

# SJF NEWS

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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019 (Issue 5 - 2019/20)



## Citizen of the Week

 Our recipient this week is **Amelia** (Y1) who understands why it is so important to say how we feel in line with our 'Statement to Live by' this week. Amelia understands that she must feel happy, safe and loved at all times, and that if she has worry about anything then she can share it with a friend or a grownup who will listen, care and do something about it. Amelia is such a wonderfully positive member of our community and the example she sets others is fantastic. We could not be more proud of you Amelia, congratulations!



## Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### 10.00am – 12.00pm

## All welcome!

### *Pupil Helpers and Guides*

We would like all the children who have already volunteered (and returned their signed consent slips) to arrive at school, dressed smartly in full school uniform, at 9.45am. Thank you.

### Forthcoming Events

Please refer to the **SJF calendar** via this link: <http://www.st-johnfisher.org/calendar/2018---2019-calendars/>

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| 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)<br>• Y2 Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall) – family/friends of Y2 children welcome  |
| 11-10-19 | • Y6 Hollowford residential (Day 2)<br>• Y5 Celebration Assembly (9.05am in the Hall) – family/friends of Y5 children welcome  |
| 16-10-19 | • <b>Maths Workshop</b> Parents and Carers (3.30pm, School Hall)   |
| 17-10-19 | • Y1 Liturgy of the Word (9.05am, School Hall) – family/friends of Y1 children welcome<br>• <b>Reading Workshop for Parents and Carers</b> (Years 3-6, Y6 classroom) |
| 18-10-19 | • <b>Bags2School</b> delivery date (PTFA)<br>• Y6 Celebration Assembly (9.05am in the Hall) – family/friends of Y6 children welcome                                  |
| 21-10-19 | • Y5 Oakes residential (Day 1)   |
| 22-10-19 | • Y5 Oakes residential (Day 2)   |
| 23-10-19 | • Y5 Oakes residential (Day 3)   |



### Harvest Festival 2019

Our annual 'Harvest Festival' Community Mass takes place on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019**, at 9.30am at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. As in previous years, we would be grateful if you would donate food to school which we will then pass directly on to the St Wilfred's Centre in Sheffield.

It is important that donated food is **non-perishable**, so items such as tins of meat, fish, soup, vegetables and fruit; packets of cereals, dried 'Pot Noodle'-type products, biscuits, drinking chocolate, instant mashed potato, pasta, rice and dried noodles are ideal. Anything tinned or dried is perfect.

All donations will be received gratefully and can be left in the box at the pedestrian gate at the beginning and end of each the school day. Thank you.



### Community Service of Remembrance 2019

On **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019** our community will come together to mark Armistice Day. Our service will start at 10.45am at Our Lady Lourdes Catholic Church and will include a minute's silence in honour of both the fallen and all those who love(d) and lost them. It is an important event in our school year.

If you, a relative or someone you know is a serving or retired member of the armed services and are willing to play a small part in our service (placing a wreath at the foot of a cross), *please* let us know.



Also we are looking for serving and/or retired service personnel who would be willing to visit school in order to speak to the children about why Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday is so important to them. Again if you can help, please get in touch. Finally if you know someone who would like to just come along and join us for our service, please bring them along! They would be most welcome to this special community event.

### Beat Your Best!

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

Thank you everyone who took part in this week's 'Beat Your Best' challenge set up by Sports Major Archie, with help from other sport majors and leaders.

Working within a team of 5 the children were challenged to make a square shape with one person always in the middle of the square. The objective of the game is to see how quickly the pupils could pass and receive the ball within their group.

Starting from a corner of the square they first passed the ball to the person in the middle and then had to try and go around the square as quickly as possible, so that everyone was involved.

Everyone who took part did really well, and Archie did a great job too, and I think we have all improved our catching skills as a result of this week's game.

Special mentions to the following:

- ✓ **Y1:** Amelia and Florence
- ✓ **Y2:** Katie and Luca
- ✓ **Y3:** Connor and Lola
- ✓ **Y4:** Freya
- ✓ **Y5:** Sophie and Ethan
- ✓ **Y6:** Phoebe and Sophie

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



### Term 1 Smiley Scores

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|  <p><b>St Andrew's House</b></p> <p style="font-size: 2em; color: #00008B;">299</p> |  <p><b>St David's House</b></p> <p style="font-size: 2em; color: #FFA500;">203</p> |  <p><b>St Patrick's House</b></p> <p style="font-size: 2em; color: #008000;">219</p> |  <p><b>St George's House</b></p> <p style="font-size: 2em; color: #DC143C;">276</p> |
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### PTFA News

The next 'Bags2School' collection will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Please bring in all your unwanted clothing items so that the PTFA can exchange them to raise money for school. Please use your own plastic bags if you do not have the official ones. All unclaimed lost property will be donated to support our fantastic PTFA. If you can help email them on [ptfa@st-johnfisher.org](mailto:ptfa@st-johnfisher.org). Thank you.

### 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

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| FS2 | <b>Jack M</b> for always doing the right thing and for being so polite! A super example to others too!                                       |
| Y1  | <b>Kayl</b> for trying really hard and for making a prompt start with work! This gives him time to show what he can do! Well done superstar! |
| Y2  | <b>Willow</b> for trying really hard in her work and for always doing the right thing! What a star you are!                                  |
| Y3  | <b>Katy</b> for always being kind and helpful to those in the class! Well done!  |
| Y4  | <b>Jessica</b> for doing the right things all the time, like working with others and helping out whenever needed! Incredible! Well done!     |
| Y5  | <b>Tiarnan</b> for making a hardworking and very positive start to the new school year! Keep it up superstar!                                |
| Y6  | <b>Sami</b> for having a positive attitude to work and for producing fantastic work in Science! BRILLIANT!                                   |



### Writing Champions



| Attendance this week |     |                                   |                                  |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup>      | FS2 | 99.4%                             | Bobby Bear will visit next week  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>      | Y6  | 99.4%                             | Bobby Bear will visit next week  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>      | Y1  | 97.3%                             | Brenda Bear will visit next week |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>      | Y3  | 97.1%                             | Elvis Owl will visit next week   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>      | Y2  | 96.7%                             |                                  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>      | Y5  | 94.5%                             |                                  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>      | Y4  | 94.1%                             |                                  |
| <b>Target = 98%</b>  |     | <b>Average Attendance = 96.9%</b> |                                  |



| Get Set, GO!    |     |                      |  |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Y6  | 96%                  |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Y2  | 92%                  |  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Y3  | 91%                  |  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Y1  | 88%                  |  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | FS2 | 87%                  |  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Y4  | 85%                  |  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Y5  | 84%                  |  |
|                 |     | <b>Average = 89%</b> |  |

### Autism-friendly Shopping

A reminder that there will be autism-friendly shopping at Crystal Peaks on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019** from 10.00am. Thank you.

### ...and meanwhile in FS2...

Our youngest children learning and expressing themselves spontaneously. Amazing! Please follow the link to find out more:

<http://www.st-johnfisher.org/news/and-meanwhile-in-fs2/>



### Achievements Outside of School

This week's achievements are:

- **Sophie** in **Y6** has achieved the Skate UK Star Gold Award in free skating! Congratulations Sophie!
- **Charlie** in **Y1** has run the full junior park run at Graves Park and managed to beat his personal best by two seconds! Well done Charlie!
- **Jacob** in **Y1** has achieved Octopus 1 and 2 levels after just four swimming lessons! What an incredible achievement!
- **Olivia** in **Y4** completed the Summer Reading Challenge and received a special certificate and medal! Congratulations Olivia!

### 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

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 **Y5** children to join us for our Celebration Assembly on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019** in the School Hall at 9.05am.



**Statement to Live By**

Next week's statement to live by is: "I can laugh and have fun."

**Time to talk:** Together remember times when you had fun; those special times when you laughed so much that nothing could make you stop, and your sides ached, and you could barely stand up. What made these times so special? Who were you with? Why is it so important to laugh and have fun? What would life be like without fun and laughter? What really makes you laugh?



Best wishes,  
Mr Barratt

