

# SJF NEWS

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## ★ Citizen of the Week

★ Our recipient this week is **Charlie** (Y4) who understands how to show that he is happy in line with our 'Statement to Live By'. Charlie understands that whilst saying sorry is important, unless it is followed up with actions then it is just a word. Congratulations Charlie! What a fantastic example you are setting! We are all very proud of you!

## PTFA Information Evening

The PTFA held its an information/welcome meeting and AGM last Monday. The Committee was present and staff too, but unfortunately only two others were able to make it.

At the meeting the committee presented its accounts and talked about the various highlights of what has been a very busy and successful year: discos, Santa in School, a fashion show, the Friday Fayre, gifts for Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day, annual decorated egg competition, the enterprise challenge, transport to/from the Lyceum Theatre pantomime and snacks for the children whilst they were there, ice cream sales, cakes/refreshments after the annual Community Carol Service and refreshments at curriculum exhibitions and parent's evenings - it is an impressive list.

The PTFA committee also acknowledged the tremendous support given by a number of different people at the various events too. We all agreed that your support of our small and dedicated PTFA committee is vitally important and very much appreciated by us all. Thank you.

The new 2019/20 Committee is: Mrs Prestidge (Chair), Mrs Denham (Vice Chair), Mrs Beatson (Secretary), Mrs Cowlshaw (Treasurer), Mrs Cooper and Mrs Ball (Publicity). Mrs Cawthorne stepped down after great service to the PTFA. We all thank her sincerely for her tremendous support of the PTFA over the years.

If you would like to get more involved please contact the PTFA members directly via their email address: [ptfa@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:ptfa@st-johnfisher.org). All offers of help are welcome as well new ideas. Thank you.

The first monthly meeting of the PTFA will be on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at 6.30pm in the School Hall. All welcome. Why not pop along and meet everyone, especially if you are new to the school?



## 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:

30-09-19	• Start of SJF Black History Month 2019
01-10-19	• PTFA monthly meeting (6.30pm in the Hall) – all welcome
03-10-19	• <b>School photographer day</b> – individual and family group portraits • <b>Y2 Reading Workshop</b> (3.30pm, Y2 classroom)
04-10-19	• Y4 Celebration Assembly (9.05am in the Hall) – family/friends of Y4 children welcome
05-10-19	• SJF Open Morning (3.30pm, Y6 classroom)
07-10-19	• <b>Relationship &amp; Sex Education</b> meeting for all parents/carers (3.30pm, Y6)
09-10-19	• Y6 Hollowford residential (Day 1)
10-10-19	• Y6 Hollowford residential (Day 2) • Y2 Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall) – family/friends of Y2 children welcome
11-10-19	• Y6 Hollowford residential (Day 2) • Y5 Celebration Assembly (9.05am in the Hall) – family/friends of Y5 children welcome





### Fantastic News!

I am delighted to inform you that St John Fisher again received the School Games Gold Award in recognition of our commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive sport and inclusive non-competitive physical activities! This huge achievement is recognition of our school's commitment to engaging all children with sport and physical activity and I would like to thank Mrs Broadhead for her tremendous leadership of the area and all my colleagues for their hard work, support and dedication. I would also like to thank our partners from LINKS.

### Mr Johnson & The Sports Majors



Hello my name is Mr Johnson and I am the new Sports Apprentice for this school year. I am really excited to be helping and working with all the students and staff here at St John Fisher.

I am especially looking forward to encouraging pupils and supporting their learning in PE lessons as well as challenging them to develop new skills and try new sports and activities.

Also I look forward to helping set up different sport activities during breaks and lunch times as well as doing different after school clubs.



Make sure you are looking out for me or the sports majors Amelia, Archie, Harry and Sophie at break and lunch times where we will be doing different sports and fun games for everyone to take part in, such as weekly 'Beat Your Best' challenges. I look forward to the school year and the different challenges ahead.

### Beat Your Best!

#### *The SJF Weekly Personal Challenge!*

Well done to everyone who participated in the Week 2 challenge which was set up by our Sports Majors and Mr Johnson! The participants achieved some great scores. Here are some special mentions to the following who managed to be beat their best!

- ✓ Y1: Charlotte /Isabel
- ✓ Y2: Erin/Bella
- ✓ Y3: Oscar/Bella
- ✓ Y4: Ruby/ Mateah
- ✓ Y5: Ethan/ Fred
- ✓ Y6: Amelia/ Sam



Thank you everyone who took part in this week's (week 3) challenge which was set up by Sports Major Harry supported by the from other Sport Majors and Leaders. The objective was to throw and catch the ball as quickly as possible and see how many times it could be done in ten seconds. Everyone who took part did a great job and I think we have all improved our catching skills as a result of this week's game. Special mentions to the following for beating their best:

- ✓ Y1: Aurelia and Isobel
- ✓ Y2: Evelyn and Ava
- ✓ Y3: Ellie and Daniel
- ✓ Y4: Mitchel and Alan
- ✓ Y5: Mia
- ✓ Y6: Mitchel and Ava

Thank you all for joining in and make sure you look out for next week's activity which sports major Archie will be leading!

### SJF Open Morning 2016

Our next Opening Morning will be on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019**. If you know anyone who might be interested in finding out more about our special school community please let them know and encourage them to come along.

We are especially interested in welcoming the parents and carers of children who are due to start school next September. It will be a good opportunity to meet children, staff, Governors and members of the PTFA.



### Term 1 Smiley Scores

<b>St Andrew's House</b>  <b>266</b>	<b>St David's House</b>  <b>160</b>	<b>St Patrick's House</b>  <b>179</b>	<b>St George's House</b>  <b>202</b>
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### Mathematics Workshop for Parents/Carers

You are all invited to two mathematics workshops for parents and 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.

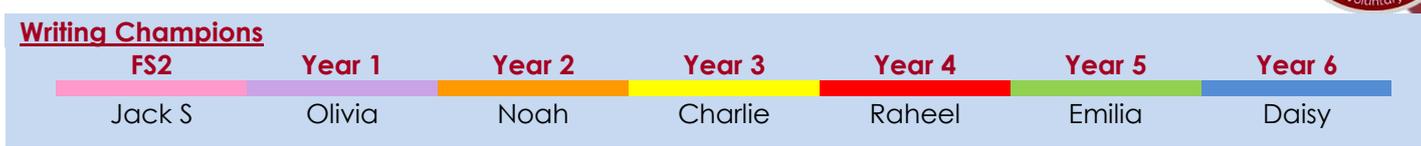
Please also join us if you struggle (or have struggled) with Mathematics and speak to one of us in confidence so that we can provide support and advice. It would be helpful to know how many to expect so we would appreciate it if you could drop us a quick email to [enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org) if you would like to come.

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

### Golden Children

<b>FS2</b>	<b>Chenai</b> for always doing the right thing and for being a fantastic tidier!
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Lillyann</b> for coming into school happy and for always wanting to do her best. Lillyann has a super attitude towards all her learning!
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Aalia</b> for making an amazing start to Y2, four weeks in and you are striving to succeed and listening to all the advice given and then acting on it! You are fabulous!
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Hannah</b> for always working hard and for being fantastic in everything she does! Well done!
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Stefania</b> for trying hard in all subjects, especially 'regrouping' in mathematics!
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Mike</b> for always having a positive and hardworking attitude to learning! What a star!
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Phoebe A</b> for always being ready and for always being a great role-model who works so hard!





Attendance this week			
1 <sup>st</sup>	FS2	<b>99.7%</b>	Bobby Bear will visit next week
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y1	<b>99.7%</b>	Brenda Bear will visit next week
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6	<b>99.2%</b>	Elvis Owl will visit next week
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y2	<b>98.1%</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	<b>98.1%</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	94.5%	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	94.3%	
<b>Target = 98%</b>		<b>Average Attendance = 97.6%</b>	



Get Set, GO!			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y6	<b>97%</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y2	<b>95%</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y3	<b>94%</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	<b>88%</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup>	FS2	<b>87%</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	<b>86%</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	<b>86%</b>	
		<b>Average = 90%</b>	

**Achievements Outside of School**

Please send details of any of your children's achievements outside of school to us via our main email address ([enquiries@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:enquiries@st-johnfisher.org)) and they will be included in the newsletter. It does not matter what the achievement is and whether it is big or small, if it is important to your child, then I would be delighted to share the good news and celebrate it!

**Catholic Life**

*October Prayer*

As October is the month of Mary our 'coming in' song will change to 'Ave Maria' and we have renewed the display in the Sacred Space and in the School Hall. We will share the Rosary and our prayer of the month is 'Hail Holy Queen'. This is a traditional Catholic prayer to Our Lady is not said as often these days which is why we include it in our prayer programme. If you would like to share the prayer as part of your prayer life at home here are the words:

*Hail, holy Queen,  
 Mother of mercy,  
 Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope.  
 To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.  
 To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.  
 Turn then, most gracious advocate,  
 Thine eyes of mercy toward us,  
 And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
 O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.*

*Weekly Liturgy of the Word*

There is no Liturgy of the Word next week because the School Photographer is in. The next week liturgy will therefore **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October** and will be led by the children of Y2. We invite the family and friends of our Y2 children to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am. Thank you.

*Celebration Assembly*

We invite the family and friends of our **Y4** children to join us for our Celebration Assembly on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019** in the School Hall at 9.05am.

**Naming Possessions**

Please ensure that your child's clothes and belongings are all labelled clearly with their name. This includes bags, lunch boxes and water bottles and even shoes, so that items are easily identifiable if they are lost or get mixed up with another child's things. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

**Information Meetings for Residential Visits**

Thank you to the parents/carers of our current Y4 pupils who attended this week's important meeting about next year's Y5 residential at 'The Oakes', Sheffield and the parents/carers of our current Y5 pupils who attended the meeting about next year's Y6 residential to 'The Hollowford Centre', Castleton.



### Autism-Friendly Shopping

We have been advised that there will be four hours of autism-friendly shopping at Crystal Peaks on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019 from 10.00am.

### Statement to Live By

Next week our 'statement to live by' is "I can say how I feel."

**Time to talk:** Why is it important to share worries and say how you feel? Does it ever help to 'bottle them up'? It is very important to remember that we all have the right to feel happy, safe and loved in our lives. At St John Fisher we learn that we must 'tell, tell, tell' so who will you choose to speak to if you ever need to?

Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt

