



# St John Fisher News

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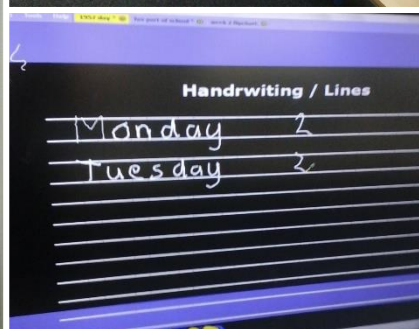
## Citizen of the Week

Our recipient last week was **Arianne Alfonso** in **Y6** for understanding firstly that it is important to stand up for those being treated unfairly and secondly that this must be done safely, without putting ourselves at risk. Arianne has a tremendous sense of justice and feels strongly that people must always be treated fairly. This belief is evident in her attitudes and responses in different situations. We are very proud of you Arianne!

## Diamond Jubilee Update

### 1957 Day

Last Monday the children and staff travelled back in time to 1957 for a special day exploring what life was like 60 years ago. The children had a formal assembly and experienced a range of curriculum activities as we imagined them to have been in 1957. Many also enjoyed a hearty 1957-style school dinner. It was a great way to start off our week of Diamond Jubilee festivities.



### *The Feast day of St John Fisher – Our Diamond Jubilee Mass*

On Thursday the community of St John Fisher, along with former members of staff, pupils, Governors and friends from the parish of our Lady of Lourdes and the Diocese of Hallam came together to mark our official birthday with a special Mass of thanksgiving.

Everyone was delighted that Bishop Ralph was able to lead our celebrations supported by Fr Paul. The occasion was made even more special by the fact that Fr Chris was able to join the Bishop and Fr Paul for the celebration of Mass. Fr Chris, who was Parish Priest at Our Lady of Lourdes before Fr Paul.

Prior to Mass our Chaplaincy Team welcomed Bishop Ralph and Fr Paul to the school and shared a specially prepared lunch with them both.



At Mass we were joined by many parents, carers and friends of the school as well as former pupils, staff member and Governors. It was wonderful to see them and give thanks for the parts they each played in our school's journey and development through the years.

We were also joined by great friends of our school, including Mrs Scott, Headteacher of All Saints Catholic High School, and Mrs Shaw who works with Mrs Scott in order to maintain strong links between All Saints and its 'feeder' primary schools. Mrs Nelis, Headteacher of St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy and a former Deputy Headteacher of our school was also present. I was delighted to welcome back Mr Liam McGurrin, who was Headteacher of our school between 1982 and 2007. He even offered to support the music liturgy at Mass alongside Miss Pendlebury and Miss Kiernan, which was appreciated by us all greatly.

The Mass, which had been planned with the support of Fr Paul, was beautiful. Traditionally at St John Fisher our Feast Day Mass is an occasion when the children who have just received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time play a part in delivering the liturgy. Most also dress up in their special First Holy Communion clothes and the children all looked very smart and read marvellously with Mrs Drake.

Following Mass everyone was invited back over to school for cream teas provided by the PTFA. The hall was decorated, there were handmade table decorations and a display of old photographs, pictures of former staff, the School Log Book and even the dreaded Punishment Book! Former pupils were busily checking to see if their names were in it!



### *Garden Party Day!*

On Friday the children and staff came to school dressed in the fashions from each of the six decades that the school has been in existence for. Everyone had lots of fun dressing up. In the morning the children in each class performed a dance based on a song popular in the decade they are studying (which they repeated later for visitors). They also enjoyed curriculum activities linked to our special school Jubilee curriculum project.



At lunchtime, in spite of the fresh and windy weather the children and staff persevered with the planned whole-school picnic and games enjoyed over an extended lunchtime before returning to class to continue with the curriculum activities. At 2.30pm the children had an opportunity to look at the exhibits before the Garden Party opened officially – many of which had been brought inside because of the suspect weather!





At 3.00pm the Garden Party was opened with a few words of welcome from Fr Paul. Right from the off, there was a big, happy and enthusiastic crowd!

Events started with a Jubilee balloon race and everyone joined with a big count down to the release. The children in each class then performed dances from their eras of study culminating in a huge routine based on Michael Jackson's iconic 'Thriller' dance, involving all the children in Years 5 and 6.



The children in Y5 worked really hard as they then ran their own stalls as part of the 2017 PTFA-sponsored Enterprise Challenge. There was also a range of other stalls including 'Splat the rat!' which was eventually won by Alex Murray in Y3!





At 4.00pm we were joined by the Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Councillor Anne Murphy, who was shown around and introduced to children, parents/carers, colleagues, Governors, the PTFA and former staff and Governors. She was very interested in our journey as a school and wanted to meet as many people as possible.

It was a wonderful two days of celebration befitting our Diamond Jubilee. I would like to thank my colleagues and Governors for all their hard work; you; the parents and carers for all the support they give our school; our wonderful PTFA for all they did to make the two days so special (including all the unseen hours of preparation behind the scenes); Bishop Ralph and Fr Chris for their support; Fr Paul for all he did to help us plan the liturgy and for opening the garden party; all previous members of staff and former pupils who were able to join us and finally the children – the reason we are all here – for being as fantastic on Thursday and Friday as they are every day! The photographs will be added to the class blogs in due course, please take a look!

### *Crowd Funding*

I would like to thank everyone who was able to make made a donation to 'JustGiving' page. Thanks to your generosity we managed to beat our £300 target in order to raise £340 to help cover costs of our jubilee celebrations.

### *Jubilee Photographs*

Information has already been sent home regarding the purchase of our Diamond Jubilee photograph. If you would like one, please complete and return the form to school. For information the price list is as follows:

- framed photograph (identical to the one in 'The Butterfly Wing' of school) (£59.50)
- mounted photograph (£34.95)
- photograph in a case (£24.50)
- print only (£21.95)

### *Jubilee Mugs*

The children's individual designs for their personal SJF Diamond Jubilee mugs have been sent off. Further information about how to purchase a mug with your child's own design, along with costs, will be shared in due course.

### Raffle Prizes

Prize	Ticket	Name on Ticket
• 'Sundown' - Family Pass	140	Collette
• 'Sundown' - Family Pass	233	Evan Y3
• Cut and blow dry at 'Headlines'	409	Shirley Parish Caretaker
• 'Laser Quest' – Family Pass	404	Ann Hill
• 'Laser Quest' – Family Pass	302	Mrs H (Cleaner)
• Gent's haircut at 'Sorella'	603	Kerry (Cleaner)
• Cannon Hall Farm	375	Mitchell (Y3)
• 'Paradise Island' – Family Ticket	386	Nadia (Y5)
• 'Hungry Horse' voucher	254	Lydia P's Nannan
• Dry trim at 'Thingymebob's'	389	Nadia (Y5)
• 'Monkey Business' – Kids' vouchers x3	430	Cathy (cleaner)
• 'Monkey Business' – Kids' vouchers x2	538	Alan Rolfe
• 'Costa' mug set	179	George M

### Parent Advice and Support – Drop-in Sessions

We continue to work with our partners from the Multi-Agency Support Team (MAST) to provide help, advice and support to all our parents and carers. There is a weekly drop-in session here at St John Fisher to support parents/carers on a wide range of different issues. The drop-in sessions are in our school library from **8.30am** on **Thursday** mornings, and they are open to all. If you would like an appointment please to Mrs Asquith. Thank you.


### Term 6 Smiley Scores

**St Andrew's House**



**161**

**St David's House**




**171**

**St Patrick's House**



**186**

**St George's House**



**179**

## St John Fisher Children Sharing Sheffield World War One Stories

*A world premiere of four plays based on Sheffield World War I history.*

The Heritage Lottery Funded Project, 'Sheffield Stories', has been working with pupils from Years 5 and 6 at four local schools – Charnock Hall, Rainbow Forge, Birley, and St John Fisher.

When it came to creating the four plays we wanted to reflect this focus and decided that all the stories should have children or young people at their centre.

The impact of the Great War on this section of society was deep and profound, but has not always been acknowledged or explored.

The four stories centre on the ordinary lives of WW1 survivors and their families. These are remarkable, resilient, courageous people, struggling to rebuild lives shattered by the devastating impact of global war. On Wednesday and Thursday our Y6 children will perform their play 'Aliens'.



'Aliens' is inspired by a letter written to the Sheffield Telegraph and Star in May 1915. A young woman, Winifred Burnett, tells the story of the Attercliffe Riots and her part in trying to help her friend, the daughter of one of the German-named families attacked.

Prior to the First World War there were, of course, very close links between Britain and Germany. The German Kaiser was Queen Victoria's nephew. The British King George and Kaiser Wilhelm were first cousins. There were many academic and trade links between the two countries. During the Victorian and Edwardian periods many German families had moved to Britain and established homes and businesses. Notable amongst these were the German pork butchers. Almost every pork butcher in Sheffield at the beginning of the First World War was German or of German descent. They were renowned for their expertise in the art of sausage making!

In our play we make Winifred's friend, Margaret Hahnemann, one of the younger members of a pork butcher family resident in Sheffield for generations. Margaret falls victim to the Sheffield anti-German riots in May 1915, after the sinking of the Lusitania. Feisty Winifred attempts to rescue her. Sadly she has to let Margaret fend for herself as the consequences for her own family are tragic...

***"My father, who was not in at the time, came home on Saturday morning and saw the things, and said that they must be returned, and I had to take them back, as I came with, and when the taxi came I was thrown out, and today it's the same, "sleers" and jeers, and the people have promised faithfully to lynch me and someone is going to break my jaw. What is an English girl to do, and if it wasn't for the protection of the police I should be at the mob's mercy. One of our Windows has been broken by stones and my father was stoned until he was ill. Is this civilisation?"***



The play also reflects the status of women at the time of World War I, and the research done by one of the schools on entertainment. There is a short silent film entitled "The Woes of Winifred" telling the story of the riot. This was made with the whole Year 6 class.

The Year 6 children performed the world premiere of the play on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June. The performances formed the heart of the celebration event of the two-year Heritage Lottery Funded Project organised by Whitworks Adventures in Theatre, a company that specialises in bringing history to life using the arts. *"It has been so exciting working with the year five and six children from the schools. They have been involved in the creation of the scripts and have really grasped what it is to understand how people may have felt in the past."* said Gertie Whitfield from Whitworks Adventures in Theatre as reflected in this comment by one of them: *"I enjoyed that we learnt about what could happen in the war and what it was like to live at the time."*



The Lord Mayor of Sheffield recognises the importance of this project during the World War One commemoration period and will attend the first performance on the evening of 28th June.

A Y5 pupil from St John Fisher Catholic Primary summed up the importance of the project: *"I enjoyed all of the acting and I also loved reading all of the stories that showed us how different people's families lived through the Great War."* They had just experienced the English resource that has been written as part of the project. Contact: [whitworksait@gmail.com](mailto:whitworksait@gmail.com) if you would like a FREE copy of the resource.

We are still accepting stories, if you have a family story or documents you would like to share please contact Paul Whitfield from Whitworks Adventures in Theatre on 07968293788 or email [whitworksait@gmail.com](mailto:whitworksait@gmail.com) if you wish to contribute to the project. You can also look at <http://www.watheatre.co/index.html> to find out more information about the project.

### The Midnight Library



I would like to congratulate the children of Y5 who participated in 'The Midnight Library' at the Montgomery Theatre, Sheffield, along with pupils representing Charnock Hall Academy, Rainbow Forge Academy, Birley Spa Academy, Birley Community Primary Academy and The Birley Academy.

The young people performed songs from well-known musicals both in their various school groups and as a mixed ensemble. As a school our children performed 'Food Glorious Food' from 'Oliver!' and 'Coat of Many Colours' from 'Joseph and his Technicolour Dream Coat'. Some of our children also narrated between performances. By all accounts every child behaved and performed beautifully and were an absolute credit to our community in every possible sense. I am very proud of them all! I would like to thank them as well as Mrs Holloway and Miss Pendlebury for preparing them so well and for supporting them on the day. I would also like to thank Mrs Raynes and Mrs Walton for all their help in supervising them on the day as well.

### All Saints Admissions 2018/19 Workshop

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the special workshop this evening led by the All Saints Admissions Officer to assist with the completion of application forms applying for a place for September 2108.

### Sports Day 2017

This Friday all the children will enjoy a day of sport, starting with a 'round robin' of different sports in the morning and ending with competitive races in the afternoon.

**All children must come to school wearing their PE kit on Friday.**

The competition for pupils in FS2, Y1 and Y2 is at **1.00pm** and the competition for the children in Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 will start at **2.00pm**.

When the FS2/Y1/Y2 competition ends the children will return to class. They can be collected early and taken home if their parents/carers do not have older children taking part in the second competition (which starts at 2.00pm).

If parents/carers do have older children taking part in the 2.00pm competition they are asked to leave their younger children in their classes until the end of the day. Thank you.

### Relationships & Sex Education

Tomorrow (28-06-17) at 3.30pm in the Y6 classroom there will be a special meeting for the parents and carers of pupils currently in Years 4, 5 and 6 to talk about our approved Catholic programme for Relationships and Sex Education which will be starting shortly. Two emails and a text have been sent out about this and we look forward to this opportunity to explain the approach, answering any questions that parents/carers might have.

### Our Catholic Life

#### Weekly Liturgy of the Word

Our next Liturgy of the Word is on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017** and will be led by the children of **Y1**. The family and friends of our **Y1** children are invited to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

#### Celebration Assembly

There is no Celebration Assembly this week because of our Sports Day. Awards will be carried forward to the following week (Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July). As there will be three weeks' worth of awards Celebration Assembly will start at the earlier time of 2.35pm and will be open to all parents and carers.

#### Parish News

A reminder that information about parish life is available via this link: [www.ourladyoflourdessheffield.org.uk](http://www.ourladyoflourdessheffield.org.uk).

### Achievements Outside of School

- **Cavani Alvaranga** in **FS2** won the 2016/17 Nursery Club trophy! He also achieved the Green Stripe Belt in martial arts! Congratulations Cavani, what amazing achievements!

Attendance Last Week			
FS2		97.3%	Elvis the Owl is visiting
Year 1		95.9%	
Year 2		96.5%	
Year 3		99.3%	Bobby Bear is visiting
Year 4		97.2%	Brenda Bear is visiting
Year 5		97.8%	
Year 6		95.0%	
Target	97%	This week's average attendance: 97.0%	

Hopefully all classes will be back on target this week

It is good that the overall average is just on target.

Thank you for your support!

### **Safeguarding Issue: Snapchat**

Snapchat has just had a huge update. It now shows where any of the user's (your child's) friends are at any time. It uses GPS to precisely pinpoint on a map where the users are, even changing to a car when they move quickly. Your child and other users are depicted by a Bitmoji (as seen below).

Once you get onto the Snap Map it'll show you where your Snapchat friends are and what they are doing there if they share a picture. The update also allows you to upload Snaps to the "Our Story" so that anyone can see your picture.

Don't worry though - if you don't want your location shared then you can set up a "Ghost Mode" to keep it private.

It may sound like innocent fun but if your children have their location shared then people can potentially track them down.

The map shows exactly where they are which has raised serious concerns. While they would need to know your child's username, and for them to accept their friend request, to access this information it is often easy to find it online.

I urge you to check your child's settings, ensure they are set to 'ghost mode' if necessary. If you haven't done the update yet (as from 21st June), 'Ghost Mode' will not be available.

### **To turn on 'Ghost Mode'**

1. open Snapchat onto the camera screen
2. pinch inward on this screen (as if you're trying to make it smaller)
3. you'll then be taken to the map screen and will see your Bitmoji, (or your green silhouette)
4. click on it and your settings appear at the bottom of the screen
5. click there and turn 'ghost mode' on



# snapchat

**Please note that children under 13 years of age should not be using the app.**

### **The Hare & Hatter's Wonderland Walk**

Join the March Hare and the Mad Hatter at 2pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 in Ecclesall Woods for an amazing 5k sponsored walk in aid of St Luke's Hospice and the vital work it does to support the terminally ill and those they love.

The registration fee is £16 per adult and £11 per child with children under the age of four going free. Please follow the link to find out more and register:

<https://www.stlukeshospice.org.uk/welcome/industry-news/detail/2017/04/05/join-hare-and-hatter-on-their-enchanted-wonderland-walk>.



### Important Reminders

#### Nut Allergies

Please be considerate to the fact that we have several pupils who live with serious nut allergies when you prepare packed lunches for your children to eat in school or on an educational visit. Carefully choosing non-nut products can help reduce the risk of one of our vulnerable pupils suffering a bad reaction. Your support in this matter is very much appreciated. Thank you.

#### Snacks

Children are allowed to bring pieces of fruit or raw vegetables or raisins to eat as a snack at morning and/or afternoon break. They are **not** allowed to have crisps, chocolate, cereal bars, packets of yoghurt or chocolate coated raisins as snacks. Children are also not allowed to eat items from their packed lunch at any time other than at lunchtime. Thank you for your support.

#### Sun Smart

We encourage our children to be 'sun smart' - safe in the sun. They are encouraged to be sensible and to wear a sun hat and drink plenty of water. We ask that sun/UV protection cream is applied liberally before school so that children do not need to come to school with sun cream in their bags. Quality products should last for the duration of a school day. If, however, your child does need sun cream applied during the course of a school day, do not just send your child in with some. Instead, please arrange to speak to Mrs Pickering who will discuss a care plan with you. This will ensure that your products are labelled properly, stored safely and used in strict accordance with the care plan you draft together.

#### Jax Atkinson

If you would like to donate some money to support the Children's Heart Surgery Fund in honour of Jax Atkinson there is a collection bucket in the foyer by the School Office.

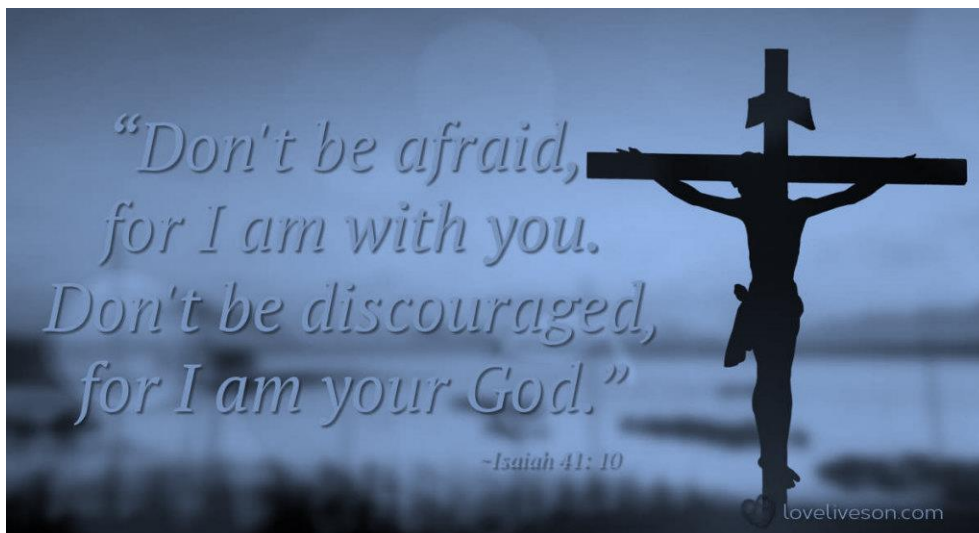


# CHILDREN'S HEART SURGERY FUND

#### Statement to Live By

Our 'Statement to Live By' this week continues to be: **"I stand up for others being treated unfairly"**

**Time to talk:** why is it important to stand up for those being treated unfairly? What might happen if we say or do nothing? How can we stand up for someone safely without putting ourselves at risk? Who can we talk to about something we are unhappy about or unsure of? Can you think of anyone who has stood up for anyone being treated unfairly? Can you find out about someone who managed to do this peacefully?



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Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt