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Dear Parents

On return to school we will begin our two week book week project culminating with a whole school assembly on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. On the morning of Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March school will be holding an open morning for Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4 from 9-10am for you to work with your child in class. Y5 parents 9-9.30am and Y6 parents 9.30-10am.

The children will also be asked by their class teacher on this day to dress as a character or aspect of the book they will be looking at. Your child will find out more after half-term!

### **Parish Links**

Our next family Mass will take place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March led by year 5 and reception class. The Mass will be followed by a workshop for year 3 parents and children. We look forward to seeing you at Mass. Mass will also take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March in school at 9.15am led by year 2. Everyone is welcome.



### **Lent**

Lent begins on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. We will be celebrating Mass in school on this day at 9.15am. Everyone welcome.

### **Safeguarding and Internet Safety**

We would remind parents to be vigilant in monitoring their children's use on line, including online gaming and other messaging and video sites. Following a number of incidents across school we would suggest that the use of sites such as Whats App, Messenger and Facebook are not always appropriate sites for children to be accessing at Key Stage 1 or 2.

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February - lunchtime alarm bell prize**

Congratulations to all our winners:-

£10 voucher - Freya Y6, Milky bar mini eggs - Isabella Y5, Smarties mini eggs - Indie Y3, Fairy colouring book - Olivia Y2, Dinosaur colouring book - Heidi Rec, Pirate colouring book - Zac Y1.



### **Nursery Class Application Forms**

Applications for Nursery for September 2019 are now available.

Applications can be access via the school website at <http://www.st-josephs-hednesford.staffs.sch.uk/home/parents/nursery>

Or by contacting the school office.

Closing date - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

*At Farlea Childcare we currently have available both funded and fee paying places for two year olds. Sessions run from 12.10pm - 3.10pm during term time. Call us on 07790 080446 for more information or to book a space.*



## **School Uniform**

### **A&J Designs**

A&J Designs are offering parents a school uniform saving account. This can be access via their website at [www.a4jdesigns.co.uk](http://www.a4jdesigns.co.uk)

Parents will be able to set aside monies in the account towards your child/children's school uniform. Payment in full is required before uniform will be released.

A reminder that alternative hair colours and extreme haircuts are not part of St Joseph's school uniform policy. We would also request that nail varnish and/or false nails are not worn to school. Thank you

### **Inset Day - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

A reminder that children return after half term on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February.



# **Lenten Activities**

Our Lenten fundraising for the Father Hudson's charity will begin on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Fr Hudson's Care is the social care agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham. They work in Oxfordshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and the West

Midlands to help people in need. Help us care for others by raising funds for children, families and adults in need. The children will be bringing home their Father Hudson boxes to fill with coins each week. The boxes can be bought into school each Monday, beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March to be emptied and they will then be returned to be filled again.

All the children will have the opportunity to take part in a sponsored event during the week of 1<sup>st</sup> April; you will receive further information from your child's class teacher nearer the time.

Year 6 pupils will be organising a 'Bring and Buy' sale on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm, everyone is invited to join us at the Bring and Buy. Please send in any items for the sale nearer the time.

The Easter disco for Father Hudson's will be taking place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April. We thank you for your continued support in working towards supporting charities and reaching out to others as part of Catholic mission.

### **Year 5 trips**

A reminder to parents of children in year 5 that the following payments are due shortly:

#### **NEC trip**

Payment of £10.18 is due by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

#### **Shugborough Residential trip deposit**

The deposit of £55 is due by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We respectfully remind parents that if the deposit is not received by 8<sup>th</sup> March your child's place will not be confirmed.