



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The theological virtue of hope is symbolised by the colour green, just like the burning fire of love is symbolised by red. Green is the colour of growing things, and hope, like them, is always new and always fresh. As we continue to be surrounded by political uncertainty, conflict and rising pressures on our day to day life, let us not lose sight of Christ's message of hope as we pray for peace, reconciliation and unity. I wish all members of our Fisher Family a peaceful and restful half term break and thank you for your hard work and support this half term.

Some important messages for you:

Mufti Day Total: £1,833.70

Thank you to all the parents/carers and staff members who contributed to last week's mufti day. This was shared between Little Sisters of the Poor, The South East Cancer Centre, Young Minds and AKT.

JFA (Parent Association) Update

At this week's meeting, the JFA confirmed that the annual Christmas Tree sale will take place at Plough Lane on Saturday 3 December, 9.00am-1.00pm. You can purchase your tree on ParentPay with the option for delivery for an additional fee. Please see the flyer sent with this letter for full details. Every penny raised goes directly back to the school, so please support this JFA event if you can.

The JFA would also like to remind parents/carers that you can support the school, and be in with a chance of winning £25,000 each week, through 'Your School Lottery'. The school receives 40% of all ticket sales, with weekly draws for John Fisher parents/carers who will win a cash prize equating to 30% of the tickets bought by parents/carers of the school.

To buy your tickets, simply go to: www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and choose The John Fisher School.



Pre-loved Uniform and Clothing Bank During Half Term

We have raised £337 this term already recycling and rehoming pre-loved uniform and sports kit. Last year we raised over £1,500. If you have any uniform you wish to donate, please can this be brought to school in a bag, labelled 'For the attention of Mrs Butterworth.'

Alternatively, this can be dropped off at school next week during the half term break on **Tuesday 25 October, 10.00am-12.30pm.**

The red charity clothing bank can also be accessed at this time.



Year 7: Forgotten Items and the Late Policy

We are extremely pleased at how our new Year 7 students have settled into life at John Fisher in their first half term. Part of the transition to secondary school is taking individual responsibility for making sure the correct equipment for the lessons/activities that day are brought to school every morning. We would expect that after a half term at school, Year 7 students should be able to organise themselves for each day accordingly. Therefore, we ask that parents/carers do not bring forgotten items into school such as pencil cases or sports kit. Students will face the same consequences as other students in the school if they do not have the correct equipment. Parents/Carers will still be permitted to drop off food items in the event of a forgotten packed lunch.

On the same note, Year 7 students will now be accustomed to their route to school every morning and we expect that they will arrive on time. The school's late policy will resume after the half term break. The back gates to school shut at 8.45am and so students should be on site in advance of that time. Lates are recorded in 2 week periods and the consequences issued for lateness over that period are as follows:

1 x late:	No consequence
2 x lates:	1 hour detention
3 x lates:	SLT detention
4+ lates:	Saturday Morning detention

Students who arrive at school after 8.45am will need to access the site via the main entrance on Peaks Hill. Those arriving after registration has finished (9.05am) will need to sign in at Main Reception at the front of school.

Sixth Form Open Evening: Thursday 3 November from 5:30pm until 7:30pm.

This event will feature talks from the Headteacher and Director of Sixth Form at 5:30pm and at 6:30pm in the Chapel. The subject introduction event, will be hosted by Subject Leaders in the Sports Hall. It is hoped that students and parents/carers will engage with the different Subject Leaders to talk about course choices, which should then help them to make an informed decision about their options.

If you travel by car, please be mindful of our local residents when parking on the surrounding roads.

Election of Parent Governor

Congratulations to Mrs. Nathalie Walsh who has been elected as parent governor. Thank you to the two other candidates, Bianca James and Andrew Mitchell, for putting themselves forward for the role. The governing body and school leadership look forward to working with Mrs. Walsh moving forward.

Some key dates for your diary:

- **Monday 31 October:** School re-opens for all students
- **Tuesday 1 November:** Our monthly themes of Remembrance and Movember start
- **Thursday 3 November:** Sixth Form Open Evening: 5.30pm-7.30pm
- **Friday 11 November:** Remembrance Day
- **Sunday 13 November:** Remembrance Sunday

Final Prayer:

We pray for a better future, hope for a better life,

Lord, we pray for love and kindness.

Some people say that the sky is at its darkest just before the dawn.

I pray that this is true, for all seems dark at the moment.

I need your light, Lord, in every way.

Father I pray to be filled with your light from head to toe.

To soak in your glory.

To know that all is right with the world, as you have planned, and as you want it to be.

Help me to walk in your light, and live my life in faith and glory.

In your Name. I pray.

Amen

Wishing you all a restful half term,

Yours sincerely,



P E McCullagh

Headteacher



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