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Saint John Fisher Catholic Primary School

Spring Term: 16th March 2018

'To live, love and learn in our caring community.'

Dear Parents, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners, What an incredibly busy week once again at SJF. This morning, Year 1, Class 4 wowed us with their talents of retelling the story of Zacchaeus and Jesus. They shared the message of making the right choices.

Well Done to Year 4 who organised a range of activities and cake sale today. The children have worked very hard to raise money for our Lenten charities. Thank you parents for supporting them.

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SJF INVITED TO COMMONWEALTH CELEBRATION

Eight of our children were invited to attend Westminster Abbey to celebrate Commonwealth Day on Monday 12th March. Fifty-three countries were represented in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen, other members of the royal family and the Prime Minister. This was a tremendous event and will hold unforgettable memories for our children. The Queen was even wearing SJF colours!

Mousike Ensemble: *The children from year 2 went to St Mary and St Benedict to attend a music ensemble. They all sang brilliantly and enjoyed the day.*

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British Science Week

British Science Week took place in school this week and we all got involved in many exciting activities, all related to the environment. From Reception classes up to Upper Key Stage 2, children learnt about various habitats including the African Savannah, rain forests and marine worlds. We learned to appreciate how important bees are and gave ourselves targets of trying to reduce food waste alongside understanding the importance of Fair Trade in protecting the environment.

Years 5 and 6 took part in a real live global experiment, collecting data about plastic pollution on beaches and sending this online as part of the Citizen Science Partnership 'The Plastic Tide'. Our data will join that of many thousands of other amateur scientists to inform a report about the amount of pollution upon beaches.

The whole school started a drive to collect spent batteries for recycling; if you have any AA, AAA, C or D batteries at home, please send them in for collection.

Years 4 and 5 were lucky enough to attend the Big Bang Fair at the NEC on Thursday. They learned about the importance of science and engineering, visiting exhibitions by The Environment Agency, the RAF, energy and pharmaceutical companies, sports scientists and the NHS. Exciting demonstrations showing how clouds form, and the effect of moving air on pressure grabbed the children's attention, along with building robots, riveting metal and constructing and testing hovercrafts. It was a wonderful day that really showed the children the importance of STEM subjects.

Comments made by the children about our week have been overwhelmingly positive. As the late, great Professor Stephen Hawking said about the wonder of science; *"Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious. .."*

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Forest School: Class 6's Forest School session this week was very active, with the children having to create themselves a shelter to keep dry from the drizzle that afternoon. They came up with some great solutions to the problem, well done!

Painted Egg Competition

Boil an egg and decorate it, £1.00 to enter and there will be prizes for the winners. Judging will take place on **Friday, 23rd March 2018**. Entries to be brought to school on Thursday, 22nd March 2018 and Friday, 23rd March 2018 only please. (The eggs can start to smell if they are too long in the warm classrooms!).

Easter Egg Raffle

There will be an assortment of Easter prizes to be won in our raffle. Tickets are £1 for a strip of 5 tickets and will be available from the class teachers. They can be bought every day until the draw takes place, which will be on Thursday, 29th March 2018.

Key Stage 2 only (Year 3, 4, 5, 6)

Friday, 23rd March 2018 - Year 3 - are responsible for fundraising events on this date- Top playground

Some ideas for fund raising are – name the teddy, cake sale, drinks stations, book sale, guess the number of sweets in a jar, beat the goalie, 100 square treasure etc. The more original the idea the better so get thinking!! Your children can make posters to promote their stall or event. Please could your children bring money (in change) on all the dates to spend at Lenten Charity Events?

Stay & Play

Stay and Play in Partnership with SJF Playgroup will be held in the KS1 Hall on Tuesday 27th March at 9.15am-10.45am.

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Attendance for week beginning 5.3.2018:

Year	Class	Teacher	Attendance	Class	Teacher	Attendance
Reception	1	Mrs Smith/Ms O'Rourke	95.7%	2	Miss Mullen	91.3%
Year 1	3	Miss Malik	97.3%	4	Mrs Corry	97.7%
Year 2	5	Miss Cunningham	94.3%	6	Miss Burton	96.7%
Year 3	7	Ms Stephens	97.6%	8	Miss Watson	100%
Year 4	9	Mrs Spencer/Mrs Taylor	97.9%	10	Miss Jarvis	99.0%
Year 5	11	Mr Morris	86.7%	12	Mrs Davies	97.3%
Year 6	13	Miss Edge	96.7%	14	Mrs Bishton	96.9%

House Points so far this term:

St Joseph the Worker	St. Cecilia	St Francis of Assisi	St Teresa of Calcutta
249	257	238	214

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Stars of the Week for week beginning 12.03.18:

Class	★	Class	★
YR: Mrs Smith/Mrs O'Rourke	Joseph Abbott Jemiah Kabongo	**Y3: Miss Watson**	Shay O'Dwyer Beau Elliott
YR: Miss Mullen	Alfie O'Connor Kyelan Watkins	**Y4: Mrs Spencer/ Mrs Taylor**	Evie Sherlock Jacob Dale
Y1: Miss Malik	Erin McGuire Jewell Jobi	**Y4: Miss Jarvis**	Emily Griffiths Jan Mohylowski
Y1: Mrs Corry	WHOLE CLASS	**Y5: Mr Morris**	Yasmin Goddard Roxy Schlein
Y2: MissCunningham	Frankie Haggarty Abigale kabue Henry Giddings	**Y5: Mrs Davies**	Caroline Arthur Miya Lehane
Y2: Miss Burton	Lily Newman Joel Behanan	**Y6: Miss Edge**	Ciaran Rickards Louise Maddy
Y3: Ms Stephens	Oyindamola Kayode-Onsulana Alexander-Jermaine Odei-Wontumi	**Y6: Mrs Bishton**	Ben Best Jericho Del Rosario

ParentMail –

Please log into your ParentMail account to read all the messages sent to you by the school. We send all communications directly to your email account and notice many of our messages are going unread.

We also use a text service in an emergency, such as school closures. Please ensure your email address and mobile numbers are up to date.

Click on the ParentMail logo below to log into your account or use the app.

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REMINDER: Can we please remind parents that they should not drive onto school site, thank-you.

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Welcome

SJF would like to welcome Miss P Little as our new Lunchtime Assistant - we hope she will be very happy here.

Vacancies - Caterlink who provide our school meals are looking for staff to work in the school. Catering assistant required, 12.5 hours per week, term time only, must be flexible but will normally be during lunchtime. Please send CV to aratcliffe@caterlinkltd.co.uk

Rainbows

If your daughter is between 5-7 years old, would she like to meet new friends? Then why not come and see what we are about. We have a new unit at Holy Cross Church, St Austell Road, CV3 5AE. Thursday 5-6pm. If you are interested please email: wykendistrictcommisioner@hotmail.co.uk or phone Katherine on 07504861995 for more information.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Parent Consultation Evenings are being held on Wednesday 27th March 3.30pm-6pm and Thursday 28th March 5pm-7.30pm. Please go onto Parentmail to book your time slot from Friday 16th March @ 2.00pm.

Dates:

Wednesday 21st March: 5:30pm First Holy Communion Meeting for Year 3 Parents in KS2 hall

Thursday 22nd March: Year 4 to Christ the King – Mousike Ensemble

Thursday 22nd March: Non-uniform Day - £1:00

Friday 23rd March: Painted Egg Competition

Enjoy the weekend!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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