**Dates for your diary 2018**

**Thursday 1st March 2018 - Spring Disco**

Infant disco will take place straight after school and will finish at 3.55pm. The cost will be £2 , which will include entry to the disco, a visit to the tuck shop and unlimited squash/water. This must be paid in advance to your child's teacher. Letters will be sent out after half term. Children should be collected from their classrooms after the disco.

Junior disco will take place from 4pm to 5pm and children will pay £1 entry fee at the door. The tuck shop will be open to purchase sweets, crisps and drinks. Children should be collected from their classrooms. Siblings can be collected together from the youngest child's class.

Please note that this is also the date of World Book Day so children will be able to attend as their favourite book character.

**Dress down and donate for the Easter Bingo**

Friday 9th March 2018 - We are inviting all children to attend school in their own clothes in exchange for a donation for the Easter Bingo. We are requesting donations of Easter eggs, chocolates, sweets, biscuits, Easter themed cakes and bottles of wine. Your generous donations always help to make the bingo a huge success so thank you in advance.

**Easter Bingo 2018**

The Easter bingo will be held on Thursday 22nd March 2018. Doors open 5.30pm - eyes down 6.00pm.

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Easter Bingo, it was a great success as always and we raised over £900.

**Christmas Bingo - Wednesday 6th December - doors open 5.30pm , eyes down 6pm**

Many thanks for all of your generous donations - we have lots of fabulous prizes to be won at this year's Christmas bingo. Come along and join us on the night to be in with a chance to win an amazing hamper, or if you can't make it there's still time to send in your raffle tickets. We also have two spectacular Christmas cakes to be won (separate raffle) which have been very generously donated by Mrs Ashdown.

**Dress Down and Donate for the Christmas Bingo - Friday 24th November 2017**

Friday 24th November is our dress down and donate day for the Christmas bingo. We ask that in exchange for your child wearing their own clothes, you donate an item that we can use in our Christmas hampers. We are hoping for chocolates, sweets, selection boxes, biscuits, cakes and bottles of wine or other alcoholic beverages.Your support helps us to create amazing hampers which can be won as bingo or raffle prizes. Don't forget to return your raffle tickets if you haven't already done so.

Christmas Bingo - Wednesday 6th December. Doors open 5.30pm - eyes down 6.00pm

**Christmas Fair**

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Christmas Fair - it was a great success. All of the classes had great fun making things to sell and their efforts raised a fantastic total of over £600! We hope that all of our traders also had a very successful afternoon and hope to see them all back next Christmas.

**Halloween Disco**

This year's Halloween disco will be held on 31st October 2017 in the infant hall. The infant disco will take place straight after school until 4.15pm. Letters have been sent out with the following details - the cost for infant children will be £2 per child which must be paid in advance to your child's class teacher.This will include entry to the disco, plus a visit to the tuck shop where the children will be able to choose their own goodies. Unlimited squash will also be available. Infant children can attend school dressed for the disco - either own clothes or fancy dress, but any masks will only be allowed at the actual disco.

The junior disco will take place from 4.30 to 5.30pm - £1 entry fee to be paid on the door. The tuck shop will be available for children to spend their own money. Fancy dress is of course optional.

While the disco is taking place, Mrs Yearsley will be hosting a Body Shop party, so why not make the most of having a child free hour or so and maybe pick up a few early Christmas presents. Tea and coffee will be available to buy.

**Other diary dates**

**Thursday 16th November 2017** - Christmas Fair from 3.15pm. Tables available to rent for £10. Please enquire at the office or call in to Y2 and speak to Mrs Heywood.

**Friday 24th November 2017** - Dress down and donate for the Christmas bingo. Own clothes day for children in exchange for a donation of wine, chocolates, biscuits or any other items that can be used as prizes. As always we rely heavily on your support for this event.

**Wednesday 6th December 2017** - Christmas bingo, doors open 5.30pm - eyes down 6.00pm

**Christmas cards**

Following on from our coffee morning last month, we looked into the possibility of ordering Christmas cards designed by your very talented children. We are pleased to announce that we have found a suitable producer and production will begin after half term. More details to follow.

**Coffee Morning - Thursday 21st September 2017**

We are holding our first meeting of the new school year on Thursday 21st September at 9am to discuss our fundraising plans for this year. We hope to see many new faces as well as our regular fundraisers - we really do need your support - so please join us for a brew and a biscuit (or two!) Come along to the school office after dropping your children off and a member of staff will be waiting to meet you.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

We are holding a coffee morning on Friday 29th September at 9am to raise money for Macmillan Cnacer charity. Please come along and join us for coffee (or tea) and cake. We are requesting donations of cakes from the children and these can be sent into school on Thursday 28th September or dropped of before 9am on Friday 29th September. Children will be able to buy a cake at breaktime.

**Bags 2 School**

Twice a year we send out clothing collection bags for parents to fill with clothes and shoes which are of a reusable quality. These bags are then collected and we recieve a certain amount of money per kilo. This is an easy way to add to our funds and enables families to dispose of unwanted clothes. We cannot accept any bedding etc. When you receive your bag it should have a list of items which can be dontated. Our next collection is Thursday 12th October 2017 at 9am and collection bags will be sent home with your child by Thursday 5th October 2017. Your help is very much appreciated.

Details of other events will be available here shortly so please keep checking.

**Summer Fair - Friday 23rd June 2017 3.15pm**

Please come along and join us for an afternoon of fun where you can beat the goalie, sponge the teacher,hook a duck and try your luck at one of the many tombolas. We will also be having 2 bouncy castles and crazy golf! In addition, you can feast on fabulous food at the bbq, enjoy a coffee and a cake or cool down with a refreshing ice lolly. Or maybe you would like to try out your creative skills by decorating a gingerbread man. We hope you will be able to join us and support our fundraising.

**Coming Soon**

Easter Bingo Wednesday 29th March 2017

Doors Open 5.30pm Eyes Down 6.00pm

Don't forget to return your raffle tickets to school in an envelope with your child's name on the back of the tickets and money enclosed.

Bags 2 School Wednesday 29th March 2017

Bags have now arrived in school and will be sent out shortly. Please return to school by 9am on Wednesday 29th March 2017. We will not be able to accept any bags after this time, thank you for your support.

**Recent Events**

Spring Disco

Due to the storms on 23rd February the Spring Disco had to be rescheduled to Tuesday 7th March, and luckily this time, the weather was not against us. All of the children had a fantastic time and we raised over £400!

Bookworm Breakfast.

On Thursday 2nd March 2017, we held our first Bookworm Breakfast, which was enjoyed by all who attended. What could be better than starting the day with a bacon or sausage barm and a good book! Many thanks to Jill, our cook,who came in especially early to prepare the breakfast barms - we couldn't have done it without her. This event raised over £170, many thanks for your support.

**Upcoming Events**

**Spring Disco**

Our Spring disco will take place on Thursday 23rd February 2017 in the infant hall.

The infant disco will begin straight after school until 4.15pm and will cost £2. This will need to be paid in advance in an envelope with your child's name on and will cover entry into the disco,unlimited juice and a visit to the tuck shop where your child can choose their own sweets. At 4.15pm we would ask parents/guardians to collect their children from their classrooms.

The junior disco will follow from 4.30pm to 5.30pm and £1 entry fee should be paid on the door. The tuck shop will be available throughout for the children to buy their goodies. We would request that parents to do stay for the disco. Children in years 3 and 4 should be collected from their classrooms and years 5 and 6 will exit from the hall. Siblings will be collected together so for example if you have a child in year 3 and one in year 5, both should be collected from the year 3 classroom.

**Dress down and donate for the Easter Bingo**

We will be holding a dress down and donate day on Thursday 23rd February 2017 when in exchange for a donation of an Easter Egg, some chocolates, biscuits or wine your child may come to school in their own clothes. We have coincided this with the school disco so that the children do not need to get changed at the end of the day for the disco.

**Easter Bingo**

Join us on Wednesday 29th March 2017 (please note change of date) to be in with a chance of winning a prize at our ever popular Easter Bingo. Raffle tickets will be sent out shortly. Please support us by purchasing some - they cost £1 a strip and should be returned to school with your child's name on the back together with the money in a sealed envelope, again with your child's name on. We really appreciate your support at these events.

Doors open 5.30pm, eyes down 6pm.

**Bags 2 School**

The next bags 2 school collection is booked for Wednesday 29th March 2017. Bags will be sent out early in March and should be returned to school by 9am on 29th March.

**Update on fundraising events**

Our most recent event was the Christmas bingo. St John Fisher bingos are renowned for being a huge success and this one was no exception! The infant hall was fit to burst with the number of families attending - we may have to look at expanding for the Easter bingo! Many, many, thanks for all of your generous donations - without these we would not be able to put together such fabulous hampers. Our grand total was in excess of £1000, a truly staggering amount. We are going to be looking at how best to use this money and we will keep you updated on how we intend to spend it.

Our Christmas Fair was a great success, welcoming a variety of stallholders to sell their products, many of which were unique and handmade. The afternoon raised just under £300, so thank you to all those families who can along to support this event. Many of the stallholders said they would come again next year - so something for us all to look forward to.

Dates for your diary

**Friday 30th September 2016**

We are hosting a coffee morning in support of the Macmillan cancer charity at 9 am in the infant hall. Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee and some cake, all for just a donation which will go straight to Macmillan. It is a great chance for parents to get together for a break and a chat and also to meet some of the staff on an informal basis.

**Events coming up**

Bags 2 school - Collection date Friday 14th October 2016 9am. Bags will be sent home week beginning Monday 3rd October. Please fill with unwanted clothing, paired shoes, handbags and belts. Sorry no bedding, curtains or bric-a-brac.

Halloween disco - date to be confirmed, but is likely to be early November.

Christmas Fair - Thursday 24th November 2016

We invite local businesses to come along and hire a table for just £10. Last year we had Cakes by Kerry and A build a bear stall amongst others. It is a great opportunity to buy some of your Christmas presents. If anyone is interested in hiring a table please get in touch as soon as possible - bookings are now being taken.

Christmas Bingo - Thursday 8th December 2016

Our bingos are our most popular and well attended events and are enjoyed by all ages. Come along and join us and you could be taking away a fabulous Christmas hamper. Timings will be confirmed at a later date.

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**Spring Disco - Monday 29th February 2016**. Infants 3.00pm to 4.15pm and Juniors 4.30 to 5.30pm. We would request that parents do not accompany their children as there will be plenty of staff on hand to supervise. Infant children will be escorted to the junior hall straight after school by their teachers and will be returned to their classrooms at the end of the disco where parents should wait to collect them. Junior children should be dropped off and collected at the Junior hall. Letters with further details regarding cost will be sent home after half term.

**Dress Down and Donate for the Easter Bingo - Monday 29th February 2016.**

Children are invited to wear their own clothes in exchange for a gift which can be used for our Easter Bingo prizes. We would appreciate Easter themed gifts such as Easter eggs and chocolates as well as biscuits and wine. Raffle tickets will be sent home after half term.

**Easter Bingo - Wednesday 23rd March 2016**

Doors Open 5.30, eyes down 6.00pm

**Bags 2 School collection - Wednesday 23rd March 2016**

We expect to recieve our next lot of bags after half term. Please fill with your unwanted clothes and shoes and return to school before 23rd March.

**Christmas Fare- Friday 11th December 2015**

We are now taking bookings for tables at the Christmas fare so if you would like to hire one to sell your goods please contact school or email: fff@SJFprimary.co.uk

**Christmas Bingo**

On Thursday 17th December we will be holding our ever popular Christmas Bingo. Doors open at 5.30pm and the fun begins at 6pm. Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly and we will be holding a dress down and donate day on Friday 11th December when in exchange for the children wearing their own clothes we ask them to donate a festive gift to make up our prize hampers. Thank you for your support.

Cancelled - Sadly, due to lack of support we have had to cancel the curry and quiz night scheduled for Friday 13th November. Thank you to those families who did purchase tickets- we are very sorry for the inconvenience caused.

**Curry and Quiz 13th November**

Please show your support by joining us for our first curry and quiz night. Tickets are priced at £5 per person and this includes a choice of chicken curry, hot pot or vegetable curry - please bring your own drinks. The evening starts at 7.30 pm and teams will compete against each other in various rounds of questions with a cash prize being awarded to the overall winning team. The quiz will be followed by a disco.

Tickets are on sale at the school office. Last date for purchase is Monday 9th November as we need to confirm numbers for catering. Sadly, if we do not get enough support the event will have to be cancelled.

**Welcome back**

Welcome back to a new school year and plenty of events in the pipeline. This will be the first full year with a new committee and we hope to have a really successful year of fundraising. As many of you may be aware, the Archdiocese charges all Catholic schools with a levy to contribute to the maintenance and upkeep of the school buildings. This charge equates to £10 per family , or £1700 in total which the Fisher Friends PTA pay on behalf of our families. As you can imagine this means that a large proportion of the money we raise each year goes to pay this charge, therefore our aim this year is to raise even more money so that we can help fund school trips (amongst other things) which can be expensive for families. We hope that we can rely on your continued support over the coming year.

Diary dates

* [Fisher Friends meeting](https://secure.schoolspider.co.uk/fisher-friends-meeting/)

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 21st September at 9 am. All are welcome to attend, please meet at reception. We will be discussing the following upcoming events:

Friday 25th September 9am - Macmillan coffee morning

Thursday 15th October - Infant and Junior disco - Infants -3.30pm to 4.30 pm, Juniors 4.45pm to 5.45pm

Friday 13th November - Curry and Quiz night for parents and staff

Friday 11th December - Christmas Fayre - 3.15 pm

Thursday 17th December - Christmas Bingo

* [Bags 2 School](https://secure.schoolspider.co.uk/bags-2-school-1/)

Our next Bags 2 School collection will take place on Thursday 15th October. This is a great chance for you to have a clear out of old clothes to make room for your new winter wardrobe, whilst at the same time enabling us to raise much needed funds.

**Family Fun Day Success**

We are so pleased to be able to tell you that we raised in excess of £1200 (after expenses) at our Family Fun Day. Many thanks to everyone who turned up on the day as well as those who helped in the run up to the big event-we couldn't have done it without you.

Upcoming Event

Summer Fare Friday 17th July 2015 3pm onwards.

Join us for an afternoon of fun with stalls galore and lots of fabulous raffle prizes to be won. Watch this space for more information.

Thank you to all who attended today's meeting, it was very productive.

Our next meeting is on Monday 29th June at 3.15, all welcome, please meet at the school office.

Plans for our fun day are coming along nicely and we are looking forward to donations coming in. Our next meeting will take place on Friday 10th July at 3.15pm, all welcome. We are urgently seeking help in manning the stalls so if you could spare any time at all on the afternoon of the 17th July we would very much welcome your support. Please speak to any member of staff if you would like to volunteer.

Fisher Friends members

Miss Hegarty

Mrs Magee

Mrs Cash

We would welcome new members from our community so if you feel you can spare any time to join in any of our fundraising events please feel free to speak to any of the above members of staff for more information. Details of planned meetings will be listed on the school newsletter as well as on this page so please check in for regular updates

**Recent events**

**Easter Bingo 2015**

As always the Easter bingo was a huge success and we raised in excess of £1000! This was due largely to the amazing generosity of parents who donated so many Easter themed gifts. This enabled us to produce fantastic hampers for prizes