

Dear parents/carers,

It has been a busy few weeks since the last newsletter. Events, trips and occasions galore – all to enrich your child's experiences and education at St John Fisher with lots of opportunities for parental engagement too! Thank you as always for your support, gratitude and understanding.

Catholic Life **First Holy Communion**

Congratulations to the Year 4 children who deepened their friendship with the Risen Lord and celebrated their First Holy Communion recently. We had a Mass on the 22nd June celebrated by Fr John in which Year 4, 5 and 6 children who had celebrated their First Holy Communion throughout the year led prayers, readings and songs. Thank you to Hilari, Fr John, Mrs King, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Birchall, Year 4 staff team and all parents and families who contributed to this special Mass and the children's journey to this blessed sacrament.

Leavers' Mass

The last Mass of the academic year will be the Leavers' Mass on July 11th 6.30 p.m. All year 6 families are welcome. We will be practicing the mass in advance of this special evening. This Mass will be celebrated by a great friend of SJF, Fr Michael of St Thomas More and Immaculate Conception Parish, who is retiring this summer.

Crich

Good luck to our Year 6s who go on a residential to The Briars, Crich this week. The Briars is a youth retreat centre for the Diocese of Nottingham and it is a long standing tradition that the Year 6s at St John Fisher go there. We hope their journeys are safe and they have a reflective, peaceful and fun time together there.

Year 3 Class Liturgy

The last class liturgy of the year was a very special one indeed – literally, it was all about 'Special Places'. It was another very well attended event and the children led the liturgy beautifully informing us about their special places, places of pilgrimage and also tying in the places associated with St Peter and St Paul whose feast day it was. Well done Year 3!





Sport

KS2 Sports Day

On June 28th, all key stage two came together for a fantastic afternoon of sporting events and across all the age groups showed great determination to race against each other for their houses. Some great performances all round, resulted in some very close races throughout. Well done to everyone - great team effort!

Reception and Key Stage 1 Sports day

On June 21st, Reception and Key Stage 1 had their sports day on a bright sunny afternoon. It was a slightly different format this year with 75, yes 75, races or events. Well done to all staff and coaches for getting the children ready and for finishing on time.

All children received a cool treat on both days after the events before going home. Thank you PTFA!

After counting up the scores for both sports days, **St Luke** emerged victorious.

Toplink Year 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 took part in a sports festival at St Paul's earlier this month. They played handball, rounders, tag rugby, rebound and football. The pupils did amazingly well.

Swimming gala

Well done to our swimming team who came a commendable second in a recent gala at Parklands between our Trust schools.

Football

Congratulations to our girls' team who won the Leicester City primary school Division 1 championship league title! What a team! We couldn't be prouder! Thanks to all - parents, staff, coaches, classmates, friends - who helped the team grow and develop into champions.

Congratulations to our boys' team who came third in the Leicester City primary school Division 1 championship league title! Similar to the girls' team, we are very proud of this team and their efforts throughout the year.

Quad kids

Our Year 5/6 team represented East Leicester at the County finals in Loughborough on Friday and came an amazing second.

As you can see, St John Fisher have done fantastically well in sports this year, punching well above its weight and consistently performing well in a variety of sports. Well done to all the children who have represented the school and their families so well over the past year.

Drama

Congrats to Year 6 who performed on Wednesday evening last their play 'Shakespeare Rocks'. A very big crowd attended to see them act and sing their hearts out in this musical drama. On Monday 26th

June, the children performed in front of the whole school and it was a hit with all our younger classes.



Music

Year 4 performed superbly last Thursday in a Strings concert to Year 3 & 5 children as well as their own family and friends under the expert eye and conduction of Mrs Harmson. Fantastic talent, learning and progress from the Year 4 who have only been learning these instruments since Easter.

Summer fair

Well done to the PTFA in organizing the summer fayre. It was a successful and enjoyable day. It was lovely to see many of the school community there. Thank you to everyone for their donations and support.

Ready, Set, Read - Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Children aged 4-12 years can take part in this year's summer reading challenge. The challenge is free to join and runs from Saturday 1st July to Saturday 2nd September in all Leicestershire and Leicester City Libraries including community managed libraries.

Visit any Leicestershire Library from Saturday 1st July to join the challenge.

Click on the picture below for more details.



Year 1 Phonics Check & Year 4 Multiplication Tables Checks

Well done to our Year 1 children who completed their Phonics screening check at the beginning of June. The phonics screening check contains 40 words divided into two sections of 20 words. Both sections contain a mixture of real words and pseudo-words.

Well done to our year 4 children who have completed their multiplication checks last month. The purpose of these checks is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12x12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

The results of these checks will be sent out to parents on July 11th.

Reports

Reports will be emailed out to every parent on July 11th.

Please ensure that we have the correct email address on file for you so that you receive this communication. If you wish to have a paper report posted instead, please email the office to request this.

Classes for Next Year

On Tuesday 11th July, there will be a transition morning where children will spend time with their new teacher for next year.

Polite Reminder

A polite reminder to all parents that any outstanding debts for school dinners must be paid before the end of the year.

Price freezes for Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club

We are very conscious of the cost of the living crisis and with that in mind for the next term, despite rising overheads and wages...

The price of Breakfast club remains at £2.65 per day.



The price of Afterschool club remains at £4 for session 1.
For both sessions of Afterschool club i.e. 3.10 – 5.15 p.m., the price remains at £7.50.

Free school meals

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (key stage 1) in state funded schools and academies are eligible for Free School Meals.

Your child will get free meals automatically under the new 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' scheme.

In England, Children at key stages 1-4 are also entitled to Free School Meals if their parents or carers are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- National asylum seeker support
- Child tax credit (provided you're not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Working tax credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit.
- Universal credit with annual net earned income of less than £7,400

Should any of these criteria apply, please contact the school and/or visit

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-andchildren/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals> if you live in **the County**

or

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/grants-andallowances/free-school-meals/> if you live in **the City**.

If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Attention Year 2 pupils – your children will move up to Year 3 and school meals will be priced at £2.55 per day. Meals will now be charged to your child's Arbor account.

God bless,

Mr Gallagher



Dates for the diary

July 2023

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| July 4 th | 9 a.m. Summer concert
Year 6 St Paul's Induction Day |
| July 5 th
Year 6 | School partial closure – Only open to Year 1,2,3,5 & 6
Crich Briars Residential – Wednesday 5th July – Friday 7th July 2023 |
| July 11 th | 6.30 p.m. Leavers' Mass |

Last day of term July 13th (THURS) 2 p.m. finish
Afterschool club finishes at 4.15 p.m. on Thursday July 13th