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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### A message from the Headteacher

I would like to begin by thanking you all for your attendance at the parents' afternoon/evening last week. We really do value these sessions and the opportunity it presents for you to discuss how your child is progressing. We fully appreciate how you support the school and the partnership that exists between us. Thank you also for taking the time to complete the communication questionnaire. We received responses from **137 families** which is just fantastic and which will provide us with a true representation of our school. I will write out with the findings shortly.

Last Friday was such a special day for us as we came together to pay our respects and take part in special activities to mark 100 years since the end of World War 1. It was lovely to welcome Alexander Murdock vice chairman of Spondon Royal British Legion and members from 'The Briars' team into school as they supported Remembrance Day at St John Fisher. We created a giant human poppy, celebrated children's work and took part in a very special liturgy where a two minutes silence was impeccably held. I was very proud of all our pupils. Many thanks to Mrs Farmer who helped to organise and coordinate the day.

We had a fabulous turnout for our Phonic session yesterday afternoon which I hope you found informative and which gave you an insight to how we teach phonics in school as well as giving you some useful tips on how you can support your child at home.

Congratulations to our super talented Year 4 class who delivered such a wonderful assembly this morning all about 'Being Called' It was a real privilege to be part of it this morning and the children were simply superb; they sang beautifully, spoke with such confidence and most importantly, looked like they really enjoyed it. Well done!

Once again, I am blown away by your generosity. We have managed to raise an incredible **£1106.45** from our sponsorship day which is just amazing and will feed directly in to providing enrichment opportunities for the school. Thank you.

#### Best Work

Congratulations to Eoin, Elizabeth, Ohene, Megan, Elsie-Mae, Zofia and Tillena who have produced some wonderful pieces of work this week which we really enjoyed sharing with the whole school this afternoon. Magnificent!

#### This weeks' Mission Accomplished Superstars

A very big well done to the following children who have made an extra special effort, been a credit to themselves and who have earned the most points for their House Team.

I look forward to having lunch with them on Monday.

#### Reception - Zofia

Year One - Kenzie-Leigh

Year Two - Hubert

Year Three - Tobias

Year Four - Keira

Year Five - Mimi

Year Six - Tyler

#### Attendance Winners

Well done to Yr R who are this weeks' attendance winners and have achieved 100%. Super work!

#### House point Winners

Congratulations to Reverence who are the winning house this week.

#### Open Morning

Just a quick reminder that our open morning takes place next Tuesday (20<sup>th</sup>) between 9.30am - 11.30am. You will have an opportunity to spend time in your child's classroom, have a tour of the school and meet with members of the Leadership Team over a coffee. Further details of the morning will be explained to you on arrival.

#### National Youth Fun Day

To celebrate National Youth Sunday, we will be holding a fun day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov.

It will be a non-uniform day to include an item of their house colour and we ask that each child gives £1 which will go towards the work done by The NRCDES Youth Service at The Briars. The day will include live web links to prayer and singing as well as online games and quizzes. Thank you

## Extra Curricular Clubs w/b - 19.11.2018

**Please note that Football and Rugby training will finish at 4.15pm until further notice due to the light**

**Monday** - Premier Sports Gymnastics Yr R -6, Homework (optional at lunchtime) Choir (Lunchtime)

**Tuesday** - Years 2-6 Premier Sports Multisports, Year 5 Touch Typing, KS1 Christmas Crafts, Chaplains (Lunchtime)

**Wednesday** - KS2 Basketball (Lunchtime) KS1 Music (Lunchtime)

**Thursday** - Premier Sports Street Dance YR-6, Year 5 and 6 Football, 'Books and Biscuits'

**Friday** - Y4-6 Rugby

## Dates for your diary

Tuesday	20th November	Open Morning for parents 9.30am
Wednesday	21st November	PTFA Meeting 6.15pm
Friday	23rd November	New Parent Tour 9.30am
Friday	30th November	INSET Day (School Closed)
Tuesday	4th December	Year R (Reception Class) Parent Lunch 11.45am
Thursday	6th December	Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) Nativity 6pm
Friday	7th December	New Parent Tour 1.30pm
Thursday	13th December	Year R (Reception Class) Nativity 2pm
Friday	14th December	Year 3 Assembly 9.10am
Friday	14th December	Christingle Service at English Martyrs Church, Hollis St 6.30pm
Wednesday	19th December	Christmas Parties (Whole school) - pm
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto – Dick Whittington comes to SJF
Friday	21st December	Carols around the Tree 1.30pm
Monday	7th January	INSET Day (School Closed)

## A final thought

**Looking to the future doesn't mean that we forget about what is happening now**

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,

P.Ackers, C.Endsor, J.Grattidge, P.Harlow

## Winter Uniform

Winter uniform **must** now be worn by all children. Please refer to the school diary for further clarification if need be. If you would like to discuss anything in regard to this then please contact a member of the Leadership Team. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Sports Results

### Year 3 and 4 Premier Sports Handball

#### Wyndham Academy 2 v 0 St John Fisher

Children from Year 3 and 4 performed magnificently on Wednesday as they took on Wyndham Academy in an away Handball fixture. The match was extremely close and we were on top for large parts of the game. Certainly we deserved a goal. In what is a new sport for our school all the players can be very proud of how well they played but more importantly, proud of how they conducted themselves. Many thanks to all the parents who came to support.

## Squad

Kacper, Tumelo, Mason, Mayme, Tobias, Millicent, Luke and Harrison

## School Tours

We will be offering two dates for prospective new parents to come and see St John Fisher School in action and to also support the application process.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 at 9.30am**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 1.30pm**

## Applying for place in Yr R for September 2019

Parents wishing to apply for a place in FS2 starting in September 2019, can do so from now on and the closing date is **the 15th January 2019**. To make an application you can:

apply online via the Derby City Council Admissions website it's quick and easy and lets you track the progress of your application

apply by phone on 01332 642730 - this takes around 5 minutes.

apply using a paper form - telephone 01332 642730 to ask Derby City Council to send you one.

If you make your application online, you will be able to access your decision on 16th April 2019 - National Offer Day. If you apply by phone or on a paper form your offer letter will be posted on 16th April 2019, second class.