Y6 children are invited to join us just after 9.00am in the hall. Thank you.

Exhibition

You are all warmly welcomed to join us for our exhibition on Wednesday 16th July starting just after 9.00am in school hall. Please come and join us for this important celebration of learning. I am really grateful to the PTFA will be selling refreshments. you are all invited!

The Installation of Bishop Ralph Heskett

Yesterday I was invited to witness the installation of Bishop Ralph Heskett at St Marie's Cathedral in Sheffield. Also invited were Olivia Harpin and Norbert Boratyn from Year 6. It was a joyful occasion which brought people from across the diocese of Hallam together, including all the schools.

Bishop Ralph is a Redemptorist Priest who has preached Missions all over England but who has also been a Parish Priest in big parishes in Liverpool and in London. He was previously the Catholic Bishop of Gibraltar. He was born in Sunderland in March 1953 and was ordained to the Priesthood on 10 July 1976. From 1987 to 1990 he was Superior of the Redemptorist Community of Kinnoull, Perth, Scotland and Director of Missions.

Bishop Heskett then served the Archdioceses of Liverpool and Southwark, first as Superior of the Redemptorist Community, and then of St Mary's Clapham in South London where he remained until 2008.

Bishop Heskett then returned to Bishop Eton, Liverpool, to supervise the formation of Postulants, to preach Parish Missions and to give Parish Retreats until the 10 July 2010 when he was ordained the seventh Bishop of Gibraltar, one hundred years after the first.

As we extend a warm welcome to Bishop Ralph I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bishop John not just for his leadership over the last seventeen years but also for the way he has prayed for and supported our community of St John Fisher. When we were placed in special measures he called and reassured me and affirmed me in my role and the job I was doing. His kindness and generosity underpin a clear and unequivocal vision of what a vibrant and relevant Catholic education is all about. He was delighted to officiate at the opening of the new library and Butterfly Wing earlier in the year and was full of praise for our children, my colleagues and the parents. He is a very special man.

I will always appreciate what he has done for us both directly and indirectly as Bishop and we send him our prayers and best wishes for the future.

Parish News

Come and meet A SPECIAL GUEST who represents **THE NATIONAL CRUSADE OF MARY IMMACULATE** based in Manchester. You will have an opportunity to learn more about this worldwide Movement founded by St Maximilian Kolbe and about consecration to Mary Immaculate. You can meet this special guest at:

- **Saturday 12 July at 6.30pm** (Sunday Mass) at Our Lady of Lourdes
- **Sunday 13 July at 09.00am** at St Anthony's
- **Sunday 13 July at 10.30am** at Our Lady of Lourdes (Mass lead by "Immaculata" group).

More information is available on: www.mi-sheffield.com

Appeal for Support - Improving our Environment

if you are prepared to help me give one or two classrooms a lick of paint to brighten them up please email us on enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk . Thank you to all those who have already responded. I will be in touch soon.

Mrs Golland has asked me to pass on her sincere thanks to everyone who helped her in the garden. It was so kind of you and very much appreciated. We depend on your support and all help is gratefully received.

Achievements Outside of School

- **May Woodhouse** in Y2 achieved a certificate and badge for swimming 50 metres! well done May!
- **Lily Sanders** in Y2 achieved her Stage 4 swimming badge. Congratulations Lily!
- **Abigael Collins** in Y4 attained the British Gymnastics Trampoline Proficiency Award (Level 5). she also achieved her 400 metres swimming certificate. What incredible achievements, well done!
- **Rowan Lodge** in Y1 was awarded a medal for taking part in the Miramer Regional Judo club competition last Sunday. Well done Rowan!
- **Finn Lodge** in Y6 fought his way to silver medal in his weight category of the Miramer Regional Judo club competition last Sunday. An excellent achievement Finn!
- **Patrick Lodge** in Y4 also took part in the Miramer Regional Judo club competition and managed to win all the fights in his weight category to take home a coveted gold medal. Well done Patrick!
- **Poppy Walton** in Y2 achieved excellent marks on her way to gaining a Grade A and a Green Belt. Well done Poppy!

Correction

In last week's newsletter I reported that it was Evie Flint in the athletics team at the EIS. It should have been Evie Stamford. I would like to apologise to both Evie Flint and Evie Stamford for this oversight. I understand that Evie Stamford performed brilliantly!

Writing Champions

As it is assessment week there were no Writing Champions. We will be reporting on these end of year results at the one-to-one Review & Target-Setting meetings planned for the first week back in September.

Reuben Quainoo-Hastings and Joseph Kandare are both in Year 1 and each wrote an amazing poem. For both boys this is a huge achievement as they have not always found writing straightforward or fun. Both poems were done completely independently as part of their assessment. I am absolutely delighted with them, so pleased in fact that I wanted to share them with you.

Barn Owl by Joseph Kandare

Whenever you hear an eek
You should assume it's a flap!
He is a barn owl –
A night bird!
A really sharp beak
He can hunt mice, fish and grasshoppers!
He's a bit wonky at flying
Keeps practising a flap

The Owl by Reuben Quainoo-Hastings

A barn owl is a dangerous predator.
It can kill other animals.
It can strike its prey.
It attacks a fox.
It is a cool predator.
Barn owls hunt for food at night.
Wings glide at night.

Golden Children

The class teachers added the names of the following children to our Golden Book last week:

• F 2	All of FS2 for welcoming our new children so warmly and showing kindness - again!
• Year 1	Finaly Jones for his fantastic progress in phonics and reading!
• Year 2	Nadia Kamolli for getting on better with her friends!
• Year 3	Kimi Hardy for working really hard on developing his writing and completing tasks!
• Year 4	Oliver Nelson for working really hard on a fantastic piece of research homework!
• Year 5	Hubert Jaworski for helping his class to play fairly at fottball at playtimes. Great sportsmanship!
• Year 6	Sophie Tyree for organising the Bishops cards very efficiently and making a super job of it!

Weekly Attendance Winners

For the week ending 27-06-14 the girls and boys of **FS2** were in first place with **99.2%** attendance and will be visited by Bobby Bear. In second place were the children of **Y2** with **98.6%** attendance and they will be visited by our Brenda Bear. In third place were the young people of **Y5** who achieved **98.2%** attendance and who will be visited by Elvis the Owl. The average overall attendance for the week rose to **96.2%** which is above our 96% target. Thank you for your support.

Reading Books

All reading books were due to be returned by today. Please return any outstanding books as soon as possible please. Thank you.

Statement to Live By

Next week, our statement to live by will be: **"I let others go first sometimes"**

Time to talk: Together you could talk about Jesus' example of putting others first. What does this mean? What is in it for us if we let others be first some of the time? Why is it important?

Best wishes for a great weekend,

F Barratt