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12th February 2020 - Virtues and Values **"Compassionate and Loving"**

Pupils are growing to be compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and loving by their just actions and forgiving words.

Dear Parents

Parish Links

Well done to year 1 who have recently led their first class Mass. They read brilliantly! Our recent family Mass on 9th February coincided with Bishop David McGough's Parish visit, it was wonderful for our year 3 Communicants and their families to meet and talk with Bishop David.

Our next Family Mass will take place on Sunday 1st March led by year 3 and reception class.

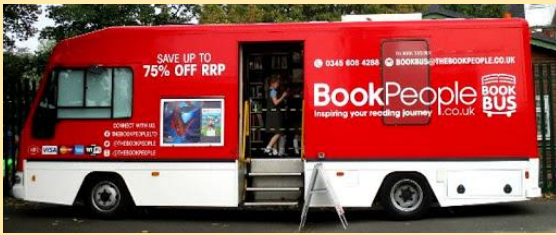


Wednesday 26th February - Ash Wednesday

Mass in school at 9.15am - all welcome

Music Concerts

Congratulations to years 1 and 2 for sharing their musical skills with parents at their recent concert. We thank Mr Baugh for sharing his talents and skills with us and helping to develop our music here at St Joseph's.



Book Bus - Tuesday 3rd March

On this day the book bus will be visiting us - all classes will have the opportunity to visit the bus. More information about the visit will come out after half term, including when parents are able to visit the bus.

PTFA Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Friday 28th February at 3.30pm. Everyone welcome to come along.



Easyfundraising

Together, we can really help St Joseph's Hednesford PTFA this year! Just sign up to #easyfundraising for FREE and use it when you shop online. You'll raise a FREE donation for St Joseph's Hednesford PTFA every time you shop online!

Visit:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjosephshednesford/?invite=44TQ29&referral-campaign=s2s>

Half Term Homework Activity

As you are already aware our school focus for development this year is Reading. As such we would like the children to take part in a half term challenge.

The children need to choose a book:-

Class	Book
Nursery	Non-fiction book
Reception	Non-fiction book
Year 1	Stories with bears in e.g. Paddington, Old Bear etc
Year 2	Michael Rosen Poems
Year 3	Poetry - any range of poems
Year 4	Non-fiction book about Anglo Saxons
Year 5	Any Michael Morpurgo book (but <u>not</u> Kensukes Kingdom)
Year 6	Poetry - any poems

They need to read the book over the half term holiday. Following this they need to make a model of a character from the story or item from a non-fiction book. However the model can only be a maximum height of 15cm! Any materials can be used for the model - use your imagination - but think small!! We would like the models and the book in school by Wednesday 4th March, when judging will take place!

There will be 3 main winners from across the school, 1st prize £20 book voucher, 2nd prize £10 book voucher, 3rd prize £5 book voucher.



Nursery Class Application Forms

Applications for Nursery for September 2020 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 - 31st March 2020

Dates for next half term *(Some dates may be subject to change)*

Monday 24 th February	Return to school
Wednesday 26 th February	9.15am Ash Wednesday Mass in school led by Y5 Lent fundraising begins
Friday 28 th February	Swimming Y3&4 pupils WOW assembly - 2.45pm
Sunday 1 st March	Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes - Year 3 and Rec
Monday 2 nd March	St David's house wear yellow
Tuesday 3 rd March	The Book Bus is visiting school 9.30am Fr Hudson's assembly Y1-6 Y6 - Safe & Sound - Cannock Fire Station
Thursday 5 th March	Stay and Pray - Y6 classroom 8:50-9:10 World Book day
Friday 6 th March	Swimming Y3&4 pupils World book day assembly - all classes -winners of character competition - 2.45pm
Tuesday 10 th March	9.15am Mass in school led by Y3 Forgiveness
Wednesday 11 th March	Full Governing Board meeting 5pm
Friday 13 th March	Finance Governors and School Fund 8am Swimming Y3&4 pupils WOW assembly - 2.45pm
Tuesday 17 th March	St Patrick's house wear green 9.15am Mass in school - led by Y4 - St Joseph
Wednesday 18 th March	Parents' evening 3.30-6pm
Thursday 19 th March	Parents' evening 4-7pm

Friday 20 th March	Own clothes day for Chocolate Bingo Swimming Y3&4 pupils Year 4 Topic assembly - 2.45pm
Monday 23 rd March	SPONSOR events for Fr Hudson's
Thursday 26 th March	Swimming Gala Stay and Pray - Nur classroom 8:50-9:10
Friday 27 th March	Swimming Y3&4 pupils No Assembly PTFA Bingo doors open 6pm
Tuesday 31 st March	9.15am Mass in school - Holy Week
Wednesday 1 st April	Disco Reception & KS1 6-7pm KS2 7-8.30pm
Thursday 2 nd April	Stations of the Cross 2pm all classes Year 3 First Confession 5pm in Church
Friday 3 rd April	Swimming Y3&4 pupils Bring and Buy Sale 2pm Finish for Easter
Monday 6 th - Fri 17 th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 20 th April	Pupils return to school



Lenten Activities

Our Lenten fundraising for the Father Hudson's charity will begin on Wednesday 26th February. 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 2nd 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 23rd March; 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 Friday 3rd 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 1st April.

We thank you for your continued support in working towards supporting charities and reaching out to others as part of Catholic mission.

Parents' Evening -

Wednesday 18th March 3.30pm - 6pm & Thursday 19th March 4pm-7pm

An invitation will be sent to all parents by email/text inviting you to sign up to parents' evening. This will be sent during the week commencing 2nd March. You will meet with your child's teacher in the hall and your child's work will be available in the classroom for you to look at.

If you have difficulty booking a slot, please contact the school office. Thank you

Parking Reminder

Please be considerate of our neighbours when bringing your child to and from school. The car park opposite school is available to use as well as the church car park at Our Lady of Lourdes. Please do not park on pavements outside our neighbour's homes as it is very difficult for them to access their properties and can cause a hazard for pedestrians. Parents with pushchairs are finding it difficult to pass cars parked fully on the footpath. Please do not park in this way. A reminder that the car park adjacent to school is for staff use only.

Thank you

Please also use the car park opposite when bringing your child to and from Farlea.

We also ask that the disabled car parking space is left free for use by disabled drivers/passengers. Thank you

St David's day - Monday 2nd March

Children who are in St David's house are invited to wear yellow on this day to celebrate their saint day.



Tuesday 17th March

To celebrate St Patrick's Day, children who are in St Patrick's house are invited to wear green on Tuesday.