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Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### A message from the Headteacher

It has been another action packed few weeks at St John Fisher and as always, the children have been a real credit to us. Here are the highlights...

Last Friday the community of Sir Ralph Sherwin came together for our first whole Trust Inset day at the Winding Wheel in Chesterfield. It was an opportunity for the 25 schools who make up the Trust to come together as a collective group, to listen to key note speakers and celebrate mass with Bishop Patrick.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Open Morning last month. It was lovely to open the school up and give parents a flavour of what goes on each day. We managed to raise a wonderful **£171.15** on National Youth Day which will contribute directly to supporting the NRC DYS team at 'The Briars'. Thank you very much.

Year R and Year 1 enjoyed 'Balanceability' training courtesy of Cycle Derby @ Derby City Council which was great fun and equipped them with some essential skills.

I, along with Mr Grattidge and Mrs Harlow have enjoyed afternoon tea with the 'Super Students' which has been lovely and oh so very civilised!

Year R had a fabulous time at their visit to 'Conkers' this week experiencing their 'Winter Wonderland'. They even got to meet Father Christmas! The school choir paid a visit to 'The Yews' Residential Home on Wednesday where they sang carols and enjoyed mince pies with the residents.

Many congratulations to our magnificent Year 1 and Year 2 children who delivered such a superb 'A Midwife Crisis' Nativity performance yesterday evening. In front of a packed house they were simply stunning, remembering all their lines, entertaining us all through song and most importantly, reminding us of the true meaning of this time of year. It was a real privilege to be in attendance and I know I speak for the masses, when I say how proud of them we are. Many thanks to all the staff who helped to co-ordinate and make last night possible.

#### Best Work

Congratulations to **Riley, Scarlett-Rose, Lyla, Delaine, Scarlett H, Mimi** and **Sara** 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 - Lilly-Rose**  
**Year One - Scarlett-Rose**  
**Year Two - Lyla**  
**Year Three - Jesse**  
**Year Four - Alex**  
**Year Five - Eva**  
**Year Six - Macie**

#### Attendance Winners

Well done to **Year 5** who are this weeks' attendance winners and have achieved **98.16%**. Super work!

#### House point Winners

Congratulations to **Reverence** who are the winning house this week.

#### Winter Uniform

Please can you ensure that your child/children is/are wearing the correct winter uniform for school. In particular, ties must be worn with shirts. We are very proud of our uniform and we will be monitoring closely over the coming weeks to ensure that all children are looking really smart and proud. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### Christingle

Please join us as we celebrate 'Christingle' **next Friday at 6.30pm** with Father Mark at English Martyr's Church. It is sure to be a special service and it would be great to see the Church packed with all our families.

### Music lessons

We have a number of children who already take advantage of music lessons at St John Fisher. We are keen to promote all forms of enrichment and in Richard Chapman we have a highly accomplished and experienced Guitar and Ukulele teacher. If you are interested in your child taking advantage of lessons then please see details below.

### **Richard Chapman**

Trained at the Trinity College of Music, London Classical, Electric, Acoustic and Bass Guitar lessons offered, as well as Ukulele lessons either individually in slots of 15, 20 or 30 minutes or as part of a small group for 20 or 30 minutes.

**Please contact Richard on 07769278235 for further details and prices.**

### Year 3 Assembly

Next Friday (14<sup>th</sup> December) at 9.10am, Year 3 will be performing their class assembly all about 'Visitors' which I am sure will be fantastic! The children will be writing out with a personal invitation for their families.

### Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

Both events will take place on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018**. We are inviting children to wear a Christmas jumper as part of a non-uniform day.

### Up to date phone numbers and email addresses

Just a quick reminder to pop into the school office if you have changed/updated either your contact numbers or email addresses recently.

### Bad weather procedures

In the event of snow **please do not phone** the school to see if we are open as the telephone jams with the number of calls and you are unlikely to get through. We aim to stay open and in the very unlikely circumstances that we have to close we will send a group call to say so. Unless you receive a group call, then please assume we that are open. We will also contact Radio Derby and they will put an announcement out.

### 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.

### Extra Curricular Clubs w/b - 10.12.2018

#### **Final week of activities before the Christmas break**

**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 (**4.15pm finish**) 'Books and Biscuits'

**Friday** - Y4-6 Rugby (**4.15pm finish**)

#### Dates for your diary

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

**Heroes are quite often found in the most unlikely of places. Make sure you keep searching!**

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,

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