

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Hill Top, Hednesford, Cannock, Staffs., WS12 1DE

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20<sup>th</sup> November 2020 Dear Parents

#### Staffing

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Parker; due to the pandemic she has made the difficult decision to retire. She has thoroughly enjoyed working with the children at St Joseph's and will miss them dearly.

During the current lockdown Miss Hunwick will be working from home following medical advice.

#### Christmas Cards

Children can bring in Christmas cards for their class friends or for other children in school from  $1^{st}$  December. These will be put in a class post box and kept in school for 72 hours before being sent home.

#### School Photographer

The school photographer will return on Thursday  $26^{th}$  November to take photographs of the children in nursery and year 5.

#### Year 2 Phonics Screening

The children in year 2 will be undertaking their phonics test in school next week.

## St Andrews Day - Friday 27th November (Y1-Y6)

Children in St Andrew's house are invited to wear blue on this day to celebrate their Saint's day.



#### PTFA

### Cake Sale - Year 5

The next PTFA cake sale will take place on Tuesday  $24^{th}$  November. Children in year 5 are asked to provide cakes on this day which will be sold at morning break at 20p each. Thank you

#### Food Bank Donations

Following the success of our last food bank donation we are once again asking families to donate items between  $1^{\rm st}$  and  $11^{\rm th}$  December. These will then be dropped off at a local food bank by Mrs Farrah.

## Google Classroom Reminder

As detailed in our letter of  $7^{th}$  October, we remind parents that all homework is now uploaded onto Google Classroom for completion. If you have any queries regarding this please contact the school office.

#### Chocolate Hamper Raffle

From the chocolate donated for our own clothes day each class will make 3 chocolate hampers –  $1^{st}$ ,  $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$  prize.

From Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November raffle tickets will be sold in each class at 50p each so that all children have the opportunity to win a hamper. All money raised will go to the PTFA.

The chocolate raffle draw will take place on Wednesday 16th December in all classes.

#### <u>Easyfundraising</u>

Please make sure you shop the easyfundraising way every time you buy something online: <a href="https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjosephshednesford">https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjosephshednesford</a>



#### PTFA - Treasurer

The PTFA are seeking a new treasurer. If you have a little time to offer and would like to support the PTFA in this role, please email <a href="mailto:stjosephshednesfordptfa@qmail.com">stjosephshednesfordptfa@qmail.com</a>



At this time of year, it's important to Be Bright and Be Seen when you are out and about near roads.

BE BRIGHT - wear fluorescent or brightly coloured clothing when walking to and from school - it shows up well in daylight and at dusk.

**REFLECTIVE** - When it's dark outside, wear reflective clothing to be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well.

**IMPROVE** - improve your visibility with accessories, clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers added to your coat or bag are a great way to improve your visibility.

GREEN CROSS CODE - always choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to use the Green Cross Code.

**HEADLIGHTS** - if you like to cycle, it's the law to have clean and working headlights on your bike at night (white at the front, red at the back) as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.