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Saint John Fisher Catholic Primary School

Autumn Term: 7th September 2018

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



Dear Parents, Pupils, Staff and Parishioners,

On behalf of all of the staff and Local Academy Committee, I welcome you to the beginning of another new school year at Saint John Fisher. I hope you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed time with your families and friends. We extend a very warm welcome to our new members of staff: Miss Gemma Clifford (SJF Wraparound Leader) and Mrs Teresa Shannon (Year 2 Teaching Assistant). We hope that they will be very happy at SJF and enjoy much success.

The children have had an excellent start. They all look so very smart in their new uniforms. There is a wonderful buzz and atmosphere around the school. We have a full and busy schedule ahead with lots of fun learning activities and experiences for the children.

On Monday we look forward to welcoming our new Reception children as they take the first step on their journey through Saint John Fisher School. We will be welcoming some families back and we will be forming relationships with families new to our community. Reception staff have really enjoyed the home visits to our new children this week and getting to know parents. If you have any questions or concerns, please do speak with your child's Class Teacher. They will be happy to listen and answer any queries.

We want to work in true partnership with parents, so that all SJF children will flourish and become young individuals who use their talents and skills to make a real difference in our world. We want each individual in our care to be the best that they can be. **Remember parents we cannot do this without you.** You are the first educators in your child's life. Your input is invaluable. If we work together, we will make a difference.

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Aspirations

Aspirations Week: Week beginning 24th September we are hoping to hold an Aspirations Week for the children. We are looking for volunteers to come into school at any time during that week and talk to classes about their job. We want to welcome as many people as possible from all sectors and trades. Please come and join us – the children will love it! If you think you can help please contact Mrs Williams – headteacher@st-johnfisher.coventry.sch.uk or leave a message in the office.

Visit to Think Tank science museum

On Thursday, Mrs Edge and Mrs Caldwell were lucky enough to accompany a group of Year 5 children to the Think Tank science museum in Birmingham. Last year, the children were involved in a competition run jointly by the National Farmer's Union (NFU) and the Association for Science Education in which they designed and built a propagator and grew seedlings in it.

The NFU organised a fabulous day for us, we used British produce to make and bake muffins, saw a prototype cutting-edge agricultural robot and built a Lego robot, coding a series of automatic movements. We are looking forward to getting involved in this year's competition, with a new set of challenges.



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Reminders about our Uniform Policy: The children look so very smart. Thank you parents for supporting our policy. I have inserted a reminder below so all parents are clear on our expectations.

	Boys	Girls
Winter	Grey or black trousers White shirt Maroon Jumper with logo (obtained from Cat Ballou or Andy Blair) Black/grey socks Black shoes (no trainers)	Grey shirt, trousers or pinafore White shirt Maroon Jumper/ Cardigan with logo (obtained from Cat Ballou or Andy Blair) Black/grey/whites socks or tights Flat black shoes (no trainers)
Summer	Option to wear Maroon polo shirt Option to wear grey tailored shorts	Option to wear red gingham dress Option to wear maroon polo shirt
PE Kit	White shorts, white t-shirt with logo and plain black pumps Plain black or navy tracksuit with appropriate trainers for outdoor use.	



Children may choose to wear summer aspects of the uniform until October ½ term. After this time it is expected that all children wear full winter uniform. Children are allowed to wear a watch and small gold/silver studs but apart from this no other items of jewellery are permitted. We recommend that long hair is tied back. We would prefer clips, bands and grips in school colours if possible. Please can you ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled.

Confirmation: Year 6 (Classes 13 and 14) will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop William Kenney on **Saturday 17th November we welcome BISHOP WILLIAM KENNEY.**

Children will be busy preparing over the coming weeks for this special celebration. On Sunday 16th September all Year 6 children are expected to attend a Commitment Mass at 11.30am to be presented to the Parish.



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CARDINAL WISEMAN OPEN EVENING

We are delighted to confirm that the Opening evening for our Romero Secondary partnered school, Cardinal Wiseman will be on **Wednesday 19th September 2018** from 6pm – 8pm.



We invite you to hold this date if your child is currently in Year 6 (or Year 5), so that you can attend the evening, meet the staff and see the school in action. It will be an opportunity to meet the Principal, **Mr Leverage** who has been in post for a full academic year and is making significant progress in moving the school forward. Furthermore, the leadership team are significantly working on curriculum design, strengthening the teaching and learning to ensure consistency and raising expectations in all areas but notably in behaviour. In all seven Primary schools, we have appointed a Leading Practitioner, Mrs Scullion who works across Romero supporting the children in this transition. Having worked with all children in Year 6, she then follows children up into Year 7 at Cardinal Wiseman to make sure the children have transferred smoothly and they have built on the foundations made in Romero Primary schools.

Please be advised that we know there is a significant increase in admissions for Secondary in September 2019 (for current Year 5) so it is vital that you make an informed, sensible choice to ensure that you can successfully secure a place for your child. We also ask that you make sure you exercise your right to select three schools in order of preference.

We know that a historically, a small group of parents who have selected just one school, have had and then if that choice has not been successful in securing a place for their child, they have been placed in a school with vacancies that can be some distance from your home.



Curriculum Evening: On **Thursday 20th September** each year group will be holding a **Curriculum Evening**. The evening will begin at 6:00pm. This is an opportunity for you as parents to find out what children will be learning this year and how to support them at home. Key information will be given at this meeting, so please ensure you are able to represent your child.

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Extra-Curricular Activities – Autumn 2018

Enrolment will be on Thursday 13th September @ 5pm on Parentmail.

All activities start w/b 17/9/18 (12 weeks, apart from Friday 11weeks)

All activities are 12 weeks 3.15pm-4.30pm and are £24.00 (£2 per session) apart from Art club £18.00 (£1.50 per session), and Friday 11 weeks @ £22.00 or Free as specified.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Multi-skills Years 1-3 20 places	Cross Country Years 4-6 Free 30 places	Netball Years 4-6 free 30 places	Football Years 1-2 20 places	Football Years 4-6 Free 30 places
Tag Rugby Years 3-5 20 places		Art club Year 1 10 places £18.00	Football Years 3-4 20 places	Dodgeball Years 1-3 20 places

Miss Edge will be running a Dance Club on Thursday evenings, for years 4-6. This will be an opportunity to be part of a performance group and therefore, we will need commitment for the full year, but payments will be due on a termly basis as before. Further information to follow separately.

Dates for week beginning 10th September

Monday 10th September 8:45am We Welcome our new Reception children

Wednesday 12th September 9:15am Whole School Mass: Class 10 to lead

Sunday 16th September 11.30am Commitment Mass for Year 6

Have a lovely weekend!

D Williams
Principal

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