

St John Fisher News

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Remembrance

Last Saturday was the feast of All Souls and this coming Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. Our theme across school this week and in assemblies has also been Remembrance and on Tuesday we held a Mass of Remembrance. We prayed for those who have died and their families and especially for the repose of the soul of Pat Williams, a member of our school finance team who sadly died last week. We also have a book of remembrance in school in which staff and students can write the names of loved ones who have passed away in order that we pray for them at our Tuesday Masses during the month of November. Next Monday, II November we will have 2 minutes silence at I I am to mark Armistice Day along with a cadet parade and laying of a wreath.

Remembrance prayer:

We remember, we must not forget.

We remember and we pray, for remembering is not enough. We remember those who died in battlefields near and far. We remember and we pray for those who lost, those left behind.

We remember and we pray for those who though they survived, suffered in life.

We remember The Christ who died and rose again, who defeated death.

We look forward to the day when Jesus will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

We look forward to when there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain for the old order of things will pass away.



Kate Pereira

Academic Tutoring Year 9 11 - 22 November

Advent Fayre

Once again we are having an Advent Fayre on Friday 6 December 2019 from 3.30-5.00pm. Staff and students are already planning for it to be bigger and better than last year. We would like to ask parents and friends of the school for the following donations:

- Children's toys, books and games used but in good condition
- Bric-a-brac
- Cakes
- Donations for the refreshment stalls
- Raffle prizes
- Bags of sweets and small toys for prizes for the Lucky Dip
- Homemade crafts

If anyone runs a small business and has something they wish to sell we are offering stalls for a fee.

Most importantly, please put this date in your diary, save your money and come and support us! All monies raised will go towards the completion of the sensory garden, which is due to open next summer.

Please bring any donations to reception and also contact Miss Wilson if you feel able to help on the day.

Homework

This year we are reviewing the homework that students are set, listening to the voices of students, staff and yourselves. The survey should only take 5-10 minutes to complete and will help us to ensure that your child receives the very best in home learning activities so that they can work towards achieving successful outcomes. Please find below a link and QR code to access the parent voice on homework.



https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/STGJPTN

Kindly complete the survey by Friday 29 November.



website: www.stjohnfisherschool.org.uk email: enquiries@stjohnfisherschool.org.uk

Champions League Attendance Competition

The Champion's league attendance competition started in September. Each month forms from each house are being ranked by their attendance that month. They achieve points each month based on their rank and a mini league is created. By the end of December all houses will have 4 forms going through to the next round of the competition. The winning form at the end of the year will get a prize to celebrate their excellent attendance.



Currently B5, B6, C8, R7, W2 and W4 are leading the way! Remember your son or daughter needs to aim for an attendance of 96% or more this year.

Westminster Green Day

Friday 15 November is Westminster House's Green Day. It will be a mufti day and tickets are on sale at break and lunchtime, priced £1. For students arriving on the day in mufti without a ticket, the cost will be £2. Please encourage your child to bring some extra money in that day so they can support Westminster



House in their fundraising efforts.

Sixth Form Applications and Taster Day

Please can we remind Year 11 that if they wish to apply for our school sixth form they need to do so using SIMS online. A link has been sent via their school email address. The deadline for applications is Thursday 19 November.

To support students to make the right choice for them, we have arranged a sixth form taster day for Thursday 21 November. The majority of Year 11 will stay in school and try out up to six different sixth form lessons. A smaller group will be going to PRC for a tour and presentation and a letter will go to parents about this.



Holocaust Poetry Workshop

On Tuesday a group of nine year 12 students took part in a poetry workshop on the Holocaust.

Students read and discussed poems by Lotte Kramer, who lives in Peterborough. She survived the Holocaust during the Second World War, as she took part in the Kindertransport from Germany 1939. When she left the station in 1939, that was the last time she saw any of her family as they all perished in the Holocaust.

Students read Lotte's poems, which focused on her life in England and her memories of her family. Students worked very well with John Hucklesby and Brian Keegan who helped with the poetry analysis. The next stage in the project is for the students to present a piece of work for the Holocaust Memorial Day in January next year.

School Visit to Athens

Just a reminder that this trip will take place in January 2021. The deadline for payments of the first deposit is 15 November. Payments can be made online via Schoolgateway. Please contact Miss Wilson if you have any questions about the visit or payments.

Parish Social Night

St Peter & All Souls with the Community of Our Lady of Lourdes

at the Fleet, Old Fletton,

Friday 15 November 2019: 7.30pm - Late

Live music, bar and finger buffet.

Tickets: £15 for adults £5 for primary school children

Hub for Hearing Impairment News

Year 9 students have been busy with Hub staff developing winter soup recipes. They have been shortlisted for the regional heats of the Food and Farming Winter Warmer Soup competition on 21 November. Good luck to them!

We have had four new Soundfield systems installed in practical classrooms and are already seeing the benefits for our students. The Local Authority have come into school to make a short film about the impact of this technology and you can watch the final video by accessing the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OIWubaLiIHI&t= 27s



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