



Headlines

St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Autumn Term 2023/24
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Week Beginning – 9th October

RE WEEK

HARVEST COLLECTION STARTS UNTIL 18TH OCTOBER

Monday 9th

School tour for prospective families—9:45am
Cross Country Borough Championship Yr4/5/6

Tuesday 10th

St Aidan Class Mass 9am
(parents and carers of pupils in 6STA are welcome to attend)
Yr5—Bookfest trip
St Rose Class—Local Walk

Wednesday 11th

8:40am—Rosary in St Ignatius Class
(all pupils welcome to attend)
Yr6—MMF event
St Elizabeth Class—Local Walk

Thursday 12th

Friday 13th

Class Photographs
St Hugh Class Collective Worship—9am
(parents and carers of pupils in 3STH are welcome to attend)
Workshare Weekend
PTFA Autumn Disco: EYFS/KS1 5-6:30pm KS2 7-8:30pm

This morning we enjoyed the first class collective worship of this academic year, as St.Aidan class engaged us with information and inspiration linked to theme of this year's Black History Month; 'Saluting our Sisters.'

The theme reflected throughout the presentation highlighted the crucial role Black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change and building communities.

During the month of October, this year's theme will focus on showcasing and celebrating pioneering black women who have made remarkable contributions to literature, music, fashion, sport, business, politics, academia, social and health care, and more.

At St.John Fisher, this collective worship, along with opportunities to take part in activities such as the 'Afrobeats' dance workshop featured on page 4, affords an even sharper focus on how each of us as individuals—as well as a collective—is tasked to challenge prejudice, learn from the past and to ensure we are active not passive in our approaches to prejudice and inequality.

As you will see on Page 3, October is also the month of the Holy Rosary. We look forward to marking this by developing our knowledge and understanding of the Rosary and the prayers of the Rosary. Please encourage your child to use their Rosary if they have one—or even get creative and make their own!

Enjoy a wonderful weekend everyone.

Letters Home:

Local Walk—Yr1
Banji Alexander visit —YrR-Yr6
Parents Forum 23/24—Class Reps
MMR Vaccine—Whole School
Parent View (RE) - Whole school
Local Walk—YrR
Harvest Appeal—Whole school
Royal Festival Hall Trip—Yr4

Happy Birthday

Miroslav C, Martha F,
Marcus O, Ashton B,
Finbar M, Heloisa P,
Gabriella A, Otis N, Agnes G,
Alice G, Kathryn J.

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**



Could You Become a Governor or Director?

Do you have the
skills needed to be a
Foundation Governor of a
Catholic school?

Do you have the skills needed
to be a Foundation Director of
a Catholic academy or multi
academy trust?

Could you
spare a few
hours a
month?

This is a fulfilling role
that isn't without its challenges.

Governors or Directors work together as a
team to ensure a good standard of education is
being achieved. Being a Governor or Director is an
opportunity to develop the skills you have and to
improve the futures of children today.

You do not need to be a parent or
work in the education sector.

The Education Commission are running sessions each term to answer any
questions you may have about becoming a foundation governor or director.


These sessions are available to book on the Education Commissions website.

Please follow the link below

<https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/could-you-become-a-governor-or-director/>

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH

Sunday 8TH October 2023



Jesus said, "There was once a landowner who planted a vineyard, rented it to some tenant farmers and then went off far away. When the fruit-season came, he sent some of his servants to the farmers to collect his fruit. But the farmers seized his servants. He then sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. But the farmers said to one another, 'Look - here's the heir: come on, let's take over his inheritance.' So they seized the son, threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the lord of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those farmers?" "He'll bring those bad men to a bad end," was the reply. "Then he'll rent the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruit at harvest time."

Adapted from Matthew 21:33-43

The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

You are warmly invited to learn more about the Gospel through your local parish church.

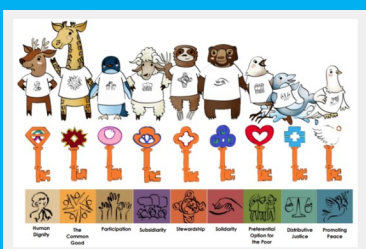
"May we help people to discover the joy of Jesus' Message."

Pope Francis

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING (CST)

Please click on the link above for parents. It gives information about how we approach CST at St John Fisher.

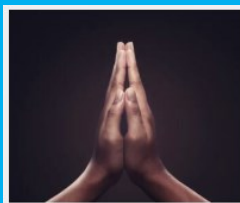
Please click on this image of the **9 principles of CST**, to find out about CST for. Each mascot promotes a different principle of CST that we encourage our pupils to follow in school and in their own lives.




The CST mascot that we are focusing on this week in collective worship, is **Chikondi the Giraffe**. Chikondi promotes the 'common good' and helps us to consider how we can help others in our school and local community. We try to follow the message of Pope Francis in his '[Fratelli Tutti](#)' letter to us all, helping us to think about others.

Click on the image of the praying hands below to take you to Chikondi's prayer. Your child may ask to say this with you at home.

Please spend time talking with your child, asking them about the Catholic Social Teaching Mascots at school.



The Common Good

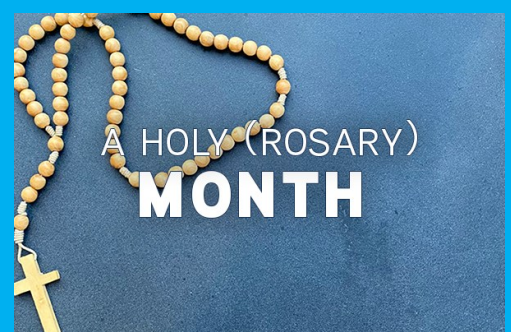


Chikondi the Giraffe

OCTOBER — Dedicated to the HOLY ROSARY

The months of October and May are dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our lady of the Rosary (October 7th). The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary. Children can bring their rosary beads into school throughout the month. Every **Wednesday morning** from **08:40am**, the chaplains will lead the rosary with pupils from across the school in **St Ignatius class**. All pupils are invited to attend.

Please click on this [link](#) to our school website to find out more. You may wish to join in at home.





Yr3 enjoyed learning new skills when they made their delicious tarts this week, and the best part was the taste testing at the end!



The Afrobeats workshop was a blast! Afrobeats originate from Nigeria. We had a dance routine to follow that was full of very fun dance moves. We were paired up and we did the amazing routine. We were taught by a very enthusiastic teacher, Ezi. Everyone was happy and loved it. We had a dance showcase and sang along to the songs that the teacher chose.
By Hoeë and Caleb, Yr6

presents



Childrens & Young Peoples Flu Vaccinations in Sutton & Merton 2023

School aged children from
Reception to Year 11



Clinic Date- Saturday 7th October 2023

Time-10:30- 14:00

Address- Sutton life centre
24 Alcorn Cl, Sutton SM3 9PX

- Walk in flu clinic for children who missed vaccine at school
- No appointment needed
- Call 02039033371/ 02039033373 for any questions

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Friday 3 November from 3pm

(weather dependent)

The PTFA will be collecting uniforms that no longer fit your children at drop off on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd November. Please ensure donations are clean and in good condition.

Many thanks to Claire Crowther who has volunteered to run the pre-loved uniform sale. If you would like to help sort, set up or sell please email julia@st-johnfisherpta.org

🌳 Woodland Garden 🌳

Parent Volunteer Day
15th October 10am-4pm

For more details
contact:
Victoria Brown 07843252717
or join the WhatsApp group
using the link below:

[SJF Woodland Garden - WhatsApp Group Chat](#)



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges 🍷</p> <p>Crunchy Veg Topped Vegetable Pasta Bake 🌱</p> <p>Sweetcorn Salsa with Peppers</p> <p>Apple Flapjack 🌱</p>	<p>Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread 🌍</p> <p>Summer Tomato & Butterbean Pasta</p> <p>Broccoli Carrots</p> <p>Fruit Jelly with Mandarins 🌱</p>	<p>Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy</p> <p>NEW Sweet Potato & Spinach Flan with Roast Potatoes</p> <p>Peas Cauliflower</p> <p>Freshly Chopped Fruit 🌱</p>	<p>BBQ Quorn with Savoury Rice 🌱🍷</p> <p>Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread</p> <p>Roasted Carrots Green Beans</p> <p>Iced Vanilla Sponge</p>	<p>Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce</p> <p>Cheesy Bean Puff with Chips</p> <p>Peas Baked Beans</p> <p>Oaty Cookie 🍷🌱</p>
<p>Cheese & Crunchy Slaw Sandwich 🍷</p> <p>Tuna Salad Roll</p> <p>Daily Salad Bar</p> <p>Apple Flapjack 🌱🍷 Yoghurt & Fresh fruit</p>	<p>Chicken Breast Salad and Wrap</p> <p>Egg Mayonnaise Baguette</p> <p>Daily Salad Bar</p> <p>Fruit Jelly with Mandarins 🌱 Yoghurt & Fresh fruit</p>	<p>Tuna and Cucumber Roll</p> <p>Cheese & Tomato Sandwich 🌱🍷</p> <p>Daily Salad Bar</p> <p>Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad 🌱 Yoghurt</p>	<p>Cheese Baguette 🌱</p> <p>Tuna and Cucumber Wrap</p> <p>Daily Salad Bar</p> <p>Iced Vanilla Sponge Yoghurt & Fresh fruit</p>	<p>Greek Chicken Pitta</p> <p>Egg Salad Baguette</p> <p>Daily Salad Bar</p> <p>Oaty Cookie 🍷🌱 Yoghurt & Fresh fruit</p>
<p>Available Daily:</p> <p>- Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised) - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection</p>				

MEET



Banji Alexander

AUTHOR OF
LOCKDOWN LOOMS
REGGIE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

AS SEEN ON:



MON
16TH OCT

VISIT: WWW.LOCKDOWNLOOMS.COM

CELEBRATED AUTHOR, BANJI
ALEXANDER WILL BE VISITING OUR
SCHOOL ON MONDAY 16TH
OCTOBER, TO TALK ABOUT HIS VERY
SPECIAL BOOK AND TO SIGN
COPIES!

**WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR
HIM?**

PRE-ORDER BOOKS VIA THE
SCHOOL, FOR £10!





PTFA Weekly Update

Don't forget to buy your Autumn Disco (Friday 13th October) and Quiz Night (Friday 10th November) tickets on ParentPay. **Available NOW!**

If you would like to **volunteer at the Autumn Disco**, please do so by completing the linked google form. All help is welcome! <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17IZQYiLPbTOL77T9tZLDHZQMsfwL22wAvUqpNAAbFvc/edit?usp=sharing>

Make sure you check out our new PTFA page on the school website for all the detail about our events and other fundraising activities. <https://www.st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/ptfa/>

A huge thanks to all who donated their unwanted clothes. **We raised £180 in our recent collection!** As you can see, the bin has seen better days so please hold off on bringing any more donations in. We are hoping to have a new bin very soon along with more regular collections.

Thanks to everyone who has signed up for easyfundraising so far! It's really easy to sign up and then when you do your online shopping through their site, you can raise free donations for your PTFA!

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=323345&invite=kmslyj&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=refCROtest

Please follow us on Facebook or Instagram for regular updates on events and fundraising.

Search "St John Fisher PTFA" on Facebook or follow this link for our Instagram: https://instagram.com/stjohnfisherptfa?igshid=OGQ5ZDc2ODk2ZA%3D%3D&utm_source=qr

Any questions, comments or suggestions, please email ginnie@st-johnfisherpta.org

BUILDBETTER LEARNING



These pupils have followed the Fratelli Tutti message, thinking about the 'common good', and Chikondi the giraffe.

St Scholastica - Amanda E

St Aidan - Amelia O'D

St Ninian - Izabella M

St Teresa - Isabella G

St James - Riley D

St Osmund - Ollie S

St Hugh - Olha H

St Nicholas - Naya P-D

St Francis - Isla N

St Ignatius - Gabriel L

St Susanna - Francesca T

St Helena - Gabriel D

St Elizabeth - Melley D

St Rose - Isabelle C

Nursery - Lennox L

Attendance Percentage week beginning 25th September 2023

Class	Week commencing 25/09/23	Week commencing 18/09/23
St Rose	97.40	97.30
St Elizabeth	95.00	96.90
St Susanna	98.00	97.30
St Helena	96.10	95.70
St Francis	97.30	98.60
St Ignatius	99.70	96.90
St Nicholas	97.10	99.30
St Hugh	98.50	99.30
St James	97.40	98.10
St Osmund	97.00	100.00
St Teresa	97.60	99.70
St Ninian	96.40	98.70
St Aidan	93.60	96.50
St Scholastica	97.10	98.60
Overall	97.00	98.30

Best Class: St Ignatius

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

**** Oliver C ****



WELL DONE

St Teresa

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