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School Mission Statement

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

This half term we are focusing on being;

Generous and Grateful

What does this mean?

Grateful: We are grateful for the gifts God has given to us, for the gifts of other people and the blessings of each new day. We are thankful for what we have and for the people around us.

Generous: We are generous with our gifts and use them in the service of others. We are generous with our time and give of ourselves to serve others as God wants us to. We are generous with our actions, doing things to help other people and make a difference in the world.

27th May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's hard to believe that it is the half term break already! What a busy few weeks we have had at St Joseph's. We have been really impressed with the children over the last few weeks who have all been working really hard and showing kindness to others.

Congratulations to all the children and families who made the First Holy Communion Mass so moving and memorable last Saturday. It was a really beautiful Mass. Special thanks to Mrs Davies and Mrs Cox for their work in preparation and many thanks to all the staff who attended to help organise.

Year 3 will be leading the Corpus Christi Mass in school on Monday 13th June at 9:15am. We ask that the children come in dressed in their First Holy Communion clothes that day- Mrs Davies will be in touch with further details. Everyone is welcome to attend the Mass.

Well done to the Year 6 children who took their SATs tests a couple of weeks ago. We appreciate all of your hard work and are very proud of your efforts. Thank you to staff and all the parents who have supported them. They continue to work hard in class and are busy rehearsing for their end of year play. The pupils in Y6 enjoyed their visit to the Cinema and were recognised by the staff who commented on their excellent behaviour and good manners.

The children in year 2 have been working hard towards their assessments which have taken place throughout the month of May. Well done Year 2! It was wonderful to welcome the parents and families of the Year 2 pupils to school on Wednesday for their stay and pray collective worship. The pupils led the prayers and sang beautifully- Father Jeremy wanted to stay all day!

Please come along to the 9.15pm Mass on Sunday 5th June if you are able to. There will be a children's liturgy for the children to participate in and refreshments after Mass.

We are looking forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee after half term on Wednesday 8th June and the children have been busy learning all about the Queen in their History work this week.

Our Quality Mark Award has been renewed for a further two years. The Quality Mark promotes, supports and celebrates progress and improvement made by school in English and Mathematics.

We held our May procession this afternoon in honour of Our Blessed Lady. The whole school came together in Church to celebrate Our Mother Mary. It was such a wonderful occasion. A big thank you to all our parents, who joined us on such a special occasion and helped us all to walk down to Church. We would like to say thank you to all the parents and pupils for the flowers you gave in honour of Mary and a special thank you to our May Queen Charlee and Crown bearer Joseph who crowned the statue of Mary on behalf of all the school and to the Reception children who looked so beautiful.

Our Mother Mary - Pray for Us

Our Lady of Lourdes- Pray for Us

We hope you all have a wonderful half term break and enjoy the Jubilee Celebrations.

Best wishes,

Mrs B Corbett



Well done on
all your hard
work

"What Outstanding Work" Assembly

We congratulate the following children who were recognised at our

WOW assembly last week:

Reception	Beau	Esmee
	For using his phonics to make independent sentences! Well done Beau 😊	For showing super listening and recall skills. Your contributions to our lessons are insightful. Well done!
Class 1	Alfie	Phoebe
	For concentrating and displaying fantastic dance skills with Sandra	For her amazing improvement in her phonics. Wow! 😊

Class 2	Macey	Scarlett
	For their fantastic chick life cycle work and showing a kind and caring nature towards animals.	
Class 3	Finley	Esme
	For trying with his maths work. Great adding and subtracting.	Amazing perseverance and dedication to her fraction work - even when it got really tough.
Class 4	Billy	Holly
	For their fantastic final drafts of their non-chronological reports on yetis, super content and layout!	
Class 5	Mikayla	Eve
	For outstanding art work this term!	For excellent work during our Harry Potter English work.
Class 6	Elliott	Ula
	For cracking the bubble method and long division chunking method	For her conscientious attitude shown towards her work this year

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

On Wednesday 8th June we will be celebrating the Queen's platinum jubilee in school. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a king or queen. Alternatively they may prefer to wear red, blue and/or white. Either option can be chosen.



At lunchtime we will have a street party outside where the children will eat their lunch with their friends (weather permitting). The kitchen will provide the following:-

** a choice of sandwiches, ham, cheese, tuna mayonnaise, chicken tikka

** sausage roll

- ** slice of pizza
- ** cucumber chunks
- ** jubilee cupcake
- ** drink of water

Alternatively children can bring in their own picnic lunch.

<div>  <div> Virtues Awards This half term: Generous and Grateful </div>  </div>		
Reception	<p>Anna Hill and Adam - They are always thankful for their friends and teachers and express this in a kind way. They are generous and share their toys and also their time. Well done for both being so kind.</p>	
Year 1	<p>Tilly – is always grateful for the things she is given and always says thank you. She is generous with her time- helping others and she always forgives others when they make a mistake.</p>	<p>Faith - goes out of her way to help others, including her teachers. She always includes everyone in her games and never leaves anyone out.</p>
Year 2	<p>Jack - always offers to help others including his teachers. He always uses his manners and goes out of his way to make sure his friends are happy and smiling.</p>	<p>Amelia - Amelia has been especially generous with her time to help take care of the chicks in Year 2. She has offered to help clean them out and get them fresh water every morning.</p>
Year 3	<p>Connor is always grateful for the help he receives from adults and his friends. He has amazing</p>	<p>Layla is so generous with her time and shares her knowledge. She will help anyone without</p>

	manners and is a pleasure to be around.	fuss and always does as she is told straight away. She has lovely manners.
Year 4	Ella- is always so generous with her time, particularly helping her teacher around the classroom and giving up her break times willingly to help.	Emily McEvoy- is always grateful for help given to her in lessons and at break times. She has lovely manners.
Year 5	Leah S - For always thinking of others – Leah is generous with her time and her smiles! She is always positive and always does her best to brighten someone's day.	Zofia is always generous to others. She gives up her time to work with the school council to make her school a better place.
Year 6	Nhu - For showing a positive attitude always and finding a daily reason to be grateful	Harry F - For always being the first to offer help or support to his class mates

Pupils are learning how to be **grateful** for the gifts given to them by God and **generous** in how they use the gifts in the service of others



Children's Liturgy

This takes place on the first Sunday of each month for children in nursery, reception, year 1 and year 2. Our next liturgy is on Sunday 5th June.

Diocesan Pilgrimage

The Diocesan pilgrimage takes place on Sunday July 3rd with Bishop David Evans. Mass with the Sacrament of the Sick begins at 4pm. Further details can be found at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/hednesford-2022>

Friday Assemblies *change of date*****

Please note the change to our Friday assemblies:-

Friday 10th June - WOW assembly

Friday 17th June - Y5 topic assembly

Sporting Events

Our key stage 2 pupils have recently participated in cross-country and kwik cricket as part of our cluster of schools. They came joint third in cricket and fourth in the cross-country.

Well done to everyone who took part!





**Woodland
Wanderers**

FREE, FLEXIBLE, ONLINE FAMILY LEARNING

10 week course starting Wednesday 4th May. For parents and carers with children aged 5-11.

Support your child's development in the core subjects and beyond, through fun, outdoor focused activities. Inspire their curiosity, spark their joy for learning, nurture a love of nature. For more info contact Rebecca on 07525 120117 / communityforestservices@gmail.com.

Inspired by the Forest School ethos, this online course provides a variety of nature based activities to support children's development. Each week we provide an email pack with ideas to try at times to suit you. We cover maths, science and literacy, as well as the arts and practical skills to raise confidence and build resilience. Families are also introduced to activities to help their mental health and wellbeing. And there's lots of help along the way from two experienced tutors.

All families will be invited to an end of course celebration event, to receive a certificate of achievement and a free plant to support wildlife in their garden.



Staffordshire
County Council



**Free 6 week online course
starting Tuesday 14th June 2022.
Connect with nature, relax, have
fun.**

Using the outdoors as inspiration we're offering multi sensory activities to support you and baby to explore the wonder of nature. Designed to develop movement and co-ordination, stimulate the senses and encourage an early connection with nature.

Staffordshire residents can book on this course for free, to access weekly activity ideas straight to your inbox and online resources to support your learning. On completion of the 12 hour course you will receive a certificate and kit to continue your nature adventures together! Suitable for parents and carers with babies aged 3 months to 2 years.

For more information and to reserve your place contact Rebecca on 07525 120117 or communityforestservices@gmail.com

BABYLOVESNATURE
SPRING INTO SUMMER



Staffordshire
County Council



Free 7 week online course
starting Thursday 16th June. For
parents and carers with children
aged 2-5 years.

Following on from the popularity of our BabyLovesNature courses, we have developed a course designed for the next stages of your little ones development. We provide ideas and inspiration for connecting to nature to support the development of your growing toddler.

Using the outdoors as inspiration we're offering multi sensory, engaging activities to try as a family at times to suit you.

Staffordshire residents can book on this course for free, to access weekly activity ideas straight to your inbox and online resources to support your learning. On completion of the 14 hour course you will receive a certificate and ideas to continue your nature adventures together!

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WITH NATURE