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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.

17th December 2021

The children have enjoyed a very busy couple of weeks. They continue to work hard and have had lots of fun in the run up to Christmas.

I am sure you will agree that the EYFS and Key Stage 1 children were wonderful in their Nativity plays last week. It was so lovely to have an actual audience and thank you to those who attended.

The Key Stage 2 children were equally as impressive in their Christingle. They sang and read beautifully allowing us all to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Again it was wonderful to see so many families in attendance.

We are so pleased we were able to go ahead with these events this year as they are a really important part of getting ready for the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

None of the events could go ahead without our wonderful staff here at St Joseph's who have worked so hard to prepare for them- I would like to thank them all!

Thank you for the overwhelmingly positive comments from parents regarding the Christmas performances and for the kind words of appreciation, cards and gifts sent to staff. Your kindness is greatly valued.

We have been overwhelmed by your generosity for our shoebox appeal this year. The boxes are being collected today and will go to help children in need around the world. Many thanks to our school council for organising this.



In all the hustle and bustle of preparing for Christmas let us try to remember the real meaning of Christmas - the birth of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is God's greatest gift to the world. His wonderful birth gives witness to the fact that he is the Son of God. Christ, the 'Light of the World', came to enlighten us - to show us the way to God and to draw everyone into his love, so that we may joyfully share in God's own life.

"Let's welcome the light of Christ into our hearts. When Christ is your friend, you have joy, serenity and happiness." Pope Francis

I would like to thank you once again for your continued support for our lovely school, to the staff and children for all their hard work and I would like to wish you all a Christmas filled with joy, happiness and peace.

Best wishes,
Mrs B Corbett



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 Wednesday 5th January ready for the new term ahead.

Staff and Governors would like to wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas.

"What Outstanding Work" Assembly

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

Well done on
all your hard
work

Reception	Reception Class To the whole class for their hard work in the nativity play. They did so well to remember their lines and their singing and dancing was amazing! We are so proud of you 😊	
Class 1	Karen For her excellent attitude to her work and always smiling 😊	Jaxon For excellent effort and progress with his phonics and writing 😊
Class 2	Ryan For demonstrating an excellent attitude towards his maths. Trying hard with multiplication and division.	Ruby Becoming more confident with <u>all</u> of her learning. Especially problem solving in maths.
Class 3	Elliot Super maths for both Mrs Davies and Mrs Donnelly. You are a superstar!	Jack Hugely improved attitude to learning. Keep up trying and pushing yourself to achieve.
Class 4	Ella	Kian
	Super writing in their non-chronological reports on the city of Rome. Full	

	of facts and detail.	
Class 5	<p>Travis</p> <p>For his outstanding work in Maths - fantastic problem solving!</p>	<p>Corey</p> <p>For a fantastic effort in English - super improvements in his handwriting.</p>
Class 6	<p>Alicia</p> <p>For her contribution to RE lessons and fantastic detail shown in her Advent work.</p>	<p>Indie</p> <p>For her resilience in Maths and effort shown in Arithmetic sessions.</p>

Parish Links

Christmas Season

Booking only needed for the 5 pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

Please put your name on the list at the back of church, send an email to olol.hednesford@rcaob.org.uk or put a note through the presbytery door. Do not leave a phone message.

- Christmas Eve (Fri) - **10 am** Confessions

5 pm Vigil Mass - **9 pm** First Mass of Christmas.

- Christmas Day (Sat) - **10 am** Christmas Mass.

- Sun Dec 26th - Holy Family - Mass 9.15 am.

- Monday 27th - Friday 31st December - **No Mass**

- Sat Jan 1st - Mary Mother of God - Mass - **10 am**

- Sat Jan 1st & Sun Jan 2nd - 2nd Sun after Christmas Saturday Vigil Mass **6 pm** & Sunday Mass **9.15 am**

- Tues Jan 6th - The Epiphany - Masses at **9.30 am** & **7 pm** (Joint Parishes Mass in Cannock)

- Sat Jan 8th & Sun Jan 9th - The Baptism of the Lord - Saturday Vigil Mass **6 pm** & Sunday Mass **9.15 am**

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/>

Toast - Thursday mornings

If your child would like to have toast on a Thursday morning after Christmas, please send in £1.40 in a named envelope to cover until February half term. Please send into school on Tuesday 5th January.

Easyfundraising

Please register by following the above link to raise money for St Joseph's.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjosephshednesford/>



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'



Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Jumper day this week. We raised £110 which has been sent to Save the Children.

Break the Rules Day

We were overwhelmed with the generosity for break the rules day. We raised over £200 for the PTFA - thank you!

School Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Ruby (Y2) who has won the reading challenge.

Dates for Parents - Spring term 2022

Some of the dates below may be subject to change

Tuesday 4 th January	INSET DAY - staff only
Wednesday 5 th January	Pupils back to school Y6 Mass - Epiphany
Thursday 6 th January	Dance for Y2 & Y4
Wednesday 12 th January	Y5 Mass - Baptism of the Lord
Thursday 13 th January	Dance for Y2 & Y4
Friday 14 th January	WOW Assembly
Tuesday 18 th January	PTFA Cake sale- Y3
Thursday 20 th January	Dance for Y2 & Y4
Friday 21 st January	Y6/Reception Special Friends Assembly
Wednesday 26 th January	Y4 Mass - Conversion of St Paul
Thursday 27 th January	Dance for Y2 & Y4
Friday 28 th January	WOW Assembly
Wednesday 2 nd February	Y3 Mass - Presentation of the Lord
Thursday 3 rd February	Dance for Y2 & Y4
Friday 4 th February	Y2 Topic Assembly
7 th February - 11 th February	Safer Internet Week
Tuesday 8 th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 10 th February	Dance for Y2 & Y4
Friday 11 th February	Y3 Prayer Assembly
Wednesday 16 th February	Y2 Mass - Our Lady of Lourdes
Thursday 17 th February	Dance for Y2 & Y4
Friday 18 th February	WOW Assembly
21 st February - 25 th February	Half term
Monday 28 th February	Return to school
Tuesday 1 st March	St David's' wear yellow
Wednesday 2 nd March	Lent fundraising begins Y1 Mass - Ash Wednesday

Thursday 3 rd March	Dance Y2 & Y4 World Book Day
Friday 4 th March	World book day assembly - all classes
Thursday 10 th March	Dance Y2 & Y4
Friday 11 th March	WOW Assembly
Wednesday 16 th March	Y6 Mass - St Joseph
Thursday 17 th March	St Patrick's wear green Dance Y2 & Y4
Friday 18 th March	Y1 Prayer Assembly
W/c 21 st March	SPONSOR events for Fr Hudson's
Tuesday 22 nd March	Y2 - Cannock's Gotta Dance Prince of Wales Theatre - 7pm
Thursday 24 th March	Dance Y2 & Y4
Friday 25 th March	WOW Assembly
Tuesday 29 th March	Parents evening 3.30pm - 6pm
Wednesday 30 th March	Y5 Mass - Mary our Mother (Mother's Day) Parents Evening 4-7pm
Thursday 31 st March	Dance Y2 & Y4
Friday 1 st April	Reception Class Topic Assembly
Friday 8 th April	Last day Bring and Buy Sale TBC
Monday 11 th April - Friday 22 nd April	Easter Holiday
Sunday 17 th April	Easter Sunday
Monday 25 th April	Pupils return to school