

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Hill Top, Hednesford, Cannock, Staffs., WS12 1DE Email: <u>headteacher@st-josephs-hednesford.staffs.sch.uk</u> Tel: 01543 227225 Headteacher: Mrs B Corbett BA (Hons), NPQH



<u>School Mission Statement</u> 'To inspire, to learn, to love with God'

This half term we are focusing on being;

## Faith-filled and Hopeful

Pupils in a Catholic school are growing to be faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future.

### What does this mean?

Catholic schools help their pupils grow by passing on the living and faith-filled tradition of Jesus Christ; by having persevering faith in the pupils, and by encouraging them in turn, to have faith and hope in others.

25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Dear Parents** 

I am sure you will agree the weeks are really flying by with only three full weeks and three days left of the summer term. There is still so much to do and the children continue to work hard and enjoy their learning. Unfortunately, this week I have had to self-isolate due to a family member testing positive for COVID. The virus is very much still with us!

I have enjoyed receiving pictures and information from the teachers of the various activities that have taken place in school this week to put on Facebook. Well done everyone!



Well done and thank you to the children in Year 6 who represented the school so wonderfully at the Pilgrimage Mass in Church on Sunday. They read beautifully. It was lovely to meet Bishop Stephen at the Mass. He will be in school on Wednesday

afternoon visiting Year 6 and Confirming the children at the Mass on Wednesday evening. We are all looking forward to this great celebration.

Year 2 led the Mass in school on Tuesday to celebrate the Feast of John the Baptist which was livestreamed to the rest of the school.

Well done to all the children in Years 3 and 4 who celebrated their first Reconciliation on Tuesday. Mrs Davies and Miss Edwards are very proud of you all. Many thanks to Fr Jeremy and Fr Peter who came into school to celebrate this special Sacrament with the children.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Nursery meeting this week. It was lovely to see you all virtually and we look forward to welcoming your child into our Nursery in September.

Year 6 celebrated the Leaver's Mass yesterday with the Cannock Catholic Schools. Again, the children represented our school so well. Thank you to Nathan and Ani-belle for reading and to Miss Smith and Mrs Malpass for all their hard work in preparing for the Mass. If you would like to watch a recording of the Mass then please visit St Mary and St Thomas More's Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/cannockcatholic/videos/216297123673823

(Mass begins at 1.49)





# Staffing for September 2021

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to some of our staff members at the end of this term.

Mrs Wassell and Mrs McGrath are both retiring and leave St Joseph's nursery after 24 and 35 years' service.

Mrs Chave and Mrs Malpass are both retiring after 14 and 22 years' service. We thank them all for their hard work and fantastic contributions to Catholic Education. We wish them long and happy retirements.

Miss Mayer will also be leaving us to take up a new position at St Mary's in Uttoxeter.

We congratulate her on her new job.

### <u>Classes for September</u>

In September we look forward to welcoming Mrs Dudley as our new Nursey teacher and Miss Dawson as the Nursery assistant. We also welcome Mrs S Jones who will be the new teaching assistant in Year 6 and Mrs Thomas who will be the new teaching assistant in Year 1.

Class	Teacher	Teaching assistant
У6	Miss Smith	Mrs S Jones
У5	Mr Sayce	Mrs Richardson/
		Mrs J Jones
У4	Miss Hunwick	Mrs J Jones/
		Mrs Antoskiewicz
У3	Mrs C Davies	Mrs Cox
У2	Miss Edwards	Mrs Bennett
У1	Mrs Farrah (2 days)	Mrs Thomas
	Mrs Shepherd (3 days)	
УR	Mrs 5 Davies	Miss Harvey
Nursery	Mrs Dudley	Miss Dawson

All children will be taking part in a transition day on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July where they will spend the day in their new class.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about how a woman's faith was greatly rewarded. Jesus revealed the wonderful and extraordinary power he had received from his Father, by healing this woman in a remarkable way. Putting our faith in Jesus helps us to know God as our loving Father.

Let us be thankful to God for the great gift of faith. Helping our children to grow in faith, to know and to love God, is one of the greatest gifts we can give them.

Pope Francis reminds us, "To live by faith means to put our lives in the hands of God, especially in our most difficult moments." I hope you all have a lovely weekend - please stay safe.

Best wishes,

Mrs Corbett

# <u>"What Outstanding Work" Assembly</u>

We congratulate the following children recognised for their outstanding work last week. Please see the school website under latest news.

Reception	Lily	Niall
Class 1	Willow	Jayden
Class 2	Niall	Jacob
Class 3	Joseph	Sophie
Class 4	Finley	Travis
Class 5	Dylan	Leah
Class 6	Isla	Alfie

#### Parish Links

### <u>Y6 Confirmation – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July</u>

We welcome Bishop Stephen to school on Wednesday when he visits year 6 before conferring the Sacrament of



Confirmation in Church at 7pm. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers.

# <u>Y3 First Holy Communion – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 10am</u>

## <u>Y4 First Holy Communion – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 12pm</u>

We look forward to celebrating with our Y3 and Y4 class next weekend as the children receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.



## Drop in Coffee Morning

Every Monday between 9-11am there is a drop in coffee morning

at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall. Pop in at any time for a drink

or chat.

