



# Headlines

## St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Autumn Term 2022/23

### Week Beginning – 31st October

Inclusion meetings—all week

### Monday 31st

All pupils return to school

### Tuesday 1st November

St Teresa Class Mass—9am

*(parents and carers of children in 5STT are welcome to attend)*

### Thursday 3rd

Yr2—Florence Nightingale Workshop

Parents Forum—7pm (online)

It seems impossible to think that we have already completed the first half term of this school year.

The weeks have certainly flown by and we are in need of a pause to rest and refresh before the next half term and, of course, the busy period leading into Christmas.

The children have worked incredibly hard in this half term - adapting and adjusting to the expectations in new year groups, building on knowledge and skills from the previous year(s) and looking forward to new areas of learning in the remainder of the year.

The second session of meetings with parents and carers will take place this evening, with meetings for those parents/carers of children who have individual plans (SSPS) taking place after half term. I hope these meetings have, and will, prove useful in gaining an understanding of how your child/children has/have settled into their new year group(s) and identify areas for you to continue to support them with at home.

With best wishes for a relaxing and restful half term break.

### Letters Home:

Florence Nightingale Workshop—Yr2  
Wimbledon Theatre trip—Yr6  
PTFA Christmas cards & gifts—whole school  
Into Film Festival Trip—Yr2

We said goodbye to Mrs Power today who is leaving us after six and a half years, to move to a new role in the wider life of schools administration.

Mrs Power has made an enormous difference to so many children over the years, from her work in the classroom supporting learners, time with groups and individuals in her role as ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) and, of course, her AMAZING videography, editing and production skills which have made the end of year staff musical extravaganzas even more entertaining!

We will miss her very much but wish her every success in her new role!



### 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](mailto:school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk)

# St John Fisher Eco-Garden



## Woodland Creating ECO-GARDEN for our pupils

Spending time in nature is essential for children's development, including physical health and cognitive well-being. With that in mind, we plan to turn a 24 sq meters heavily overgrown wooden area behind St Catherine's Garden into a safe, calm, woodland garden that would be use for play, learning and reflection for kids and an excellent home for wildlife.

### Design principles

- Retaining all the current trees (oak, apple etc)
- Reusing as much as possible within the garden (e.g. for compost and a rockery)
- Upcycling
- Increasing biodiversity (e.g. creating a natural environment for bugs and hedgehogs)
- Minimize maintenance, (e.g. capturing water)
- Using natural material. No plastic!

The project is run by volunteers: Victoria Brown, a Year 1 parent, who is working alongside Brendan Walsh, a horticultural lecturer with a strong environmental focus.

### We need your help

We would love your help and welcome every volunteer, however much time you can give. Gardening, carpentry or tree surgeon experience would be a huge bonus.

### Dates to remember

- **Wed, 2-Nov** - Project briefing call (details to be shared in the next days)
- **Sun, 20-Nov, 10am-4pm** - our first volunteer day at the school. Please email us at [sjfwoodlandgarden@gmail.com](mailto:sjfwoodlandgarden@gmail.com) if you can join us!







**We are looking to recruit an  
Extended Services Manager  
30 hours a week for 39 weeks a year**

**£23,400 to £24,684 pro-rata per annum**

If you are a highly motivated and enthusiastic person with a focus on childcare and high standard service delivery then we are the school for you!

You will be responsible for the day to day organisation of the thriving Extended Services Childcare (Breakfast and After School) provision during school term time.

You will deliver high standards of care and an exciting experience for our 4 to 11 year olds. You will provide our children with a stimulating range of activities and play opportunities in a safe and secure environment, fostering friendships, supporting positive wellbeing and promoting fun for all!

For more information about the position and an application pack - please click the following link to Eteach:

<https://tinyurl.com/sjfrcp>

*Happy Birthday*

Beatriz A, Sami K, Jonty R, Megan B-S, Frankie G,  
Bella H, Alexander H, Isabelle H, Evie K, Vibista T,  
Karolina K, Sofia C, Kyllane G, Hugh L, Niamh M,  
Nadia IZ, Oliver IZ, Roisin M-M, Isabella S.



**This year we will once again be supporting  
The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.**

Poppies and other items such as wristbands, reflective tags and snapbands will be available after half term for children to buy during the school day.

Poppies 20p (you can donate more), SnapBands £1, other items 50p  
(*unfortunately change will not be available*).

Children will be able to buy items at break & lunchtime.

Thank you for your continued support.

# GET INTO TEACHING

*with*  
**Teach**  
**Wimbledon**



## OPEN MORNING

Thinking of a career in Teaching, but need some school experience? Teach Wimbledon is holding an open morning at Ricards Lodge High School for anyone who is interested in teaching English, Maths or Science (Biology, Physics or Chemistry) at a Secondary level.

The open morning will include the chance to meet Deputy Head Annabelle Taylor, who leads Teaching and Learning at Ricards Lodge High School and is the Secondary Initial Teacher Training lead for Teach Wimbledon, as well as observe lessons in your subject of interest and meet with the Head of Departments.

**When?**

Thursday 3rd November 2022  
9:00am-12:30pm

**Where?**

Ricards Lodge High School  
Lake Road  
London  
SW19 7HB

**Interested in attending?**

Please reserve your place here:  
<https://forms.gle/GFjfEwDcySZ3ABki6>



# BUILDBETTER LEARNING



**These pupils have given  
100% in the first half term  
of the new school year**

St Scholastica - Kanashe M

St Aidan - Matilda M

St Ninian - Piotr S

St Teresa - Lila-May

St James - Alicia H

St Osmund - Oscar M

St Hugh - Lisa M

St Nicholas - Alannah K

St Francis - Oliver N

St Ignatius - Lucy B

St Susanna - Ella R

St Helena - Eva N

St Elizabeth - Seraphina S

St Rose - Una S

Nursery - Erin V

## Attendance Percentage week beginning 10th October 2022

Class		Week commencing 10/10/22	Week commencing 03/10/22
St Rose		<b>99.70</b>	96.70
St Elizabeth		96.30	97.00
St Susanna		95.00	98.70
St Helena		90.30	<b>100.00</b>
St Francis		98.90	<b>100.00</b>
St Ignatius		<b>99.70</b>	98.00
St Nicholas		99.30	96.20
St Hugh		99.30	99.30
St James		99.30	96.40
St Osmund		94.20	94.50
St Teresa		96.30	95.00
St Ninian		89.30	94.50
St Aidan		94.70	96.30
St Scholastica		98.60	97.60
<b>Overall</b>		<b>96.50</b>	<b>97.00</b>

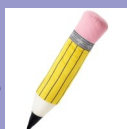
**Best Classes - St Rose & St Ignatius**



**WELL DONE  
St James**

**for being on time,  
in class and  
ready to learn  
every morning.**

This week's overall  
winner of Ms Kenna's  
BIG PENCIL.....



**\*\* Sofia P \*\***



Thanks to your generosity and support we were able to almost completely fill the Wimbledon Foodbank collection van which came this week to collect your donations. There were so many that Mr Swain had to help out!

The Wimbledon Foodbank will be able to help many families over the coming weeks thanks to your kindness.



**Wednesday  
19th October**

**Good News  
for Families**

**1**

**Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel**

There were some people who thought they were better than everyone else. One day Jesus told them a story. "Two men went into the Temple to pray. One of them was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, 'I thank you, God, that I am not greedy, dishonest, and unfaithful like other people, and particularly that I am not like this sinful tax collector here. I fast twice a week and always give money to the Temple.' The tax collector stood some distance away, not even daring to raise his eyes to heaven, but he bowed his head and said, 'God, have mercy on me, for I am a sinner.'" Then Jesus said, "It was the tax collector who was pleasing to God, not the Pharisee. Those who praise themselves and think they are better than others will be humbled, but if you humble yourself then you will be praised by God."



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 23rd October 2022. Luke 18: 9-14 (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

Meat Free Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheesy Swirl with New Potatoes	Sticky Chicken Noodles	Roast of the Day with Stuffing Ball, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Fishfingers/ Salmon Fishfingers with Chips
Tomato Pasta	Veggie Wrap Stack with Rice	Parsnip and Sweet Potato Loaf with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	French Bread Pizza	Cheese and Onion Quiche with Chips
Vegetable Medley	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Carrot & Swede Mash Cabbage	Sweetcorn Roasted Peppers	Peas Baked Beans
Pear and Chocolate Crumble with Custard	Yoghurt & Raisin Cake	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Seasonal Root Cake	Vanilla Shortbread
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily				