

SJF NEWS

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Friday 13th September 2019 (Issue 2 - 2019/20)



★ Citizen of the Week (1)

★ Our first recipient of this special award in the first week was **Kajetan** (Y6) who has made a super start to the new school year and impressed everyone with his fantastic attitude. He understands that we are all special, in line with our 'Statement to Live By', and has been generous in showing kindness to others. By doing this he has also set a great example to the younger children. As there was no Celebration Assembly in the first week, Kajetan's award was presented at this morning's Celebration Assembly instead.

★ Citizen of the Week (2)

★ This week's recipient is **Lydia** (Y3) who has also made a great start to the new school year. She understands that it is equally important to be kind to others and positive about ourselves. One of the ways we can do this is to be able to say positive things about ourselves - in line with our 'Statement to Live By' this week. Congratulations Lydia, we are all very proud of you!

Curriculum Overviews

The Term 1 Curriculum Overviews have been shared and are also available via this link to our website: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/curriculum/curriculum-overviews>. Please contact us if you need any help and advice or if you can offer help to us in any way. Thank you.

Getting Involved

There is a long and wonderful tradition at our school of the community coming in to support us in different ways. This is important, not just because we have to 'spin gold' with a modest budget, but also because it is important for our community to feel part of our community. This has never been more important than now - as all schools struggle to cope with the prolonged budget squeeze that prevents us from having additional staff to fulfil crucial support roles in school.



Please consider helping us by volunteering regularly, now and again – or even just once a year for something. There are lots of ways you can help us. You could be a:

- ✓ 'Reading Volunteer' supporting children who need to be read with frequently in order to build confidence
- ✓ regular or ad hoc classroom volunteer helping in a specific classroom or across school
- ✓ volunteer on educational visits
- ✓ visitor who comes in to school in order to share your specialist knowledge or experiences
- ✓ Governor (there are vacancies and new parents/carers can apply)
- ✓ PTFA member on the committee or helping with one or more events

If you would like to find out more/ offer help, please get in touch (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org). Thank you!

PTFA Information Evening

The PTFA would like to invite you all to their information evening on **Monday 23rd September 2019** in the school hall at **3.30pm**. Refreshments will be available and children will be supervised in a classroom close by.

It will a great opportunity to meet PTFA members and find out what they do. It is also a great way to meet people and make new friends, especially if you are new to our community.

The PTFA is always looking for new members and to develop new ideas for different events and opportunities to raise money and bring our community together. If you can spare an hour PLEASE come along - maybe with a friend or two - thank you.



Forthcoming Events

Please refer to the **SJF calendar** via this link: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/calendar/2018--2019-calendars/>
 Below is a summary of what is coming up:

19-09-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y3 'Liturgy of the Word' (9.05am in the Hall) – family/friends of Y3 children invited • FS2 Welcome Meeting (3.30pm in the FS2 classroom) – children will be supervised
20-09-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y2 Celebration Assembly (9.05am in the Hall) – family/friends of Y2 children invited
21-09-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Day at All Saints Catholic High School
23-09-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTFA Welcome Meeting (3.30pm in the Hall) – all welcome (children will be supervised)
24-09-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Oakes Y5 Residential information meeting (3.30pm, Y5 classroom) for family friends of current Y4 children
21-09-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hollowford Y6 Residential information meeting (3.30pm, Y6 classroom) for family friends of current Y5 children
26-09-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FS2 Welcome Liturgy (9.05pm in the Hall) – all FS2 family and friends welcome • FS2 Reading/Phonics Workshop for parents/carers (3.30pm, FS2)
27-09-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y3 Celebration Assembly (9.05am, Y3 classroom)
30-09-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start of SJF Black History Month 2019
01-10-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTFA monthly meeting (6.30pm in the Hall) – all welcome
03-10-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School photographer day • Y2 Reading Workshop (3.30pm, Y2 classroom)
04-10-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4 Celebration Assembly (9.05am in the Hall) – family/friends of Y4 children welcome
05-10-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SJF Open Morning (3.30pm, Y6 classroom)
07-10-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sex and Relationship Education meeting for all parents/carers (3.30pm, Y6)

All Saints Open Morning

The young people of Y6 class and their families are invited to attend a special open morning at All Saints Catholic High School on **Saturday 21st September 2019** (10.00am-12.00pm). All Saints Catholic High School is a very special place with strong links to our school community. Further information about the school is available via this link: <http://www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/>



Sean Pender
Headteacher

All Saints Catholic High School is a Christian community within the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church, working in the spirit of gospel values.

Within this tradition our school mission is to:

- ✓ share a common philosophy of life
- ✓ teach the truths of our faith and the principles of Christian morality
- ✓ encourage our members to fulfil their intellectual, spiritual and physical potential
- ✓ prepare each person for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life

We aim to work in partnership with the home, our churches and local communities in delivering a high quality education for all. These relationships provide the foundation for developing lifelong wholeness and integrity.

School Lunches

Please remember that children's lunches must be ordered by midnight each Thursday for the following week. You have the option to order for more than one week if you choose.

Taylor Shaw works with our School Council to set the menus. Please talk to your children about their meal choices to avoid disappointment in school!



SJF Open Morning 2019

Our next Opening Morning will be on **Saturday 5th October 2019**. If you know anyone who interested in finding out more about our special school please let them know and encourage them to come along and meet us. Please note that though we prioritise Catholic children we will also accept children of other Christian denominations, world faiths and those with no faith, if there are spaces, so please do encourage friends and family to come along whether they are Catholic or not.



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 children, staff, Governors and members of the PTFA. Thank you.

Term 1 Smiley Scores

St Andrew's House  161	St David's House  99	St Patrick's House  110	St George's House  130
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House Captains 2019-2020

Bethany & Oscar

Isla & Maya

James & Tamzin

Bethany & Oscar

Emblem	Head of House	Actual Feast Day	SJF Colour Day	2019/20 Charity
	Miss D'Roza	Saturday 30 th November 2019	Members' Blue Day: Monday 2 nd December 2020	The Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal 2020
	Mrs Raynes	Sunday 1 st March 2020	Members' Yellow Day: Friday 28 th February 2020	MIND
	Mrs Pickering	Tuesday 17 th March 2020	Members' Green Day: Friday 20 th March 2020	CAFOD
	Mr Hawley	Thursday 23 rd April 2020	Members' Red Day: Monday 4 th May 2020	Mission Together

Uniform

Our uniform is important and pupils are expected to wear it and look smart every day. Our uniform is key to our identity and reflects our ethos, standards and high expectations.



Official Uniform Suppliers

We have two official suppliers and items with the official logo can be bought from either 'Logo Leisurewear' or 'School Trends'. **No other company has permission to sell uniform with the SJF logo.** Please do not support them. Here are the links to the SJF pages on the websites of our two official suppliers:

- **Logo Leisurewear:** <https://www.w.logoleisurewear.com/schoolshop/n-s/st-john-fisher>
- **School Trends:** <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/StJohnFisherCatholicPrimarySchoolS124HJ>

Parents and carers can also purchase uniform items in the correct colours without a logo from other sources, including PE uniform, but these must be completely plain. **No** designer labels, including Addidas, Nike and Puma for PE kit or other embellishments. Please note the PE kit is a light blue t-shirt, burgundy shorts, burgundy sweatshirt/hoodie (only for PE) and light grey joggers, NOT black.



Earrings, Jewellery & Watches

Children are **not** permitted to wear earrings/studs or any kind of jewellery at school. Basic and sensible watches **are** permitted. Apple watches and fitbits can be problematic because (a) they are expensive and can be lost and damaged; and (b) they can be distracting - and we have had to speak to children about playing with them in the past. However we do recognise that wearing a sensible watch can help children learn to tell the time. For this reason children are only allowed to wear a sensible and straightforward analogue or digital watch to school. No 'smart' watches and no watches with laser pointers, cameras or other gimmicks – just a normal watch please. Thank you for your support.

School Shoes

Children must wear proper black school shoes whilst in school. No trainers, even all black ones or high boots. No open sandals either – feet need to be covered and protected.

Children can wear trainers to and from school and at break-times to play football etc. (to protect school shoes). They can also wear high boots and wellies to and from school in bad weather as long as they also bring shoes to change in to. Please help us maintain our high uniform standards by supporting us. Thank you.

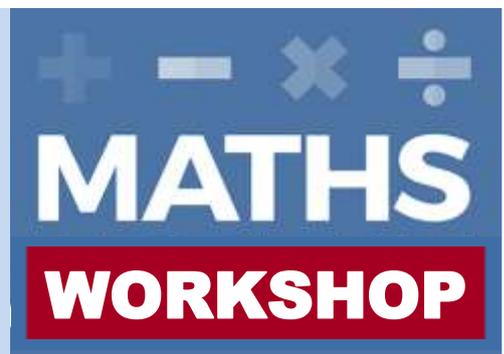
Mathematics Workshop for Parents/Carers

You are all invited to two special a special mathematics workshops for parents and carers for parents/carers of children in all classes.

They take place on:

- **Wednesday 16th October 2019** (addition and subtraction)
- **Wednesday 6th November** (multiplication and division)

The workshops will be led by Mrs Holloway and Mrs Broadhead, supported by colleagues and will begin in the Y6 classroom or school hall, depending on numbers attending.



Please join us if you want to understand more fully how we teach the four operations of Mathematics at SJF throughout school.

Obviously methods and approaches change and develop over time, so attending the workshops will bring you up to date with current thinking around modern approaches to teaching and learning, and particularly the drive to embed children's understanding of related mathematical vocabulary.

You will also be given tips on how you can support your children at home.

Please also join us if you struggle (or have struggled) with Mathematics and speak to one of us in confidence so that we can provide support and advice.

It would be helpful to know how many to expect so we would appreciate it if you could drop us a quick email to enquiries@st-johnfisher.org if you would like to come.

Supervised care will be offered to the children of those attending in another classroom close by. Thank you,

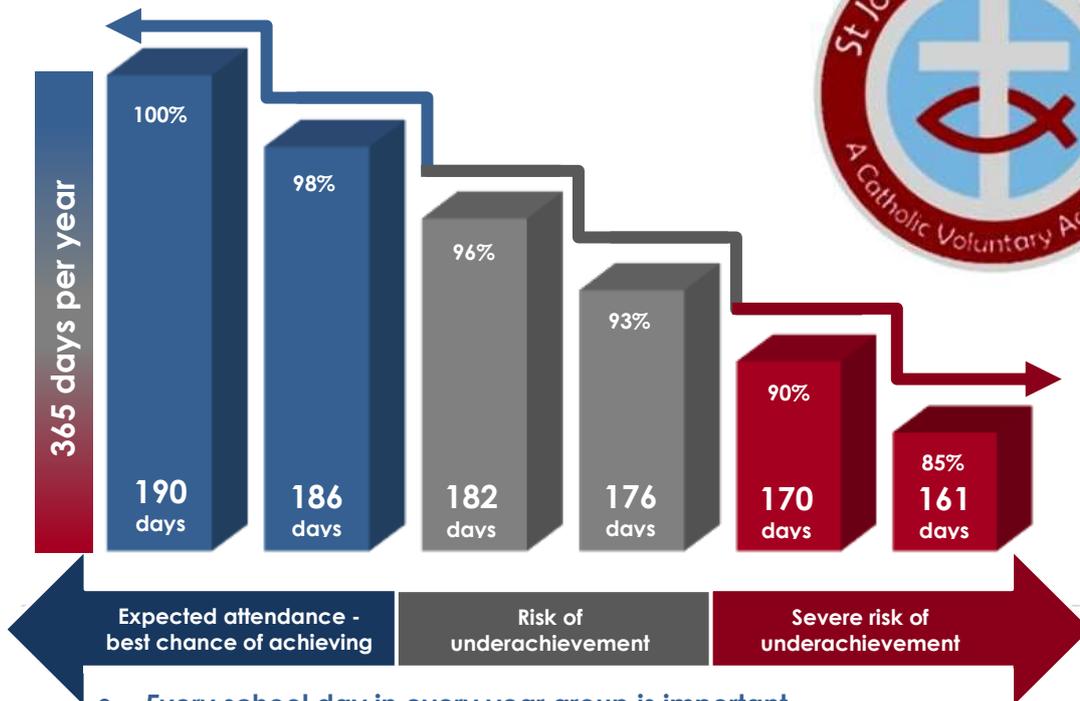
REMINDER: Pupil Premium Grant

If you are (or have been) in receipt of benefits of one kind or another then your children might be entitled to a Pupil Premium Grant and free school meals. The grant is also available to children in care or those with parents serving in the UK armed forces. The grant provides school with much needed additional money to support vulnerable children. It is very important that you tell us.

Some eligible parents/carers of children in FS2/Y1/Y2 do not think they have to claim because their children are already eligible for infant free school meals as part of a government scheme. This is wrong. It is important that these parents/carers also apply for the Pupil Premium Grant if they are entitled or we will not receive the additional funding. If you think you might be entitled please phone (01142485009)/email (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)/speak confidentially to Mrs Ramsden or Mrs Birch from the School Office in order to find out more. Thank you.



Attendance Matters at SJF



- Every school day in every year group is important
- Holidays in term-time can have an impact on children and their progress
- 98%+ attendance is the target (186+ days) this year
- Try to have no more than 4 days off in a year
- There are 175 non-school days for holidays and appointments (where there is flexibility)
- Good attenders tend to feel more happy and secure in school and achieve better

Attendance this week			
1 st	Y6	99.4%	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 nd	Y1	99.3%	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 rd	Y5	98.6%	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 th	Y4	98.4%	
5 th	Y3	97.4%	
6 th	Y2	97.3%	
7 th	FS2	97.1%	Not counted this week
Target = 98%		Average Attendance = 98.3%	



Get Set, GO!			
1 st	Y6	95%	
2 nd	Y5	94%	
3 rd	Y4	93%	
4 th	Y1	92%	
4 th	Y2	91%	
6 th	FS2	89%	
7 th	Y3	88%	
		Average: 92%	

Catholic Life

September Prayer

Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee
 Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus
 Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen

'Coming In' Song

Oh Lord hear my prayer, o Lord hear my prayer –
 When I call – answer me.
 Oh Lord hear my prayer, o Lord hear my prayer –
 Come and listen to me.

Celebration Assembly

We invite the family and friends of our **Y2** children to join us for our Celebration Assembly on **Friday 20th September 2019** in the School Hall at 9.05am.



Lost Property

The 'Lost Property' box is full! Pleased look through it for items that might belong to your child(ren). Unclaimed and unnamed items will be resold or given to families in need. Thank you.



Golden Children

- FS2** **The whole class** for making a fantastic start!
- Y1** **Roman** for being a fantastic role-model to all the children in Y1!
- Y2** **Seb** for making a super start to Y2, and for helping others and being ready to learn!
- Y3** **Jacob** for making a fabulous start to the school year and for working really hard in all subjects!
- Y4** **Faye** for a great start in Y4 and for working extremely hard in all subjects!
- Y5** **Alex** for having a fantastic start to the school year and for making great choices! Keep it up!
- Y6** **Jia** for making a wonderful start in Y6 and for having a positive attitude to learning! Everyone is very impressed! Well done!

Writing Champions

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
--	Scarlett	Eliana	Priscilla	Finley	Marisa	Sam

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Our Sport & Learning Value for Term 1

Our value for this term is '**Determination**'. Being determined is having the ability to keep going, even when there are setbacks. It's accepting that things don't always work out the way you expect them to, but continuing to set new goals that help you to grow as a person. Believing in yourself, being patient, and being the best that you can be are all important parts of determination!

What does determination look like to you?

- ✓ you can say "Yes I can!"
- ✓ you can set yourself your own challenging goals
- ✓ you have confidence in yourself to keep going, even when things get tough

If you have determination what do you realise?

- ✓ never, ever, ever give up
- ✓ you can reach your potential if you believe in yourself
- ✓ confidence gives you the strength to carry on when it's really hard

How can you show determination?

- ✓ having a positive and determined mind-set
- ✓ setting challenging goals and having the courage to try
- ✓ be a superhero
- ✓ say "Yes I can!"



Wake UP! Shake Up!

Please join in with the daily 'Wake Up! Shake Up!' session at around 8.40am each day! It is a great way to start the day!

Beat Your Best!

The SJF Weekly Personal Challenge!

This will be returning soon with our new Sport & PE Apprentice, Mr Johnson. Who will be on the first list of winners for the forthcoming long jump challenge?



Achievements outside of School

My apologies for not including this week's achievements. Please re-send them (enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) and they will be included in next week's newsletter. Thank you.

Spare Clothes

Children of all ages sometimes require clean clothes when their school clothes become dirty in school. We are running short of stock and need to replenish urgently, so if you have any clothes in any sized that is in a reasonable condition please consider donating them to us.

- ✓ boys' and girls' trousers
- ✓ skirts
- ✓ shirts and jumpers
- ✓ PE kit – all items

Many thanks for your generosity.

Student Councillors & Chaplains

Following elections across school for the Student Council and a selection process for our new Chaplaincy Team I am delighted to share with you the names of our new councillors and chaplains. I would like to thank them and every child who put themselves forward to take part in the democratic process. You were all wonderful. The Y6 councillors were elected by a whole-school popular vote following speeches in the hall in front of all the pupils. All the candidates were excellent and we were all impressed with how confident they were and how much they wanted to contribute so positively to school life. The candidate who polled the most votes was Sophie who chose to be Secretary; next was Mollie, who chose to be Chairperson; followed by Mitchell who wanted to be Vice-Chairperson and next was Emily, who will be our new Council Treasurer.

	SFJ School Council 2019-2020	SJF Chaplaincy Team 2019-2020
Y1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke and Sanaya 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aureilia and Charlotte
Y2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amelie and Bruno 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sophia and Zayd
Y3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cavani and Katy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edie-Mae and Paige
Y4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riley and Ruby 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faye, Isobel and Marika
Y5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacob and Mia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethan U, Mike and Oscar
Y6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mollie (Chair) • Mitchell (Vice-Chair) • Sophie (Secretary) • Emily (Treasurer) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beth, Daisy, Jia, Phoebe K and Xiomara

Statement to Live By

Our 'statement to live by' next week will be: **"I try to forgive others when they hurt me"**

Time to talk: Together you could think about what the word *forgiveness* means.

Why is it so important?

Why is it difficult sometimes?

Why does Jesus challenge us to forgive others when they hurt us?

Can you remember a time when you offered forgiveness?

Can you think of a time when someone showed you forgiveness?

How does it feel after forgiveness is shared?

How can offering a gift of forgiveness help make our world a better place?

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt

