



# St John Fisher

Catholic Nursery & Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter: 12th January 2024

### Learning Power of the Week: **Perseverance**

- Never give up when it is difficult
- Feed off frustration and encourage yourself
- Understand learning is a slow and uncertain process
- Take risks and be committed
- Explore every possibility

*I might not be there yet, but I'm closer than I was yesterday  
If at first you don't succeed...try, try again*

Learning Power Winners:

Nursery: Ella

Reception: Joseph

Year 1: Freddie B

Year 2: Armin

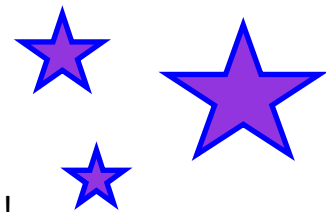
Year 3: Joseph

Year 4: Jake

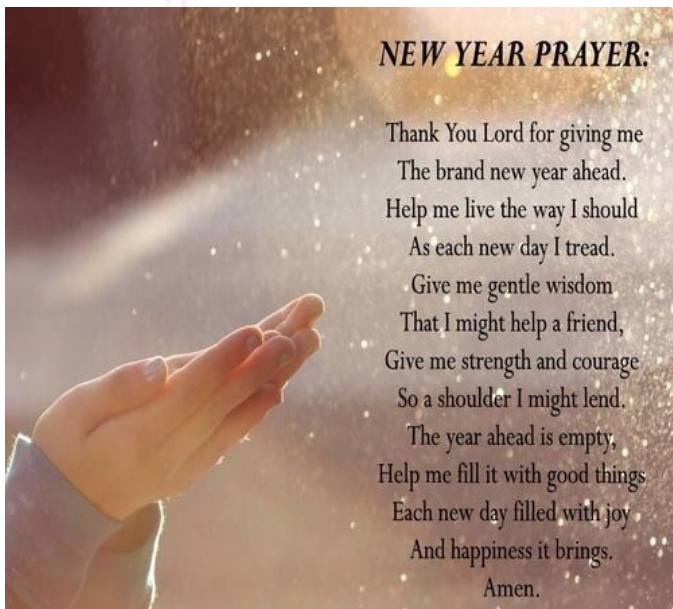
Year 5: Karson

Year 6: Remi

Well done children, you have shown how you **SHINE** this week!



### Prayer of the Week



#### NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom  
That I might help a friend,  
Give me strength and courage  
So a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty,  
Help me fill it with good things  
Each new day filled with joy  
And happiness it brings.  
Amen.

#### Mass Times:

Fr Michael would love to see you all in Church  
to celebrate mass:

Wednesday : 9:15

Saturday: 5.30PM—St John Fisher  
Church

Sunday: 11AM—St Columba's  
Church

Please join us on 20th January 2024 at 4pm  
for a special Mass for the children from our  
school and Parish who will make their First  
Holy Communion this year.







## Live Simply Award



The Live Simply award is an opportunity for our school community to respond to the Church's call to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the world's poorest. It is an invitation to follow in the footsteps of Jesus who lived and preached a simple life, and to take meaningful action on the ecological crisis we face today. The ecological crisis is a complex crisis that includes both the social crisis (global poverty, injustice, social inequality) and the environmental crisis (climate change, species loss, pollution of land, sea and air).

This school year 2023-2024, we at St John Fisher have applied for the CAFOD Live Simply Award. This year we will strive to

- ⇒ Show solidarity with the poor by fundraising
- ⇒ Make strides to live sustainably
- ⇒ Work towards achieving Eco Schools status and increasing our use of recyclable materials.
- ⇒ Aim to live simply with nurturing and improving our outdoor grounds and creating a special prayer garden.



## Catholic Social Teaching

### What is Catholic Social Teaching?

Catholic Social Teaching is founded in Scripture and includes statements and letters written by Church leaders. It offers wisdom and insights on living the Gospel in today's world. Jesus tells us to love God and to love our neighbours, especially our sisters and brothers living in poverty.

This term, we will further our work with Gospel Values and our mission by introducing the Catholic Social Teaching principles.

Each principle is represented by an animal and has,

- ⇒ A key statement.
- ⇒ Two explanations.
- ⇒ A scriptural quotation.
- ⇒ Quotations from Catholic Social Teaching.
- ⇒ A description of how the principle is demonstrated in CAFOD's work.





## Catholic Social Teaching

### Week 1

This week, Mrs Whitehead has introduced **Dignity**.

# Everyone is special.

## Human dignity

### Luc the deer's story



Luc has many brothers and sisters. He is the oldest brother, but he reminds his siblings how important they are.

Some of his younger siblings have been upset as they are a bit different. Some have different coloured skin, some are a bit shorter, some a bit slower, one has only three legs.

Luc has a gentle way of reminding them that they are all beautiful and important, just as they are. They are all made by God and have great value.

*Luc's story reminds us that each of us is made in God's image. This means that everyone is special. We should treat every person the same way we want to be treated.*



**We are beautifully made in the image and likeness of God.**

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**Each of us is made in God's image. Every person has an innate human dignity no one can take away.**

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**Our common humanity requires that we respect and uphold the dignity of each and every individual. Everything else flows from this dignity.**

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God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness."

**Genesis 1:26**

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*"Every person is worthy of our giving...they are God's handiwork, his creation. God created that person in his image, and he or she reflects something of God's glory. Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives."*

**Pope Francis, *Evangeli Gaudium*, 274**