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Dear Parents



At the end of a busy autumn term, we would like to congratulate all our children on their hard work and efforts. We wish them all a restful Christmas holiday and look forward to seeing them on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January ready for the new term ahead. Staff and Governors would like to wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas.

### **Parish Links**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 5pm - Advent Candlelight Carol Service in the Grotto (please bring a chair)

Christmas Eve 5pm - Vigil Mass for children and families in church

Christmas Eve 9pm - First Mass of Christmas in the grotto

Christmas Day 10am - Mass of Christmas in church



### **Confessions**

In church 10-11am; Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December.

Telephone 01543 422576 or email [lol.hednesford@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:lol.hednesford@rcaob.org.uk) to book places for the Carol Service and Christmas Masses or sign up at the back of church. Please give your phone number and the full names of all those who will be with you.

### **Food Bank**

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent food bank collection. These items were delivered last week by Mrs Farrah.

### **Reception Class Application Forms**

A reminder to nursery parents that application forms for admission to primary school next September must be completed by 15 January 2021. Applications can be made using the online application service, which is available at

[https://ems.staffordshire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/](https://ems.staffordshire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=/CitizenPortal_LIVE/)



### **After School Clubs - Art Club**

Art club will recommence after Christmas on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January with Mrs Richardson & Miss Mayer. In order to keep our class bubbles and remain COVID secure, art club will be offered to Year 1 until February half term and then to Year 2 after half term until Easter. Each session will be offered to 15 children. After Easter those children that have not had the opportunity to attend will be offered a place during the summer term. All children will have the opportunity to attend before the end of the school year.

### **Christmas Chocolate Raffle**

Congratulations to the winners in our recent Christmas chocolate raffle:-

Year 6 - Seth, Hayden

Year 5 - Sofia, Indie, Alice H

Year 4 - Jessica, Lilly-Mae, Jack

Year 3 - Indie, Hollie, Ella/Gracie

Year 2 - Cruz, Harrison, Jacob

Year 1 - Daisy, Harry, Nancy

Reception - Isla, Freddie, Edward

Nursery - Kalel, William, Wilfred, Francesca

We raised £342 - thank you

### **Keeping Safe Online**

Can we remind parents to check what your child is accessing online and ensure that they stay safe. We would ask parents to be aware of what their child is accessing particularly over the Christmas holidays.

In this regard, the following sites can provide helpful information and support:

Staffordshire Safeguarding Board - <https://www.ssscb.org.uk/>

Ceop - <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre>

Thinkuknow - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

NSPCC - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

### **New Play Areas at Cannock Chase and Chasewater Country Park**

Staffordshire County Council has been awarded external funding to install new play areas at Cannock Chase (Marquis Drive) and Chasewater Country Parks.

They would like to get input from pupils and their families on the designs of the new play areas, as the play areas will be local to you. They have created a short online survey to do this:

<https://consultation.staffordshire.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/play-area-consultation>

The survey closes on the 13<sup>th</sup> January, so if you could spare a minute to complete it, the Council would be very appreciative.

## **Dates for Parents - Spring term 2021**

Some of the dates below may be subject to change

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET DAY – staff only
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Pupils back to school
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	PTFA Cake sale- Y1 Mass led by Y5- The Baptism of the Lord (pupils and teachers only)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	WOW assembly - see website “latest news”
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Dance Y1 & 2- Y2 9am Y1 10am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Prayer Assembly Y1 – see website “latest news”
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Mass led by Y4- Conversion of St Paul (Pupils and teachers only)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Dance Y1 & 2- Y2 9am Y1 10am
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Topic Assembly - see website “latest news”
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Dance Y1 & 2- Y2 9am Y1 10am
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	WOW assembly - see website “latest news”
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Family Mass 9.15 led by Y4 and Y1 + Family Session for Year 3 - TBC
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Week
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day Mass led by Y1 Theme: Our lady of Lourdes (pupils and teachers only) PTFA Cake sale- Y4
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Dance Y1 & 2- Y2 9am Y1 10am
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Topic Assembly - see website “latest news” Finish for half term
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Return to school
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Lent fundraising begins
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Dance Y1 & 2- Y2 9am Y1 10am
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	WOW assembly - see website “latest news”
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	St David’s’ wear yellow World Book Week
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Mass led by Y3 – Lent
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance Y1 & 2- Y2 9am Y1 10am World Book Day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World book day assembly – all classes
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Vista photos whole school Parents evening 3.30pm – 6pm TBC
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening 4-7pm TBC
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance Y1 & 2- Y2 9am Y1 10am
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	WOW assembly - see website “latest news”
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Mass- led by Y6- St Patrick
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick’s wear green
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance Y1 & 2- Y2 9am Y1 10am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Own clothes day for Chocolate Year 4 Topic assembly - see website “latest news”
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	SPONSOR events for Fr Hudson’s
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance Y1 & 2- Y2 9am Y1 10am Stations of the cross TBC
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	No Assembly PTFA Bingo 6pm TBC
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Mass led by Y2- Holy Week
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last day
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils return to school