



St John Fisher News

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Citizen of the Week

This week's recipient is **Olivia King** (Y5) for understanding that rights match responsibility in line with this week's 'Statement to Live By'. Olivia is a very responsible young lady who can be trusted and relied upon to make good choices every day. This is apparent both in class and through her role as a Student Councillor, where her thoughtfulness, compassion and sense of justice and fairness really do shine through. Olivia is never afraid to share her ideas and opinions, but she always does so respectfully and with good manners. Congratulations!

Parking Incident

Unfortunately there was a disagreement between parents/carers about parking around school which led to an incident that required the police to attend. What was particularly sad was that this incident was witnessed by a number of children and their families as they left school.

It was also witnessed by local residents - some of whom contacted us afterwards to express their shock and disgust and to complain about their own parking-related issues e.g. grass verges being churned up or their driveways/garages being blocked by vehicles parked inconsiderately.

I would like to remind you all of the importance of parking safely and considerately around school. The restrictions now in place were redesigned and implemented by the local authority because they were what the experts deemed necessary in order to ensure the safety of our children and their families. I am confident that you would all agree that the safety of our children is the most important consideration at all times.

I therefore appeal to you to please park safely and considerately every day. Don't be the reason that an accident occurs because your vehicle is parked illegally – even if it is just for a short time whilst you 'nip in'.

If you are concerned about unsafe or inconsiderate parking I would ask that you complain to the Police and local authority directly and calmly, though I am also happy to pass on complaints emailed to me.

As a school community we are relying on you all to park safely and to not upset the local residents needlessly. So please, if you cannot park close to school *legally*, then don't. Just park a little further away and walk.

Please note that you are not allowed to park on the pavement in front of school either.

To park safely or illegally is a choice and we all hope that you make the right one – every day. Thank you.

St. John Fisher Chaplaincy Team

On Thursday 19th November, the 'In Reality' Diocesan youth team are visiting us in order to work with our newly formed SJF Chaplaincy Team. Throughout the day, they will take part in a range of exciting activities as they learn what it is to work effectively as a Chaplaincy Team. At 2.45pm, they will lead a special liturgy for the whole school in the hall which means that the Y4 children will not be leading their class liturgy in the morning. The parents/carers of any Chaplaincy Team members are invited to join us for the liturgy.

House News

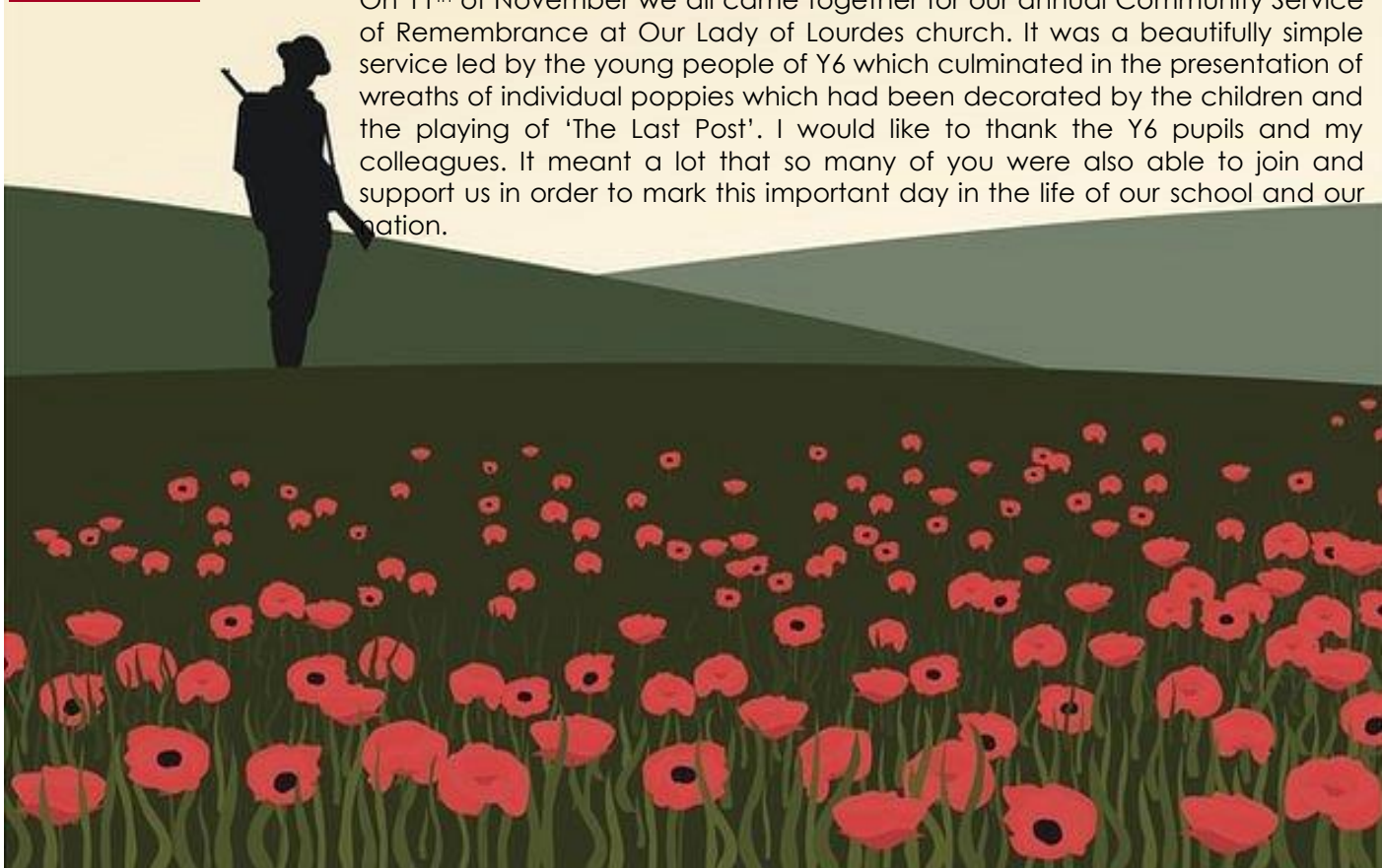
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St Andrew's Feast Day

I would like to remind you that **Monday 30th November** is the feast of St Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland. At St John Fisher it is also known as BLUE DAY because the members of St Andrew's House do not have to wear school uniform on that day but can, instead, come to school wearing something blue instead! In the afternoon they will get together and take part in some special activities organised by their Head of house, Miss D'Roza.

Please note that the children in the three other Houses must wear full school uniform on that day.

Remembrance



Lunchtime Routine and Top Table

Earlier today I met with the Student Councillors to go over details of changes that are being made to the lunchtime routine and to answer their questions. The decision to change the lunchtime routine was made after careful consideration was given to feedback and ideas from the pupils and some parents. In making these changes it is hoped that none of the *positives* from the 'family' approach will be lost whilst the issues over waiting times and shortened play times, felt most keenly by our older children, will be addressed.

From Monday 16th November there will now be **two** lunchtime sittings. The youngest children in FS2 and Years 1 and 2 will start their one hour lunch break at 11.45am in the hall with a shared 'Grace before Meals' prayer - as we do currently. They will also sit in new 'families', which will include more children from their own classes. They will then be served their food straightaway.

For the children in Years 3-6 (Key Stage 2), lunchtime will start at 12.10pm (for a trial period) and also last for an hour. Having recited the 'Grace before Meals' prayer in class the older children will walk into the hall and go straight to their places; joining new Key Stage 2 'families' made up of more friends and children from their own classes. By the time they arrive all the younger children should have been served their lunches enabling them to also start going up for food straightaway.

We are hopeful that this will eradicate/limit delays and mean that the older children will have more play time after they have eaten. We will monitor it closely and if we notice that the younger children do not need all the time allotted for them to be served their meals we will think about starting the Key Stage 2 lunchtime earlier than 12.10pm.

This week the family chosen to sit on the 'Top Table' was the Swallow family! Congratulations to you all!

Achievements Outside of School

We are delighted that the new celebration assembly on Friday is proving to be so popular with the children and parents/carers. Whilst it is important to share and celebrate good news and achievement in all its forms there have been a couple of occasions when the children have been late leaving school on a Friday because the celebration assembly has overrun.

I do understand that this can be frustrating and difficult for those of you left waiting in the playground, often with younger siblings, at the end of the day - especially as the darker nights and wintery weather really starts to bite. In an effort to be more punctual we will not now share achievements outside of school during the actual assembly, however we would be delighted to continue sharing all achievements in this section of the newsletter each week, so please do keep sending them in! Big or small, if it is important to your child and you then it is important to us too and we will gladly publish it in the newsletter! Thank you.

Here is this week's list of achievements outside of school:

- **Summer Marsden** in **Y1** received the 'Golden Child' award in her drama class at Razzamatazz Theatre School for displaying her fantastic dancing and acting skills! What a star you are Summer, well done!
- **Bethany Beatson** in **Y2** last weekend took part in a swimming gala and managed to win two bronze medals after swimming brilliantly and with such confidence that made her whole family very proud!
- **Amelia Denham** in **Y2** achieved her IDTA Red Rosette for performing the samba brilliantly in Latin dancing! A brilliant achievement, well done!
- **Xiomara Gregory** in **Y2** responded to my request for emails and wrote to me telling me about all the things that she and her mum did over the holidays. Well done Xiomara, you certainly seemed to have had a great time!
- **Rowan Lodge** in **Y3** managed to achieve an ASA Rainbow Distance Award for swimming 20m front crawl! Congratulations Rowan, a fantastic achievement!
- **Oliver Ost** in **Y3** was awarded a special 'Swim Stars' certificate recently after managing to swim 200m! Congratulations Oliver, a great achievement!
- **Lola Pardo-Figueroa** in **Y3** (and her big sister Mia who left us last year) met the Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Mr Talib Hussain, at the launch of Sheffield's World War One quilts. They are pictured in front of a display of 'war horses' which had been made by Mia and Lola and children from across the city. This quilt and others, made by the people of Sheffield, are on display in the cafe area of John Lewis until the 7th December.
- **Kiera Beck** in **Y6** achieved a magnificent first place in an in-house show jumping competition held at the Parklands Equestrian Centre, on a pony called Sugar! Congratulations Kiera, an excellent achievement!



Golden Children

This week's Golden Children are:

FS2	Marika De Caro for becoming much more confident in speaking more! Brava ragazza Marika!
Year 1	Ethan Usher-Ashton for sharing his knowledge about castles during carpet time. Ethan knows such a lot and is really interested in the topic! Good lad!
Year 2	Scarlet for fantastic behaviour and for being polite and helpful!
Year 3	Keira Ambrose for joining in when she went on the school visit to Kelham Island as part of the World War One Week! Everyone was impressed by her excellent behaviour! Well done!
Year 4	Jared Ward for having a fantastic attitude and tremendous work ethic in our World War One Week!
Year 5	Evie Stamford for always working hard! She is such an excellent role-model for everyone! Well done!
Year 6	Matthew Bond for working really hard on his 'app' project and for having a fantastic attitude towards his learning throughout it!

November Remembrance

Please remember that this month we pray for special people who have died. If you have a photo of someone you would like us to pray for please send it in with their name and your child's name on the back. We will pray for them during our November assemblies and will return the photos at the end of November.

Head Lice

I have been informed by a number of parents that their children keep catching head lice even though they are checking and treating the hair in line with the guidance letter I sent out a few weeks ago.

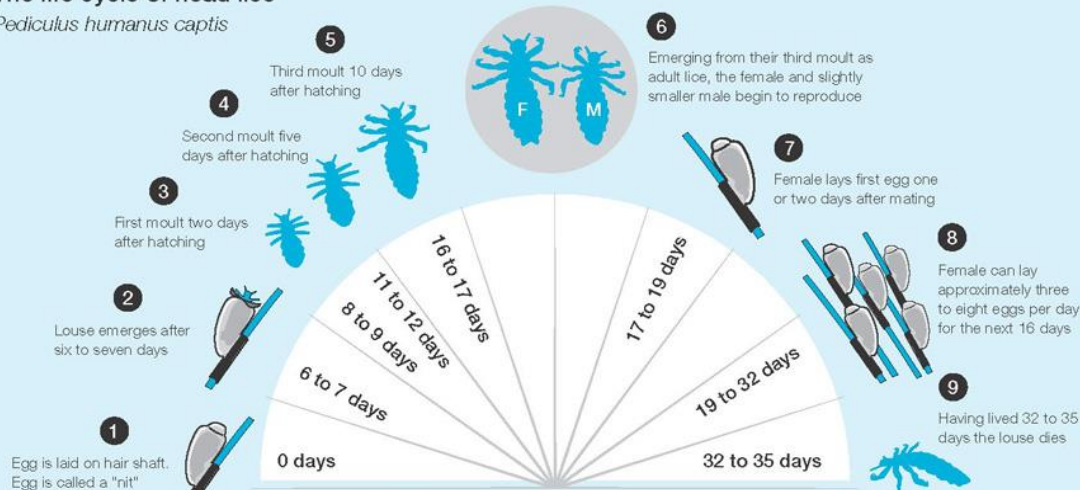
The most likely reason is that not all parents are checking their children's hair regularly or thoroughly enough. This is something that we need every parent to get on board with because head lice can pass so easily from one child to another.



If you have not checked your child's hair recently I would ask that you please do so. I will send out the guidance again next week via email in case you missed it a few weeks ago and thank you for your support.

The life cycle of head lice

Pediculus humanus capitis



Head lice myth buster

Myth or truth	State of hair	Length of hair	Spread of lice	Itchy scalp?
Myth	Prefer clean hair	Prefer long hair	Jump and can spread via clothes/towels	Always means itchy scalp
Truth	Infect both clean and dirty hair	Infect all lengths and types of hair	Walk from head to head	Only itches if allergic to bites/faeces



Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to all the children mentioned in today's assembly. Thank you also to everyone who joined us, it was really nice to see you. The next celebration assembly will be on **Friday 20th November** and the parents, carers, family and friends of our **Y1** pupils are invited to join us at 3.00pm in the school hall.

FS2		Everyone in FS2 has been sharing lovely stories with their families and working hard to learn their letters.			
Y1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marisa Avelino • Eleanor Checkley • William Denham 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lottie Fitzpatrick • Daisy Green • Jacob Nelson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emilia Rodgers • Sophie Hemingway • Oscar Diaz 	
Y2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vilius Bagdonas • Harry Cawthorne • Mitchell Clayton • Emily Cowlinshaw • Maya De Sousa • Sam Mappin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophie Ball • Amelia Denham • Sophie Hemingway • Phoebe Kilbride • Evan Siner • Alex Jasinski 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bethany Beatson • Xiomara Gregory • Hibah Javid • Archie Saxton-Clayton • Isla Thompson • Tamzin Samba 	
Y3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rafal Boratyn • Lorenzo Dizon • Diana Nicula • Laurie Paige • Jack Swain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alice Curtis • Amna Javid • Jack Oadley • Odette Paige • Millie Turner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eesaa Din • Joseph Kandare • Oliver Ost, • Lola Pardo-Figueroa 	
Y4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaac Pattison • Saffron Kilbride • Nedas Bagdonas • James Fitzpatrick • Finley Mappin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel de Sousa • Jack Stacey • William Ludlam • Alex Ludlam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isabelle Walton-Hall • Bertie Pickering • Poppy Walton • Ellie Cope 	
Y5		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arianne Alfonso • Melissa Clayton • Olivia King • Evie Stamford 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vinny Ambrose • Abdullah Al-Rammahi • Jack Green • William Oadley 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Cartwright • Bitanga Kalyata • Jenson Pugh 	
Y6		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daphney Adebayo • Abigael Collins • John Genita • Patrick Lodge • Noora Moshtael • Dominic Rolfe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faye Curtis • Jasmine Green • Nicole Mercado • Oliver Nelson • Byron Siamelis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam Devoti • Ruben Jackson • Hannah Moomba • Anca Nicula • Max Smith 	

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lacey Lou Lockey	Oscar Diaz	Evan Siner	Jack Swain	Nadia Kamolli	Zarnetta Moomba	Hannah Moomba

Please look out for their fantastic work in the school hall

Y4 Kingswood 2015

In the last week of last term the Y4 children enjoyed a visit to the Kingswood Centre in the Dearne Valley. The children undertook lots of activities including: fire lighting, archery, Laser Quest (which was won by Mr Obi Wan Smith-Kenobi!) and a night hike where the children looked at the stars and listened to the stories which go with them. Y4 want to say a big thank you to Mr Smith, Mrs Miller and Mrs Scott for working so hard to ensure that the children had a fantastic fun learning experience!



Mad Science

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the 'Mad Science' after school club and it has been great to see them going home so excited and showing off what they had made. I would like to thank our clever scientist; the children for engaging so positively with the programme and Mr Broadhead, who is our lead for Science and Technology here at St John Fisher, for overseeing and coordinating the programme in school. Here are the names of our not-so-mad scientists:



FS2	• Did not participate		
Y1	• Daniel Hill		
Y2	• Sophie Ball • Alex Murray	• Scarlet Cook	• Hibah Javid
Y3	• Keira Ambrose • Rowan Lodge • Laurie Paige	• Eesaa Din • Charlie Ogden • Odette Paige	• Amna Javid • Fraser Owens • Evie Ramsden
Y4	• Joel Broadhead • Isaac Pattison	• Matthew Ford • Jack Stacey	• Ruby Hayward
Y5	• Arianne Alfonso • Kayleigh Collins • Bitanga Kalyata • Isabella Ramsden	• Vincent Ambrose • Imogen Cranston • Julia Kepinska • Isaac Thompson	• Ellie Cheetham • Jack Green • Lucille Owens
Y6	• Daphney Adebayo • Abigael Collins • Brody McConaghy • Max Smith	• Kiera Beck • Sam Devoti • Lily Mell	• Matthew Bond • Patrick Lodge • Noora Moshtael

Annual Wreath Blessing Liturgy

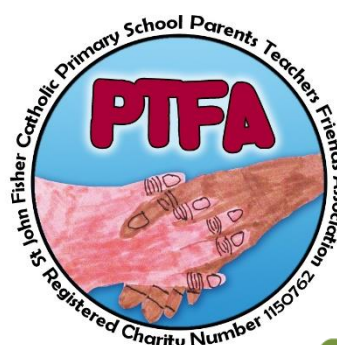
On Friday 27th November 2015, the children of Year 4 will lead this year's Advent Wreath Blessing liturgy alongside Father Paul. As usual, this will be held in the school hall. All parents, carers and friends are invited to join us for this special occasion which marks the beginning of the important season of Advent and our spiritual journey to Christmas. On this day there will be no celebration assembly.

In next week's newsletter there will important information about the daily class-based Advent reflections that you can be part of. Thank you.



Children in Need

I would like to thank the children for donating a minimum of £1 in order to dress as their heroes - and brilliant they all looked too! I would also like to thank you all for providing the donations. I would like to say a huge and special 'thank you' to our PTFA for coordinating the event and for running the bun sale; ensuring that every child who was allowed one, received a bun whether they had brought money or not. Every penny raised will be passed on to the BBC appeal. A really happy day in school, thank you everyone!



Attendance This Week

FS2	96.2%	
Year 1	99.2%	
Year 2	97.7%	
Year 3	100%	Bobby and Brenda Bear will visit next week!
Year 4	99.4%	
Year 5	100%	Bobby and Brenda Bear will visit next week!
Year 6	99.7%	Elvis the Owl will visit next week!
Weekly Target	97%	This week's Average Attendance
		98.9%

Thank you for supporting us to achieve high average rates of attendance for the last two weeks.

Look out for photos of all three attendance mascots visiting the children classes on the various class blogs!

Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is **"I can tell you how I look after myself"**

Time to talk: Together you could think about all the ways we can look after ourselves. You could try hard to eat healthily and exercise regularly. You could try hard to play in the fresh air rather than inside all the time. You could go for walks in the woods or play in the park with your parents or grandparents. You could also think about what you should do if anyone or anything makes you feel uneasy or unhappy. Who can you tell?

Eat like you love yourself.

Move like you love yourself.

Speak like you love yourself.

Act like you love yourself.

"Sometimes in our lives, tears are the lenses we need to see Jesus"
~ Pope Francis

WE ARE NOT THE SUM OF OUR WEAKNESSES AND FAILURES: WE ARE THE SUM OF THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US..."
-BLESSED POPE JOHN PAUL II

A lifestyle change begins with a vision and a single step.

~ Jeff Calloway

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream..."

- C. S. Lewis

Best wishes
Mr Barratt