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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.

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27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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

**What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP**

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, via end-to-end encryption means. Messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients, not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misrepresented – it only related to WhatsApp's 'business' features, not to personal messages.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- SCAMS**  
Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes, encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve someone claiming that their WhatsApp account has been hacked and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.
- DISAPPEARING MESSAGES**  
Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be restricted to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child sees sent on inappropriate messages, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.
- ENABLING FAKE NEWS**  
WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been triggered by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING**  
Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there's always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'reply' feature gives the admin(s) of a group chat the ability to send messages. They can, for example, block someone posting it or a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.
- CONTACT FROM STRANGERS**  
To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message. [The other person also needs to have the app.] WhatsApp encourages the address book on someone's device and someone whose contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.
- LOCATION SHARING**  
The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp does this in a 'temporary' and secure way to let people know where you are. It is a useful feature for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe, but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

**Advice for Parents & Carers**

- CREATE A SAFE PROFILE**  
If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or text from a contact, they should block them (tapping 'setting' in the chat). Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and they're undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.
- EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING**  
If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or text from a contact, they should block them (tapping 'setting' in the chat). Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and they're undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.
- REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS**  
Young people should recognise when a message and looks suspicious or too good to be true. When you've received a message from an unknown number for the first time, it's a good idea to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, don't give out their usual number to verify if really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.
- DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES**  
If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp gives five user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone'. However, it's important to remove seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it is deleted.
- CHECK THE FACTS**  
You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least three times by double-tapping the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Purven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is a specialist in digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids to Click, a well-known resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.

**National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday

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## "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	Beau For using his phonics to make independent sentences! Well done Beau 😊	Esmae For showing super listening and recall skills. Your contributions to our lessons are insightful. Well done!
Class 1	Alfie For concentrating and displaying fantastic dance skills with Sandra	Phoebe 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 For trying with his maths work. Great adding and subtracting.	Esme 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 For outstanding art work this term!	Eve For excellent work during our Harry Potter English work.
Class 6	Elliott For cracking the bubble method and long division chunking method	Ula For her conscientious attitude shown towards her work this year



## Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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:  <b>Generous and Grateful</b> </div>  </div>		
Reception	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.	
Year 1	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.	Faith - goes out of her way to help others, including her teachers. She always includes everyone in her games and never leaves anyone out.
Year 2	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.	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.
Year 3	Connor is always grateful for the help he receives from adults and his friends. He has amazing manners and is a pleasure to be around.	Layla is so generous with her time and shares her knowledge. She will help anyone without 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 <b>grateful</b> for the gifts given to them by God and <b>generous</b> 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 5<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage**

The Diocesan pilgrimage takes place on Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> June - WOW assembly

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.



**Free 6 week course  
starting Tuesday 1st May  
Connect with nature  
fun.**

Using the outdoors as a  
sensory activities to  
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](mailto:communityforestservices@gmail.com)

**BABYLOVESNATURE  
SPRING INTO SUMMER**







**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!

For more information and to reserve your place contact Rebecca on 07525 120117 or [communityforestservices@gmail.com](mailto:communityforestservices@gmail.com)

**GROWING  
WITH NATURE**