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School Mission Statement

'To inspire, to learn, to love with God'

This half term we are focusing on being:

Learned and Wise

What does this mean?

Learned: learning how God wants us to live our lives. Whether we are young or old, we should never stop learning about what God wants of us. We learn many new things each day. By reading the Bible, listening to our teachers and listening to our hearts, we learn more of what God wants. **Wise:** knowing how God wants us to live our lives and putting it into practice. God is always with us and hoping that we will live our lives in the right way, following the teachings of Jesus.

26th November 2021

Another busy week in school has passed and the children continue to work incredibly hard in their classes. We are proud of them all.

We are busy finalising our plans for our events leading up to Christmas. As I'm sure you will understand things again will be slightly different this year. We are trying to ensure that we celebrate the variety of usual events but also remain as safe as possible. Please continue to read the newsletter for details and we thank you for your understanding.

Last Sunday was the Feast of Christ the King and also marked National Youth Sunday and the end of our liturgical year. Year 2 prepared and led a beautiful Mass on Wednesday celebrating the feast of Christ the King. We were so proud of the children who read and sang so beautifully.

The netball and football team enjoyed taking part in a match last week against St Thomas More primary school and the handball team participated in a tournament this week at Cardinal Griffin. They had a great time and came second- well done!

We enjoyed an assembly on Monday led by representatives from Mini Vinnies. Mini Vinnies are 7 to 11 year olds based in schools and parishes across England and Wales, and in several other countries across the world. They come together to form a part of the [St. Vincent de Paul Society England and Wales](#), a voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms. Mini Vinnies meet to pray, discuss and support however they can to help make a difference in their communities.

Mini Vinnies truly turn concern into action as they use the simple formula of '**see, think, do**' to find people in need and help them. We are looking forward to setting up a group at St Joseph's. Please ask your child about it. Children who are interested in joining (Years 3-6) have received a letter from their teachers which needs completing at home and returning to school. For more information please visit <https://www.svp.org.uk/mini-vinnies>

It was lovely to meet with the PTFA this week and we thank them for all their hard work in raising funds for St Joseph's school. We are looking at updating our ICT equipment and monies raised will help us to do this. Many, many thanks to everyone who organises and supports these events. Please see details of "break the rules day!" During this day there are certain rules that the children will be able to break- see details below!!

We are all looking forward to the switching on of Hednesford Christmas lights. Children from Years 5 and 6 will be singing in the community choir with other local schools. Please come and enjoy this event next Friday, 3rd December. You will also be able to look out for your child's nutcracker picture which will be part of a display in Hednesford town centre around the clock.

Many thanks to everyone who has donated to our shoebox appeal supporting Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse). These boxes will go to help children in need around the world. Many thanks.

This coming Sunday we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent and begin the time of preparation for the great Feast of the Nativity. Advent reminds us that God loves us so much that he sent his only Son, Jesus, into our world.

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that there is no time to lose. We shouldn't put off our good resolutions. Advent is the time to think about the way we live our lives and begin to make any necessary changes. The message is clear for all of us: we are to 'stay awake!' Pope Francis reminds us, "Christ asks us to be wide awake and alert, to see the things in life that really matter."

Let's use this season of Advent to be open to welcome Jesus, to make a fresh start and to draw closer to God, through living a good life!

"Advent is a time for us to prepare for the coming of Jesus, Prince of Peace. It's a time to make peace with ourselves and our neighbours." Pope Francis

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Mrs Corbett

Well done on
all your hard
work

"What Outstanding Work" Assembly

We congratulate the following children who were recognised at our WOW assembly today:

Reception	Wilfred Wilfred is working really hard in phonics with his writing (letter formation). Keep it up Wilfred! We are really proud of you ☺	Harry Harry is showing an eagerness in lessons and is participating with his phonics daily - his letter formation is really improving - we are supper proud of him. Keep it up! ☺
Class 1	Darcie For fantastic effort in RWI! Darcie is trying so hard in every lesson.	Max Tried so hard in science! Max explored the climate zones on Earth and sorted the pictures well.
Class 2	Archie Excellent resilience with his maths work. Archie is always pushing himself to do tricky work.	Bryn For his excellent attitude towards his learning. Especially in maths. He LOVES learning about money.
Class 3	Emily For an amazing attitude towards everything you do. You are just a star.	Tommy For working hard and trying his best in all areas.
Class 4	Gabriel For super effort and understanding of the bus stop method for short division. Able to complete method confidently and explain where mistakes have been made and corrected.	
Class 5	Charlie F For a fantastic attitude to learning. Charlie is giving 100%	Dean For great improvements in Mathematics. Keep it up Dean!!
Class 6	Sid For his constant effort and determination to do his best.	Grace For her helpful, caring and motivating attitude shown in school.

Parish Links



Coffee Morning

Next one on Sunday November 28th. A time to meet and chat. A donation will be invited.
On the last Sunday of the month after mass.



The Beatitudes - 4 Week Online Advent Course

Advent is the season for expectation and preparation. Being transformed in the Beatitudes is a means for preparing to welcome Jesus anew and to receive the blessing of His Incarnation. Join us this Advent for four one-hour sessions on Monday evenings at 7 pm. Each talk will include time for questions and sharing, as well as a brief take-away to assist

with prayerful reflection on the topics covered. Price: £80. For information and to book - <https://www.carmelite.uk.net/courses/thebeatitudes/>

Advent

Advent is a time of preparation and joyful expectation. As we prepare for the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, these weeks provide a wonderful opportunity to slow down and reflect. We look forward to the coming of Christ: celebrating His birth, His renewed coming into our lives this Christmas, especially through the Eucharist, and His second coming at the end of time. The Archdiocese has a page giving access to many resources to help to make the most of the season. The page will be updated with resources and reflections to accompany you through Advent and Christmas. <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/advent>

School Photographs

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is Monday 29th November. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk
If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Easyfundraising

Please register by following the above link to raise money for St Joseph's.
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjosephshednesford/>

Joe's Growing Zone

We would like to plant bulbs in the class growing areas e.g. daffodil, crocus, snowdrop - any donations of bulbs would be gratefully received. Thank you

Primary School Application Forms

A reminder to nursery parents that application forms for admission to reception class next September must be completed by 15 January 2022. Applications can be made using the online application service, which is available at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx> and by following the links to 'making an application'



Hednesford Light Switch on - Friday December 3rd

Pupils from Y5 & Y6 will join with other local schools to form a large choir and participate in the Hednesford Christmas Light switch on. We will be gathered around the clock area/gardens in Market Street singing in the lead up to the switch on which is due to take place at 6pm. All children participating should arrive at the Salvation Army Building from 4:45pm wearing full school uniform. Children will be able to leave any bags etc at the Salvation Army building which will be staffed and secure.

Nativity Plays

Allocated tickets will be sent home with children next week.

Christingle - Thursday 16th December (during the school day)

A letter will be sent home shortly with the arrangements for Christingle this year.

Primary Times

The digital edition of the Primary times can be found here:-

<https://flickread.com/edition/html/61961c162f204#1>

School Uniform Suppliers

A&J Designs

Please note that A&J Designs are moving premises to Apex Business Park, Units 1, Walsall Road, Cannock, Staffs, WS11 9PU from Wednesday 1st December. However, the trade counter will not be operational until December 14th although parents can still order on the online portal.

Crested Schoolwear

Please note that Crested Schoolwear will be closed from 4-9 December for refurbishment.

Own Clothes Days

Friday 3rd December

Children are invited to wear their own clothes on this day and bring in an item of Christmas chocolate. Class hampers will then be made from the donations and raffled off. Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday 6th December at £1. Please send your child in with £1 if they would like the opportunity of winning a hamper. There will be one hamper per class.

Friday 10th December

Break the rules day! Children can choose to break the rules (50p per rule broken) on this day.

- * No nail polish
- * No crazy hair
- * No temporary tattoos
- * Must wear school uniform
- * Hair must be tied up
- * No hats in class
- * No trainers

School Disco - December 15th

This has been cancelled due to COVID restrictions. The children will have the opportunity of having a small class disco during school time. Further details will be shared via Google Classroom giving exact days.



Yule Love

HEDNESFORD THIS

Christmas

Saturday 27th November
10am – 3pm
 Christmas Farmers & Craft Market
 70+ stalls

**Saturday 27th November –
 24th December**
 Life size Nutcracker trail
 Try and find all 10 Nutcracker soldiers

Friday 3rd December
5pm – 8pm
 Christmas lights switch on
Plus
 Staffordshire's largest schools choir
 Festive characters for meet & greet
 Christmas Market
 Funfair
 Face painting

Saturday 4th December
10.30am – 2.30pm
 Small Business Saturday
 Magic show extravaganza
 Free entertainment for the
 whole family

**Friday 10th & Saturday 11th
 December**
10.30am – 2.30pm
 Life size snow globe
 Jump inside for a free photo

Saturday 11th December
10am – 3pm
 Christmas Farmers & Craft Market
 70+ stalls
Plus
 Father Christmas

Events in Hednesford
are brought to you by:

