



Headlines

St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Autumn Term 2022/23
school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk

Week Beginning – 28th November

PTFA collecting all week before school—See page 2

Tuesday 29th

School Tour 9:45am

(for prospective parents and carers)

Friday 2nd

MUFTI DAY - Christmas donations

SEE PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS

St Scholastica Class Assembly—9am

(parents and carers of children in 6STSC are welcome to attend)

Yr5/6 Girls Football Borough Championship

Saturday 3rd

Christmas Fair 12pm—3pm

St John Fisher Church are looking to increase the number of Altar servers they have.

This is a wonderful opportunity to serve God and have responsibility during Mass.

Children must be in Year 4 and above—full training will be given which will begin after Christmas.

If your child/ren would like to become an Alter Server please email

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with their name and your contact details and it will be passed on to the Parish coordinator.

This weekend marks the first weekend in the liturgical season of Advent.

Advent is the time to start making preparation to celebrate Christ's birth - God's momentous arrival into our world in the person of Jesus.

During the season of Advent the SJF community will prepare to welcome the Lord in many ways including making Advent promises and drawing closer to God through prayer and reflection.

This morning we also found out more about a very exciting Advent preparation involving three very important people.

Mrs Newnham introduced us to the "Travelling Kings" who will visit different classes every day during Advent.

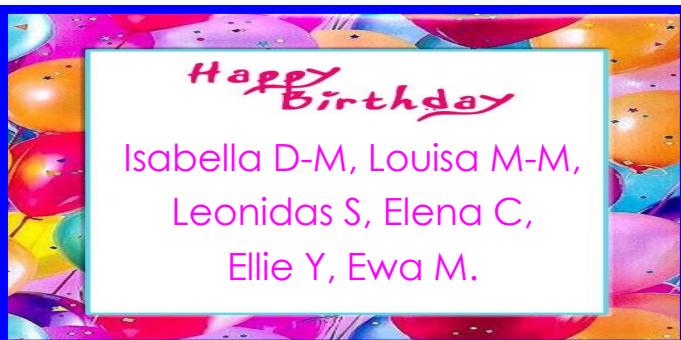
Each class will take time to reflect on the importance of the journey of the Kings, and add prayers, reflections and creative work to a book which will be shared with the whole school community.

I am sure that Advent preparations are also beginning in your homes. Don't forget to have your calendars ready for next Thursday!

Enjoy a wonderful weekend.

Letters Home:

Free Parent Webinar - Zones of Regulation—Whole School
Yr5/6 Girls Football Borough Championship
Carol Service—Yr5 & 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***

Some of our 'Boxes of Love' will be gifted to the elderly of the parish at the Seniors Christmas Party on Saturday 10th December.

We would like as many boxes as possible in school by Friday 9th December so that we can bring lots of happiness to them all.



Bring a smile to an elderly person in our Parish of St John Fisher



BOXES OF LOVE

Christmas is fast approaching and once again this year we are thinking of the elderly in our parish and local community. We want you to donate a "Box of Love".

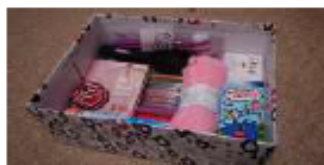
A decorated box filled with special things can have a great impact on someone's Christmas.

Be part of changing someone's Christmas in the name of Jesus through the power of a simple "Box of Love"



What to do....

1. Find an empty medium sized box and wrap box and lid separately in Christmas paper.
2. Fill your box with a variety of new gifts that will bring happiness to an elderly person.
3. Mark if it is suitable for a lady or a gentleman.
4. Put a rubber band round it.
5. Bring to school by the deadline date (to be confirmed)
6. Remember to pray for the person who will receive your gift box



Ideas of things to put in your box;

- ☐ Soap/shower gel/bubble bath etc
- ☐ Toothpaste/toothbrush, comb/hairbrush.
- ☐ Deodorant (roll-on)
- ☐ Socks/bed socks
- ☐ Scarf/wrap, hat
- ☐ Sweets/biscuits (within sell-by date)
- ☐ Handkerchiefs
- ☐ Shaving materials
- ☐ Perfume/aftershave
- ☐ A small torch
- ☐ Suitable books (word search book/playing cards etc)

****Don't forget a Christmas card or note with your message. This is one of the most important ways we can show the elderly of our parish the we care.****



CHRISTMAS FAIR WEEK!



Thank you for all your donations so far! Next week is the big build-up to our **Land of Sweets** Christmas Fair. This event is only possible thanks to your incredible generosity.

Please remember:

Next week, **EVERY DAY** before school, we will be collecting:

- good-quality used toys and games (for the toy stall)
- donations of selection boxes or advent calendars

And on **FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER** ('Mufti Day') we kindly ask:

- **Nursery** children to bring in boxes of mince pies
- **Reception–Year 5** children to bring in bottles (soft or alcoholic drinks)
- **Year 6** children to bring in bottles of mulled wine

And if you haven't already, don't forget to send in your hamper donations (boxes in classrooms) and raffle ticket money (with stubs).

Thanks all!



It's getting colder and it's a great time for our Yr5 volunteer Singing Leaders to be in the playground—singing nursery rhymes and playground songs with younger children, staying warm and having fun during lunch time play.

Well done and thank you to our new leaders!



Yr5 went to Ursuline High School on Tuesday to watch a show called 'A Christmas Carol' written by Charles Dickens. It is about a nasty old man who is visited by three Christmas spirits: Christmas Past, Christmas Present and Christmas Future. They show him that he needs to change his ways.

The show was amazing and everybody really enjoyed it! The acting was brilliant and all the characters were great especially Scrooge!

Thanks to Ursuline High School for inviting us—it was a fun day!

Maria J

On Tuesday, Year 5 went to Ursuline High School to watch their production of **A Christmas Carol**.

It was about a man called Mr Scrooge who was mean and did not like Christmas, but then he was shown his past, present and what the future could be like. He eventually realised that love and kindness were worth more than everything else.

We all really enjoyed the show - the stage, music and effects were great and we were very impressed with all of the acting!

By Dora M

St John Fisher PTFA presents

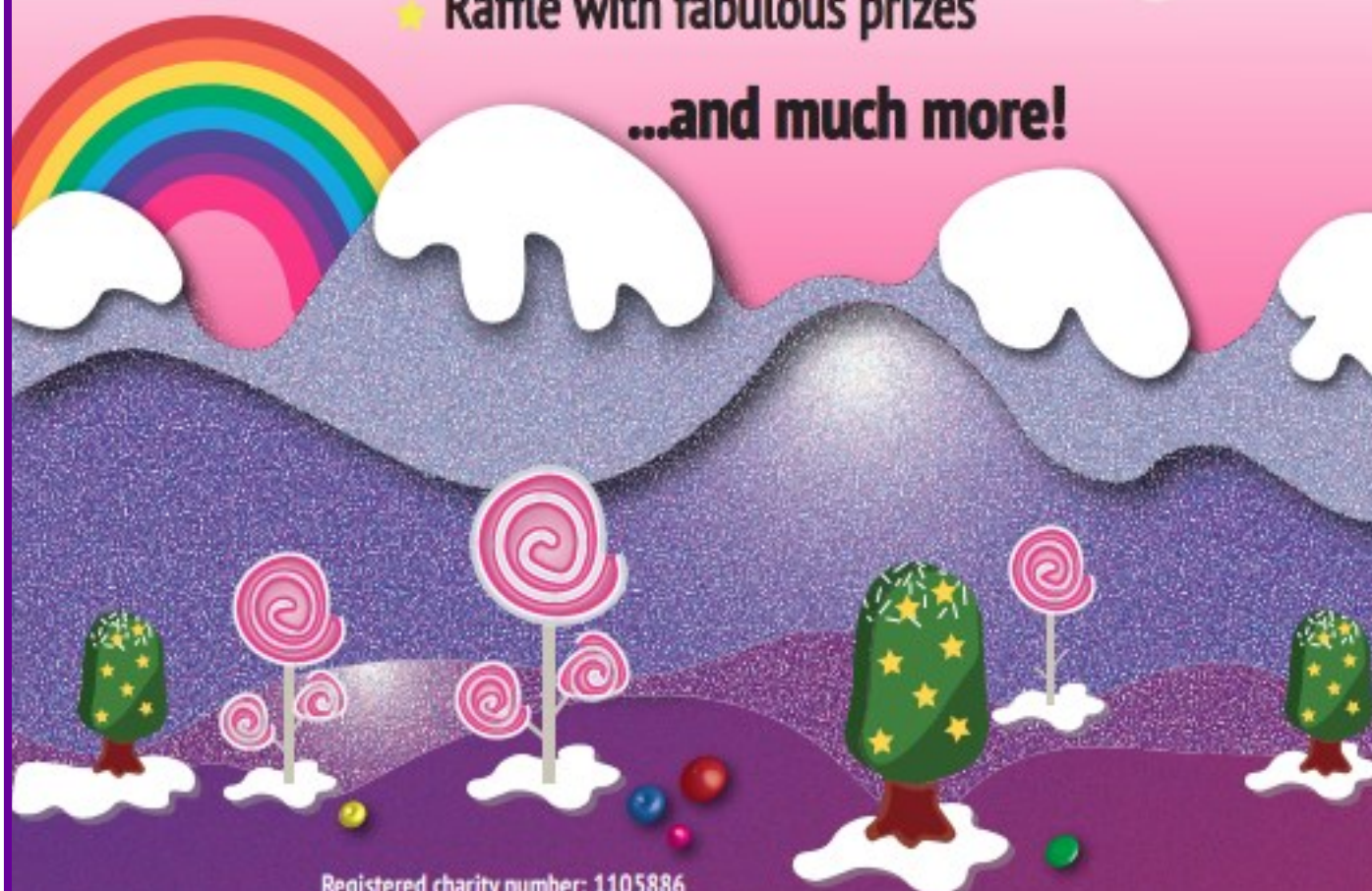
'The Land of Sweets' Christmas Fair!

Saturday 3rd December 12-3pm

St John Fisher Primary School, Grand Drive, SW20

- ★ Santa's Grotto
- ★ Christmas Market
- ★ Hamper Raffle
- ★ Stalls and Games
- ★ Christmas Café
- ★ Raffle with fabulous prizes

...and much more!



Registered charity number: 1105886

BikeAbility made me think about wanting to ride my bike more – I learnt so much. I feel like now that I know all of this, I can always be safe on the road and I will remember everything I have learnt for the future. The instructors always gave us demonstrations and made it clear what we should do all the time, helping us out if we made a mistake. They are really friendly and sometimes crack some jokes to get us entertained. I have no regrets about putting in the form.

By Luke F



Covent Garden Enterprise Challenge



St Teresa class entrepreneurs , Amelia, Sasha, Isaac, Vedha, Florence and Owen reached the final stage of the Enterprise Challenge at Covent Garden this week with their 'Scentimental Blanket' creation – a blanket which is heated and scented.

Only four teams from the starting ten went through to the final stage at Covent Garden and after a visit to the stalls in the Piazza we presented our product to the judging panel.



After some nervous waiting it was announced that it was a unanimous vote from the judges that **SJF were the WINNERS!**

We really enjoyed the whole competition and would like to give a special mention to Isaac who couldn't come to the final on the day because he was ill and was missed by all of us. Without his number crunching we wouldn't have been able to win!



A huge thank you to all the amazing volunteers who came along last Sunday to help with the clearing of the garden conservation project area.

Together they cleared, tidied, litter-picked, did some digging, spread the woodchips and even found some wildlife!

Without volunteers we would not be able to carry on with this project so thank you all very much.



Special thanks to Emma D who kept everyone supplied with warm drinks and lunch!

Please keep an eye out for the next 'volunteer days' (likely to be 11th Dec & 8th Jan) and try to come along to help. The more help the better!





The SJF Hockey Team enjoyed a fab day at MSSP hockey competition today.

The team played brilliantly with some fantastic passing, attacking and defending.

Ms Kenna was lucky enough to be there and to observe the outstanding attitude and approaches of every team player for their own team and for the others taking part. This was clearly recognised as we were delighted to bring back the Certon Ref-spect award in recognition of their excellent sportsmanship.

A big thank you to the parents who were able to come along and help on the day.



On Friday we were presented with this certificate in recognition for the **record breaking** amount of £1205.32 that SJF raised from the sale of Remembrance Poppies and other items for the Royal British Legion (RBL).

Our RBL representative was extremely grateful for the donation as he knows that it will be able to help families and individuals affected by conflicts and war.

BUILDBETTER LEARNING



**These pupils can talk
about their learning to
others**

St Scholastica - Elizabeth F

St Aidan - Reid A

St Ninian - Ariadne V

St Teresa - Matthew L

St James - Isabella G

St Osmund - Izzy H

St Hugh - Caterina T

St Nicholas - Barnaby M

St Francis - Adira K

St Ignatius - Julia A A

St Susanna - Jamie M

St Helena - Alex G

St Elizabeth - Solomia M

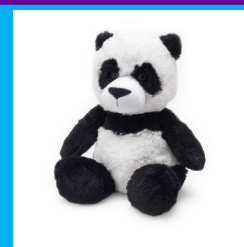
St Rose - Juliette B

Nursery - Hugo P

Attendance Percentage
week beginning
14th November 2022

Class		Week commencing 14/11/22	Week commencing 07/11/22
St Rose		96.00	96.70
St Elizabeth		99.30	98.30
St Susanna		98.30	97.80
St Helena		97.30	98.30
St Francis		98.60	98.50
St Ignatius		97.70	97.50
St Nicholas		96.20	97.40
St Hugh		93.30	85.40
St James		90.70	96.60
St Osmund		95.00	95.00
St Teresa		94.30	96.10
St Ninian		89.30	91.10
St Aidan		95.70	93.60
St Scholastica		96.90	96.30
Overall		94.90	95.70

Best Class - St Elizabeth

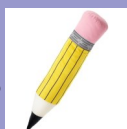


WELL DONE

St Aidan

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

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



**** Emma G B ****



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**Date for your diary:
SJF Carol Service
Monday 12th
December at
St John Fisher Church
6pm.**

We are very excited to get back to our annual Christmas celebration in church.

All children from years 1-6 are taking part (with Reception and Nursery children welcome to attend). Parents and carers are invited to come and listen to this festive service of readings and carols.

Please put this date in your diary—precise timings for the evening will be shared in the week beforehand.

**THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH
Sunday 27th November 2022**



Jesus said to his disciples, "As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking and having a good time, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood. So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this: that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because you do not know when the Son of Man is coming."

*Adapted from
Matthew 24: 37-44 (the 1st Sunday of Advent, Year A)*

**Everyone can learn more about this Gospel
in Church - all are warmly invited.**

**"The Lord is coming. May we
await him with open hearts!"**
Pope Francis



Meat Free Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
French Bread Pizza	Chicken Pie with New Potatoes	Roast of the Day with Stuffing Ball Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegan Bolognese with Spaghetti and Garlic Bread	Fishfingers with Chips
Vegetable Curry and Rice	Guorn Sausage Mashed Potato and Gravy	Roast Guorn, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips
Peas Carrots	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Carrots Cabbage	Sweetcorn Roasted Peppers	Peas Baked Beans
Oaty Cookie	Chocolate Drizzle Cake	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Apple & Blackberry Roll with Custard	Raspberry Jelly with Mandarins
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily				