



Dear Parents,

Thank you to all parents and carers for their generosity and support shown towards the school this half- term and we hope to maintain your commitment throughout next term.

I know this is a regular and perennial newsletter item but it is really important that everyone plays their part in **road safety** around the school. Only through the grace of God, there has not been a serious accident involving the children. Here are some reminders and the introduction of a voluntary one-way system at drop-off and collection times.

Parking and Road safety

Please park with due care and attention for all of our children and our neighbours. Do not park across driveways or on zig zag lines even momentarily. It is obvious that it is busier around the beginning of the school day and at the end of the school day than it was last year.

If travelling by car, children should exit on the pavement side of the road and not out onto the open road. When crossing the road, it is paramount that children look both sides and only cross when it is safe to do with an adult. Children crossing the road especially younger children or those less aware of road safety should be accompanied across the road by their parent/guardian.

Do not do U-turns on the Winslow Drive and Shenley Road intersection – this was the area of a recent near miss and road traffic collision.

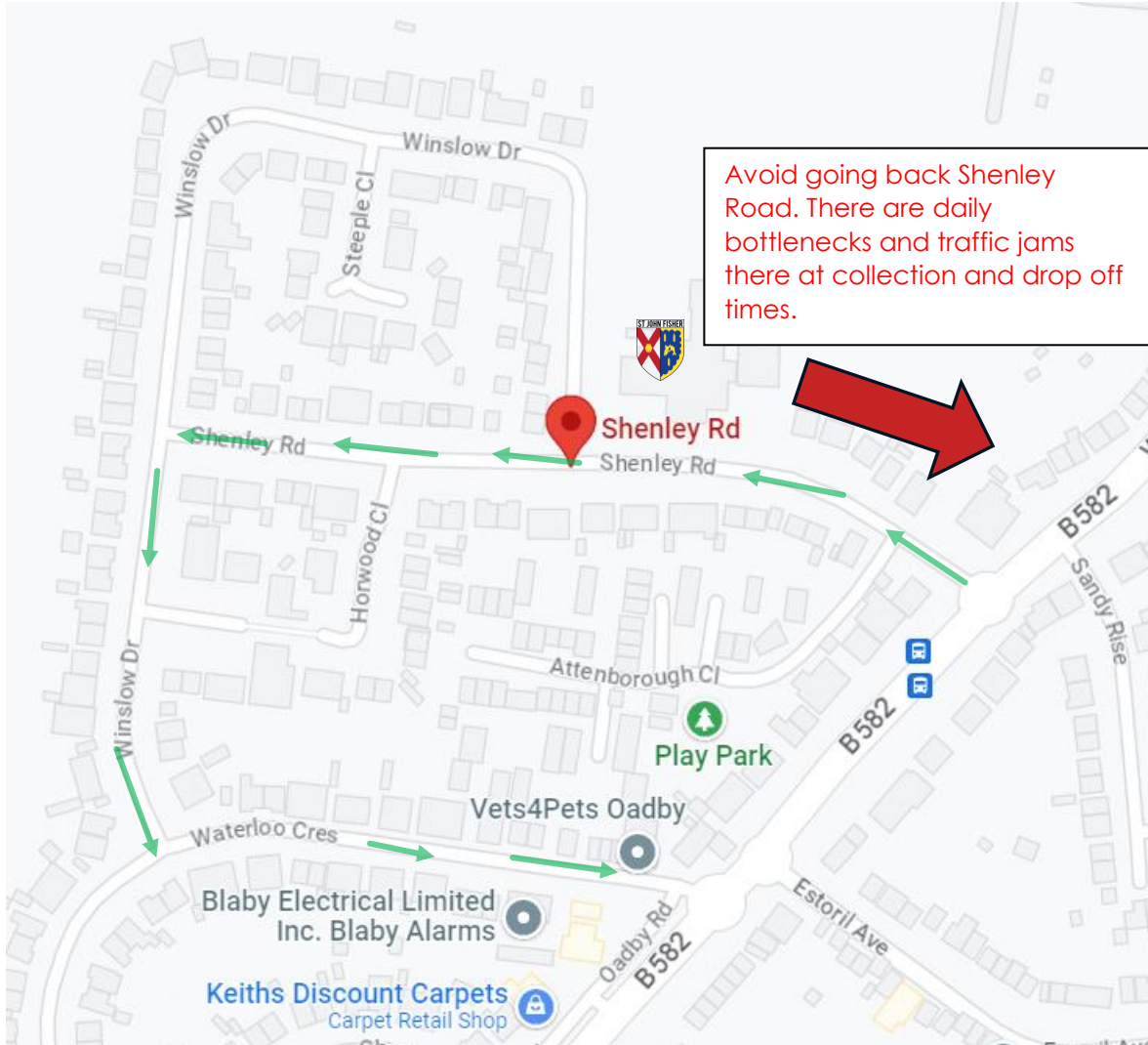
Voluntary one-way system

To ensure the safety of our children during busy drop off and collection times, we ask that our parents and carers follow a voluntary one-way system when entering and exiting Shenley Road.

This one-way system has been used in the past and present by many visitors and most families to the school, but I am aware that many new parents may not know about it and how successful it is in keeping traffic flowing at busy times.

We ask that cars do not drive against the suggested flow of traffic.

Please make sure that you tell anyone else who drops/collects your child about the one-way system.



Have You Considered?

- Walking or cycling to school instead? This is a great way to contribute to a child's 60 minutes of activity a day and is easy to incorporate into your daily routine. Try it once a week at first and see how easy it can be.
- Parking nearby but not on Shenley Road, Winslow Drive or Attenborough Close. If you live too far away to walk, or need your car for your commute to work, you can still walk part of the way. Doing this every day could add up to an adult's recommended 30 minutes of moderate exercise, 5 times a week.
- Car Sharing is a great way to reduce congestion and save you pennies. Team up with other parents or carers who live nearby - share the cost and halve the hassle!

Catholic Life



SJF's Chaplaincy Group

A huge congratulations to our SJF Chaplains. I am sure they are going to be inspiring spiritual leaders who will enhance the Catholic Life of our school.

Year 6: Joshua, Evan, Elena, Demi and Piper

Year 5: Lilah, Daniel, Buyi and Emily

Year 4: Thea, Nimi, Alfred, Harith

Year 3: Hephzibah, Emilio, Clara and Abigail

Babies & Tots

Babies & Tots takes place every Wednesday in the school hall. 8.50am to 10.30am. Check out the Babies & Tots Facebook page for more information.

Secondary school applications

Primary, Junior and Secondary headteachers are reminded to advise parents to apply for three schools and that for secondary admissions the national closing date is 31st October, and national offer date 1st March (or next working day). Catholic secondary schools will have supplementary forms too which must also be completed. The majority of Year 6 children at St John Fisher would go to St. Paul's, or English Martyrs. Local secondary schools such as the ones in Wigston and Oadby have their own admission policies and it would be well worth consulting those.

Please see below for dates for the diary. More to be added throughout the term.

God bless,

Mr Gallagher

Dates For the Diary

(More to be added during the term)

Sept 15 th	Pokemon Football tournament at Aylestone Boys a.m. Girls p.m.
Sept 18 th	Advent I Clubs begin
Sept 19 th	9 a.m. Beginning of Year Mass (All welcome)
Sept 20 th	Y1 KS1 Festival (St.Paul's)
Sept 21 st	EYFS Parents' morning (8.40 a.m. – 9.45 a.m.)
Sept 27 th	Y2 KS1 Festival (St.Paul's)
Sept 28 th	Open Afternoon 1.30 – 4 P.M. Prospective parents Boys' football at Aylestone
Oct 5 th	EYFS Parents' morning 12.30 – 2.30 p.m. Cross Country Festival at Victoria Park



Oct 10th Girls' football at Aylestone
9 A.M. Harvest Mass (All welcome)
Year 6 at Warning Zone

October 16th – 20th Half Term

23rd Children Back at School
24th Individual and Sibling Photographs Day
26th Flu immunization
Oct 27th 9 -11 a.m. Open morning for prospective parents 2024

November

10th 9 -11 a.m. Open morning for prospective parents 2024
17th School Closed for Teacher Training Day

December

1st Menphys Concert
21st Pantomime at DeMontfort Hall
22nd School Closes for the Christmas Holiday

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Year 6 Crich Briars Residential – **Wed 26th – Fri 28th June 2024.**