



Headlines

*'Together we grow in God's love, learning to be the best we can be'
Week beginning 10th January*

Week Beginning – 10th January

Monday 10th

School Tour—10am

(places must be booked in advance)

Tuesday 11th

St Ninian Class Mass—9am

Term Dates 2022/23

These are now available on the school web-site:

<https://www.st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/calendar-and-term-dates/term-dates/>

Welcome back everyone. I hope that over the Christmas break you managed to rest and relax and achieve at least some of the planned outings, visits and events that I know so many families were looking forward to.

As I mentioned in my letter to you earlier this week, I am aware that many families were impacted by COVID (and the subsequent restrictions it brings!) and we are clear that our journey riding the wave of Omicron is not yet quite at it's end.

However, we are delighted that we have the whole school open, face to face learning in place and, above all, the hopes for a fantastic Spring term ahead.

We continue to operate many of the measures we had in place prior to the Christmas break to support the safety of the whole school community and, we hope, limit the spread of the virus as much as we are able to. We will of course keep you up to date and informed should we need to step up/down any of these measures during the term.

It has been a fantastic first few days back summed up beautifully by a Year 3 child I was chatting to at lunchtime today whose response to the question 'is it good to be back at school?' simply said 'it's amazing'.

Let's look forward to an 'amazing' 2022!

Have a great weekend everyone.

Letters Home

Welcome Back & Updates—whole school
Library Opt Out Letter—YrR
Class Mass—St Ninian parents & carers
Netball Club—Yr6



Designated Safeguarding Leaders

Ms J Kenna
DSL
Mrs C Ellerker
Deputy DSL
Miss C Higgins
Deputy DSL



*If you have any concerns about a child please contact:
school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk*

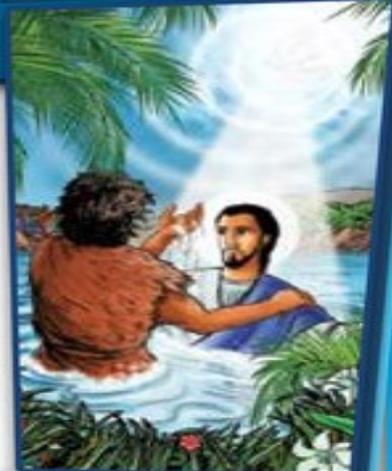
Wednesday
5th January

**Five Minutes
Family Time**

**Good News
for Families**

1 Enjoy reading the Gospel

Filled with excitement, the people were wondering if John the Baptist might be the Christ, so John said to them, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am and he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit." Then, after the people had been baptised by John, Jesus himself was baptised. While Jesus was praying the sky opened and the Holy Spirit came down on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, "You are my beloved Son, and with you I am very pleased."



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 9th January 2022 Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22 (the Baptism of the Lord, Year C)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **BAPTISM**.

On Thursday, Reception children celebrated the feast of The Epiphany. We made crowns and retold the story of the Three Kings. We remembered that they brought special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.



Meat Free Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Five Bean Casserole with Rice 	Cajun Chicken with Rice 	Roast Beef, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans 	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Lentil & Soya Roast, Roast Potatoes & Gravy 	Vegetarian Tortilla Stack with Rice 	Quorn Vegan Sausage with Sweet Potato Wedges 
Sweetcorn Peas	Broccoli Carrots	Cabbage Carrot & Swede Mash	Cauliflower Green Beans	Baked Beans Peas
Apple Strudel with Custard	5 A Day Cake with Custard	Apple, Cheese and Crackers	Oaty Cookie 	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station

Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily



On Thursday this week, Ms. Kenna had some mathematical visitors to her office who were keen to show off their numbers skill using some fantastic equipment that may look familiar. I am sure that we would all name the objects the children are holding as an abacus, but they are in fact 'rekenrecks' - used as part of a 'Mastering Number' programme that children in Reception and KS1 have been taking part in.

Ms. Kenna was challenged to see if she could work out the number that was represented on the left hand side—in different ways by the different children. I wonder if you can solve the problem?



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Congratulations to **FIRE** for winning the house point competition for Autumn term 2021/22.

The prize for all children in **FIRE** house will be a non-uniform day on **FRIDAY 14th JANUARY**.

The tubes have already started to be refilled with winning house points and we wait to see who will be the house point champions for the Spring term. Competition is strong amongst the pupils and it good to see them try to predict who the winner will be as the tubes start to fill. Who do you think will be the next winners???

Boxes Of Love

We have received many letters, cards and emails this year from those in our parish who received Boxes of Love from SJF for Christmas.

They have expressed such gratitude for the boxes which you so kindly filled and wrapped, and the Christmas cards that you wrote, expressing how touched they were to have been thought of by our pupils during this difficult times.

THANK YOU EVERYONE