



Dear Parents,

Many thanks to you all for the wonderful support you have given to the children, staff, PTFA and selected charities throughout this term. £753 was raised for the 2022 Poppy Appeal and £199.50 for CAFOD was collected on Children in Need Day, 17th November. At the nativities, the audience were very generous in their donations to the Stage Lights Replacement appeal. We had a new initiative led with St Paul's and feeder schools that was very well supported by the SJF community. Thank you also for all your cards and kind wishes for Christmas.

## Catholic Life

### Advent 2022

Our Chaplaincy Team are leading Advent Services on Friday lunchtimes during Advent. Also, during Advent, children will be taking home a Travelling Crib. We had a lovely Advent Reconciliation Service on the 1<sup>st</sup> December with an opportunity for Confession for Years 5 and 6. On Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>, we also had a Year 6 liturgy in the classroom – it was a lovely time of prayer and reflection.

Our Carol Service will be on Thursday 15th December at 9.30am in the school Hall. Please come along and join us.

### Mission statement

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our mission statement. Tom Shannon, the CMAT lead chaplain, was very impressed by the contributions and especially by the children's thoughts on it – 'belonging' and 'family' being words that appeared frequently.

We are hoping to have a new mission statement and school prayer in place for January.

### Menphys



Our School Choir sang with Sacred Heart, Leicester at De Montfort Hall on Friday 2nd December in aid of the Menphys Charity. They sang beautifully and received a worthy round of applause at the end of their performance from the De Montfort Hall audience. Thank you to Mrs. Moloney, Mrs Astill and our Sacred Heart colleagues for preparing the children so well.

### Nativity!

Well done to all the children in EYFS and KS1 for the successful productions of the nativities 'Everyone loves a Baby' and 'Bethlehem Bakeoff'. The dress rehearsal videos have now been uploaded to the school YouTube channel. See your child's class story page on Class Dojo for more details. Thank you for donations for the upgrade of our stage lights – altogether £336 was raised.



## Sports news

### Football

#### Boys results and league table

Schools League Boys Group A Thursday 24th November 2022 Aylestone Rec

WEEK 1	Pitch 1				Pitch 2					
Game 1	Granby	2	v	0	Marriott	SJF	5	v	0	Wyvern
Game 2	SJF	1	v	1	Marriott	Granby	3	v	0	Wyvern
Game 3	Granby	1	v	0	SJF	Marriott	5	v	0	Wyvern
WEEK 2										
Game 4	Granby	2	v	0	Knighth	Eyres M - B	0	v	5	Overdale
Game 5	Granby	1	v	1	Overdale	Eyres M - B	0	v	5	Knighth
Game 6	Marriott	0	v	3	Overdale	Eyres M - B	0	v	5	SJF
Game 7	Knighth	1	v	2	Overdale	Eyres M - B	0	v	5	Granby (F) SJF
WEEK 3										
Game 8	Knighth	0	v	1	Wyvern	Eyres M - A	0	v	5	Overdale
Game 9	Overdale	0	v	0	SJF	Eyres M - A	0	v	0	Granby
Game 10	Knighth	0	v	1	Marriott	Eyres M - A	1	v	0	Eyres M - B
Game 11	Knighth	0	v	5	SJF	Eyres M - A	0	v	2	Wyvern (F) Granby

Team	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	Points
Granby	7	5	2	0	14	1	17
Overdale	7	4	3	0	17	3	15
St John Fisher	7	4	2	1	21	2	14
Marriott	7	4	1	2	14	9	13
Wyvern	7	3	1	3	9	17	10
Knighth Mead	7	2	0	5	8	11	6
Eyres Monsell A	7	1	1	5	1	16	4
Eyres Monsell B	4	0	0	7	0	31	0

#### Girls results and league tables

Schools League Girls Group A Wednesday 1st December 2022 Judgemeadow

Round 1	Pitch 1				Development Sessions				
	St. John Fisher	5	v	0	Marriott	Eyres Monsell Primary A			
						Eyres Monsell Primary B			
						Granby Primary School			
						Overdale Junior school			
						Wyvern Primary School			

Round 2	Pitch 1				Pitch 2				Pitch 3						
Game 1	Knighth	0	v	0	Marriott	Overdale	0	v	0	Wyvern	SJF	4	v	0	Granby
Game 2	Granby	2	v	0	Wyvern	Knighth	0	v	4	SJF	Marriott	0	v	2	Overdale
Game 3	Knighth	0	v	0	Overdale	Marriott	0	v	4	Granby	SJF	2	v	0	Wyvern
Game 4	Marriott	0	v	2	SJF	Granby	1	v	0	Overdale	Knighth	2	v	1	Wyvern
Game 5	SJF	3	v	0	Overdale	Marriott	1	v	0	Wyvern	Knighth	2	v	1	Granby

Round 3	Pitch 1				Pitch 2				Pitch 3						
Game 1	EM B	0	v	1	Overdale	EM A	0	v	1	Marriott	SJF	2	v	0	Granby
Game 2	Marriott	0	v	0	Wyvern	EM A	0	v	3	Overdale	Knighth	0	v	0	Granby
Game 3	EM B	0	v	3	Wyvern	Marriott	0	v	0	Overdale	SJF	2	v	0	Knighth
Game 4	EM B	0	v	2	Knighth	EM A	0	v	0	Granby	SJF	3	v	0	Wyvern
Game 5	EM B	0	v	0	Marriott	EM A	0	v	0	Wyvern	Knighth	0	v	0	Overdale

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Knighth	7	3	3	1	6	6	11
Granby	7	3	2	2	8	6	10
Marriott	7	2	2	3	2	11	8
Wyvern	7	1	1	5	4	10	4
Eyres Monsell A	4	0	2	2	0	4	2
Eyres Monsell B	4	0	0	4	0	6	0

### Cross country

Well done to all runners at Prestwold and Victoria Park. Fantastic results and progress from all runners.



Prestwold Hall medalists: Brooke Silver Year 6 Girls

See all results by clicking [here](#).

Victoria Park Leicester City Cross Country event medalists:

GOLD Eireanna Y4 Girls, Ioan Y6 Boys, Brooke Y6 Girls

SILVER Joshua Y5 BOYS

BRONZE Jack Y4 Boys, Savannah Y4 Girls, Raj Y5 Boys

## Music

### Year 5 Strings concert

Take a bow Year 5 on your strings performance on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December! What a display of talent and progress! It was great to see so many families there as well to support and encourage.

Thank you and good luck to Mr Giles who is moving onto pastures new come the New Year as he leaves his role in Leicestershire Music. We were blessed to have such a fantastic music teacher as Mr Giles with us for so long. Bravo, maestro!



## School

## dinners

From 1st January 2023 there will be a change in the school meal prices. The increase is from £2.40 to £2.45. This is due to the increase in food costs supplied by LTS catering.

## PE days next half term

Children come in their PE kits the following days beginning next term unless stated otherwise

Reception: Wednesday and Friday

Year 1: Monday and Wednesday

Year 2: Wednesday and Thursday



Year 3: Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 4: Monday [2 hours]

Year 5: Tuesday and Friday

Year 6: Thursday and Friday

**Swimming** for Year 5 and 6 begins 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The club has already been set up on Arbor for your consent and payment.

## Reading Books

A request for all families to have a look at home for any SJF reading books and return these to school. Thank you to those families that have returned outstanding books.

Thank you to some of our parents who donated new or nearly new books to our school library and classrooms. They have been very well received.

## PTFA

The PTFA are pulling out all the stops to ensure all our children have a memorable Christmas. Thank you to them and everyone behind the scenes for their hard work and ingenuity. We are blessed to have such a wonderful association.

## Christmas cost of living help

We have some donations that we would like to give to families who may need some extra support especially this Christmas. If your family would like this or you would like to nominate a family in school who may need some support, [please fill out this brief form.](#) I hope that this will be able to provide some small relief to those of you in challenging financial circumstances.

## Admissions applications for Autumn Term 2023

Children are admitted to the school in September of the year in which they have their fifth birthday. If there is anyone who wishes to apply for a place for September 2023 (d.o.b. 01.09.2018 – 31.08.2019) please obtain a Supplementary information form from the school office. There is also a requirement to complete an online Local Authority application before January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This can be found at [www.leics.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.leics.gov.uk/admissions) .

On behalf of the Staff and Governors at St John Fisher I would like to wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and all good wishes for 2023!

See you all on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

God bless

Mr Gallagher



## Dates For the Diary

### December 2022

- 14th Christmas parties/Christmas Theme Day (NSU) – No donations required
- 15th 9.30 a.m. Carol Service – All welcome
- 16th 9.30 a.m. Christmas Concert – All welcome  
p.m. 'Aladdin' at SJF  
School Closes for the Christmas Holiday (normal time)

### January 2023

- January 3<sup>rd</sup> Staff INSET Day
- January 4<sup>th</sup> All children return to school  
Breakfast Club and afterschool club as normal. Book on Arbor.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Rugby – Health and Wellbeing – sessions start in Year 4
- 10<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SJF go to St. Paul's 'Frozen' musical experience
- 13<sup>th</sup> Swimming for Year 5/6 begins
- 24<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. Year 2 class liturgy

### February

- 14<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. Year 1 class liturgy
- 15<sup>th</sup> Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights measurements

**HALF TERM Feb 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>**

### JULY 2023

Year 6 Crich Briars Residential – **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**