



Happy New Year to you.

Renewal

Our theme this week has been 'Renewal' with a focus on the scripture 'When Jesus had been baptised, as he came up from the water, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting him. (Matthew 11:16). With this being our first full week back to school, we have considered what it means to start a new year - having a fresh start. Many of us make New Year Resolutions perhaps to be physically fit or take up a hobby or aiming to meet homework deadlines. During our Thoughts in the morning, we have revisited our mission statement and what it means to be a member of St John Fisher Catholic School: living life to the full by believing that everyone is a loved creation of God, that we should help each other and celebrate our aspirations and successes. Therefore, our resolutions could be more about others like being kinder or more helpful.

Kate Pereira

Epiphany

Last week we focussed on the Epiphany - the Magi visiting Jesus and paying him homage. 'When they saw the star, they were overwhelmed with joy' (Matthew 2:10). They also presented Him with gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh - expensive gifts to symbolise Jesus' position as King of kings and Priest of priests.



Duke of Edinburgh



Congratulations to our students who received their certificates and badges for Silver and Bronze Awards this week. A reminder to those participating in DofE 2023-2024 to upload any activities that you are doing and then evidence once you have completed it. Any questions do ask Mr Cayley or Mrs Wilmore.

Year 9 Option and Parents Evening

Please be aware that we have Year 9 Options Evening and Parents Evening on Tuesday 30 January. This is an excellent opportunity to support our students in making the right option choices to ensure that they are happy and successful for their GCSE years.

Aerosols

A reminder that aerosols are banned in school, should a student need deodorant they can bring in a roll on one to use.

Mrs Wilmore, Senior Deputy Headteacher

Student Senior Leadership

The Year 7 Prayer Group in the Chapel continued this week with our new Senior Leadership Team. The theme of Belonging was explored and prayers were written and read out. Well done to the new team for leading such a lovely time of reflection.

Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain

Year 9 Food Club

From Monday 15 January, there will be an after school Food Club, every second week for some year 9 students. This runs from 3.15 – 4.15pm. If your child is interested and would like to take part, they must speak to Mr Vermaak and register.

Mr Vermaak, Teacher Food Technology

Combined Cadet Force (CCF)

Adult Volunteers

Do you have some free time that you could spend on a Thursday evening with assisting our Cadets in school?

No experience needed; training will be given. Training will require your time over a few weekends and is run by the MOD.

If interested, please email:

enquiries@stjohnfisherschool.org.uk



Academic Tutoring

Post 16

8 January – 19 January 2024

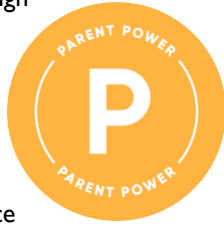


'A year of reading ... a lifetime of memories.'

 Upcoming Events 	
30 January	Year 9 Options & Parents Evening 2.30 - 6.30pm. School closes at 2pm.

Peterborough Parent Power

Congratulations to Peterborough Parent Power who are celebrating a whole year since they formed as a group, empowering parents to make change locally to support their children's future and ensure their children have a fair chance both in education and in their future careers. To mark this occasion the group are holding a Celebration Event at ARU Peterborough, Bishop's Road on Tuesday 16 January at 5:45-7:45pm. This event celebrates a year full of campaign wins, relationship development and alliance building at Peterborough Parent Power, reflecting on the successes and hard work of their chapter so far. It is also an opportunity to look ahead to what the Parent Power Group would like to achieve in the future. If any parent would like to attend the event, please contact Dr Vicki Kay Price on:



peterboroughparentpower@thebrilliantclub.org or 07394569839. Family members, including children are more than welcome to attend the event. Refreshments will be provided for the evening. If there are any specific dietary requirements, please let Dr Vicki Kay Price know.

Mrs Helcoop, Assistant Headteacher

Cashless System

We are now a cashless school. All payments must be made via Schoolcomms. Please ensure you download the Schoolgateway app, see details below.

Mrs Austin, Business Manager

Extra-Curricular Activities 2023-24

Monday Lunchtime

All Years – Maths Help Club
All Years – Boys Basketball
All Years – Film Club
All Years – Chaplaincy Ambassadors - Chapel

Monday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities
All Years - Boys/Girls Football
All Years – Girls Netball
All Years - Homework Club Study Centre

Tuesday Lunchtime

All Years – Keyboard – Room 102
All Years – Maths Help Club
All Years – Girls Football

Tuesday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities
All Years Homework Club Study Centre

Wednesday Lunchtime

All Years – Maths Help Club
All Years – Indoor Mixed Cricket

Wednesday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities
STEM Club - Lego League
All Years - Badminton – Sports Hall
All Years – Homework Club Study Centre

Thursday Lunchtime

Key Stage 3 – Art Club
All Years – Choir – Room 102
All Years - Maths Help Club
All Years – Girls Benchball
All Years – Girls Basketball

Thursday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities
All Years – Fitness - Gym
All Years – Homework Club Study Centre

Friday Lunchtime

Years 8 & 9 - Inter Catholic Quiz Team
All Years – Gardening Club
All Years – Maths Help Club

Friday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities
All Years – Homework Club Study Centre

Breakfast - Free Bagels

Why not start the day with a filling breakfast. Our Breakfast club runs every day between 8.10am and 8.30am all students are welcome to come and join us in the Dining Hall for a free bagel.

