



Dear parents/ carers

Today we celebrate the feast day of our patron saint – Saint John Fisher.

Throughout today the children will have learnt a little about St John Fisher prior to the mass this morning.

Today we also 'launch' our updated Mission Statement and introduce our new whole school values.

Our new Mission Statement is:

Guided by Jesus' love, we pray, learn and grow together.

This is a shortened and slightly simplified version of our old mission. Today – and over the coming weeks – we will explore together what this means to us all.

We also have a new whole school prayer:

Dear Lord,

Help us to be guided by your love, as we pray, learn and grow together.

Amen

This is linked to our Mission and children will pray this regularly as we gather together.

We also introduce our whole school values.

These have been chosen following talking to staff, children, governors and parents (through the survey that was part of the Parent Survey)



Again, through today – and in the coming weeks – we will explore these and what they mean to us as a school. Whether you and your family are part of the Catholic faith; another Christian faith or have no faith at all, I am sure that these are values that we all want to be important to all the children in the school.

The values that were chosen are:

Love, Hope, Honesty, Equality and Service.

St John Fisher Catholic Voluntary Academy
<https://www.stjohnfisherderby.srscmat.co.uk>

For I know the plans I have for you; plans to give you hope and a future – Jeremiah 29:11



Over time these will become more visible in school and in everyday school life – for example children can now earn House Points/ Dojos for showing these values in their school life.

Please talk to your children about how they can show these values at home, school and through their actions in their daily life.

Best wishes

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