



Catholic Virtues

Our virtues this term are: **Eloquent and Truthful**

Admissions

The school is beginning to fill up, with over 20 more children than this time last year. It is wonderful the build the school. A few year groups are now full, but we still have a few spaces in Y1 and Y5, so spread the word and let's try and fill them up too!



Sleepover and Film Night

Friends of St John Fisher have two events this term: On **Friday 26th April**, there will be a stay and play with a film for years 1&2, tickets can be booked up until Thursday from the Office, £6 each.

Friday 24th May there will be a sleepover in school for Years 3-6. Last time this was a huge success, and I think the children slept eventually. Tickets are £15, great value considering that someone is looking after your child all night.

» Diary Dates

- 24.04.2024 Year 4 Residential – Return 26/04/24
- 02.05.2024 Reception and Y6 Class Photos
- 02.05.2024 Year 2 Mansfield College Trip
- 06.05.2024 MAY BANK HOLIDAY
- 07.05.2024 Year 5 Pizza Express Trip
- 09.05.2024 Ascension Mass 1:30 in School
- 13.05.2024 SATS WEEK
- 20.05.2024 May Procession – 2.00pm In School
- 21.05.2024 Cricket Competitions Y5/6
- 22.05.2024 Rugby Competitions Y5/6
- 23.05.2024 Year 6 Prayer Retreat - Greyfriars
- 24.05.2024 Mini Vinnies Bakesale
- 24.05.2024 KS2 Sleepover
- 24.05.2024 Half Term – Normal Finish



» Parish News

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April 2024

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Sacred Heart Church
Blessed Dominic Barberi Church
Our Lady Help of Christians

<https://sacredheartoxford.com/>
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God Bless,
Mr P Higgins (Principal)
and the SJF Team



St John Fisher Newsletter



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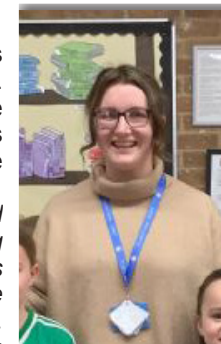
Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break. Mine was fantastic, I went to Florence (without my children) and enjoyed the sunshine and wonderful food. This term is a huge one for our Y6 children who have their SATs exams. We all hope and pray that they can prove how amazing they are on the day.

Deputy Headteacher News

I am delighted to announce that after interviews on Wednesday, Ms McCarthy has been appointed permanently as Deputy Headteacher. We are now in a fantastic position to continue with all the positive growth we have made at the school, and I am sure everyone agrees that she has been a huge part of this and are happy to see this made permanent.

I am absolutely thrilled to have accepted the role of Deputy Head permanently, allowing me to continue assisting Mr. Higgins in leading the school to great academic and spiritual success. Since I joined this school last April, I have shared many positive experiences and have thoroughly enjoyed being part of this incredibly supportive community. St John Fisher School holds a special place in my heart and we as staff will always be here for you no matter what. I am extremely proud to lead in a school which is guided by its faith. May we continue to build on the exciting opportunities we have to offer and may we continue to grow the school together.- Miss McCarthy



SJF OX

Our Ox for the Sobell House OxTrail has now been painted and the designs have been sent off to their central team. In a few months we will deliver it to a secret location in Oxford. Thank you to all the designers and artists who have helped create the masterpiece!

Worship



ST BERNADETTE FEAST DAY MASS

Fr Ziggy led our Year 5, St Bernadette class in a beautiful feast day Mass. The children were amazing. Our Year 5s have become a real beacon of good behaviour and respectfulness around the school this year. We are all immensely proud of them.



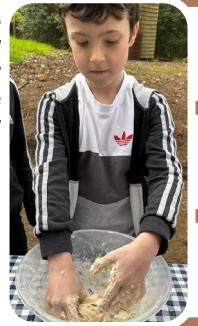
CONFIRMATIONS

Confirmations of Y6 children have been taking place in our three nearest Parish Churches, it has been wonderful to see an increased attendance from families, and we wish all the best to those children from our school receiving this Sacrament. Hopefully we can share photos in our next newsletter. Year 5 children will have the opportunity next year, we will make sure that all information is shared in September.

Year 4 Residential



Year 4 are having an amazing time on their residential. Ms Tordoff, Mrs Turton and Mrs Ball have all reported back how much fun the children are having. This is the first time many of them have stayed away from their parents, and we are delighted that it is going so well. I am not sure how much they have slept, but they are enjoying themselves and embracing all of the challenges that they face in their activities.



SJF- ON THE BBC AGAIN!



St John Fisher are going to be on the news again (Well Mrs McCarthy is) so keep your eyes peeled early next week to see her in action talking about all the work she does and demanding better pay from the government.

OFFLINE SAFETY

St John Fisher have received an RailSafe Bronze award for our work on staying safe around the railways, particularly as one is so close to the school.



We also welcomed the Fire Service this week to speak to our Y5 and 6 children about how to stay safe and what to do in the case of an emergency.



ONLINE SAFETY

It has come to light that there have been a few issues with WhatsApp and SnapChat within certain year groups at our school. Both of these apps require users to be 13 years or older, so children really should not be on them.

We all understand it is very difficult to manage children's access to electronics and social media, especially as they get older, ask yourself if they really need it before secondary school, but most importantly, please try and ensure that you are aware and on top of what they are accessing and how they are using their device.

If you need any help or support with this, please contact us and we will help.

SATS Revision

SATs breakfast club has been a big success, it is great to see so many children in attendance, focused and ready to learn. Thank you to parents for getting them up and ready so early.



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Sports News



HOCKEY

A newsletter without a football update for once! We recently visited John Henry Newman school to take part in some Upper and Lower KS2 hockey matches. Our Y3/4 children took to this incredibly well, narrowly winning their fixture, with some fantastic performances all round. Then our Y5/6 team (and Kate) took on theirs, easing to a comfortable victory with their experience at the previous competition really shining through.

I love how much our children have enjoyed the hockey; we have Louis from Oxford Hockey Club coming in this term to work with Year 5 and 6 to further build this passion, teamwork and belief.

World Championships Update

The most talented McCarthy, Elli Kate, successfully danced her way into the top ten in the World at the recent Irish Dancing World Championships in Glasgow. I know that the children are really enjoying their lessons with her every week.

CAR PARK Please can parents ensure their children are being safe and not banging into or sitting on cars in the morning. There is a large area of grass for them to play on, please can you try and keep them away from the vehicles.

»Staffing updates

As well as Ms Trujillo, we have welcomed back Ms Wilkinson and Ms Byerley in Years 1 and 3 who were in our EYFS classes in the Autumn term and are now experiencing teaching further up the school

