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### **School Mission Statement**

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

This half term we are focusing on being;

#### **Curious and Active**

Curious about everything; and active in our engagement with the world, changing what we can for the better

#### **What does this mean?**

Helping pupils to grow by leading them to be **curious** about the universe and all human activity, and to take increasing responsibility for their own learning, and by providing opportunities for them to be **active** in the life of the school, the Church, and the wider community.

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14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers.

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school after the Christmas break. Happy New year to you all and we hope that you had a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends.

The children have quickly settled back into the routines of their class and have produced work that we can all be proud of. Well done.

Please continue to support us by ensuring that your child is completing all of their homework on a weekly basis to the highest possible standard. Homework is extremely important and can add up to 3 months of progress to an individual

child. As always, if you are having any problems with any of the homework that has been set then please speak to your child's class teacher.

This term we will be focussing on the Catholic virtues of being 'Curious and Active'. The children are learning and growing to be curious about everything and active in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the collection held at the KS2 Christingle. £159.55 was raised which has been given to Our Lady of Lourdes Church Advent Parish Appeal supporting Friends of the Holy Land. The money will go towards helping people in urgent need in the Holy Land and specifically to pay for expectant mothers to have a safe birth in hospital in Bethlehem.

Last week we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany with Mass in school and Father Jeremy told us all about how the Wise Men travelled to see the baby Jesus. The children read and sang beautifully and we look forward to the time when we can invite parents and parishioners into school to join us for Mass.

This week we celebrated Mass for the Baptism of Jesus which marks the end of the Christmas season. This gave us the opportunity to reflect on our own baptism - the moment when our own Christian life and journey of discipleship began. We pray that the Holy Spirit guides our work and all we do in school this coming year.

Lord,

You make all things new.

You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year and for all the potential it holds.

Come and inspire us to do great things so that others will see the wonders of  
God

and forever praise your glorious name. Amen

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs B Corbett

### Parish Links



The Baptism of the Lord last Sunday marked the end of the Christmas Season - Ordinary time began on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January. The crib will remain in church until the Feast of Candlemas on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Safeguarding

A reminder to all parents that the safeguarding of all of our children is priority at our school. **Mrs Corbett is the Designated Safeguarding Lead. Mrs Farrah/Mrs C Davies/Mrs Hunwick-Davy are the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads. Mr Joshua Sutton is the link Governor for Safeguarding**

Should you have any concerns regarding safeguarding on the safety of our pupils please do not hesitate to speak to any member of school staff.

In this regard we also look to assist parents in keeping their children safe - including online safety. Please note that these will help with any information:

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/>

### **PTFA Cake Sale - Y3**

Our next cake sale will take place next Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January. Year 3 are invited to bring in cakes. These will be sold during morning break to all pupils at a cost of 20p. Thank you

### **"What Outstanding Work" Assembly**

We congratulate the following children recognised for their outstanding work today.



Reception	Erin For trying super hard to write sentences independently. Well done 😊	Sy For always eager to try every activity in class especially her writing and number sentences 😊
Class 1	Faith For trying hard and making progress in read, write, inc. 😊	Rosie For her excellent attitude to her learning. She always tries her best 😊
Class 2	Jayden An increased confidence with his maths, working hard with	George For a super start to the new term. He is focussed and

	multiplication and putting his hand up to answer.	working hard. Well done George.
Class 3	Wyatt For being a super star across the curriculum. He is trying his best <u>all</u> the time.	Layla For trying her best across all subjects. Her sunny nature brightens the whole classroom.
Class 4	Jacob For a great start to fractions and working out equivalent fractions.	Mikolaj For a start back with super neat writing, getting himself a pen and for a great description in English
Class 5	Charlie B For his great work ethic. Thank you for setting such a good example to year 5!	Autumn Fantastic effort across the curriculum particularly in English - reading and grammar.
Class 6	Phoebe For her formal piece of writing pretending she was the prime minister.	Harry F For his conscientious attitude towards his maths' learning.

### Easyfundraising

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

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


### Nursery - September 2022

Applications for nursery for September are now available. Applications can be accessed via <https://www.st-josephs-hednesford.staffs.sch.uk/admissions-1>

or by contacting the school office. Completed applications should be returned to the school office by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

## **School Uniform**

A reminder that winter uniform should be worn until Easter comprising of a white shirt/blouse and tie. Ear-rings can be worn to school, however, these should be studs. Other types of ear-rings are not allowed due to safety reasons. Ear-rings should not be worn for PE. Thank you



**Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission are re-visiting Staffordshire to review our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Services between 18 – 20 January 2022.**

The visit follows on from a 'Local Area Review' that took place in November 2018 which highlighted some strengths as well as some areas that needed improvement.

The main concern was that different parts of the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities system (including education, health and care) did not work together or with families well enough.

In response to this, we worked together, with our partners to develop a [Written Statement of Action](#) to drive the improvements we all wanted to see. The re-visit will evaluate how effectively we have made these changes.

**Share your thoughts**

The [enclosed letter from Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission](#) asks all parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities to give their thoughts on the SEND services in Staffordshire.

**Complete the Survey**

You can give your feedback by [completing this survey](#). The survey will close on Monday 17 January 2022.

**Join the open discussions**

You can also give your feedback at an open discussion with the Inspectors. The discussions will be held online on Wednesday 19 January 2022. You can choose between two time slots:

- 11:00 – 12:00. - [Click here to join the meeting.](#)
- 18:15 – 19:15 – [Click here to join the meeting.](#)

All information about the SEND Local Area Review re-visit can be found at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/SENDLAR](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/SENDLAR)

## Dates for Parents - Spring term 2022

Some of the dates below may be subject to change

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	PTFA Cake sale- Y3
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Dance for Y2 & Y4
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Y6/Reception Special Friends Assembly
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4 Mass - Conversion of St Paul
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Dance for Y2 & Y4
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	WOW Assembly
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Y3 Mass - Presentation of the Lord
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Dance for Y2 & Y4
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Y2 Topic Assembly
7 <sup>th</sup> February - 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Week
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Dance for Y2 & Y4
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 Prayer Assembly
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Y2 Mass - Our Lady of Lourdes
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Dance for Y2 & Y4
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	WOW Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup> February - 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term