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### **School Mission Statement**

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

This half term we are focusing on being:

#### **Faith-filled and Hopeful**

Pupils in a Catholic school are growing to be faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future.

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

Catholic schools help their pupils grow by passing on the living and faith-filled tradition of Jesus Christ; by having persevering faith in the pupils, and by encouraging them in turn, to have faith and hope in others.

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11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back after the half term break- I hope you all enjoyed the time with your family and friends.

The children look very smart in their winter uniforms- thank you for your support with this- it shows how proud they are to belong to St Joseph's family. Please remember that shirts or blouses should be worn now with ties- no polo shirts. Thank you

During the holidays a team from Veolia tidied up our prayer area and painted the sheds. We thank them for their hard work- the prayer area looks brilliant.

It was wonderful to be able to participate in a whole school retreat day last week led by Dan and Emily from Onelife music- Let All Creation Sing! It was a day full of singing and joy- praising God for the beautiful world that He has given us. The children's singing filled the school- it was really wonderful to hear.

Our Catholic virtues for this half term are Faith Filled and Hopeful. The children and staff at St Joseph's are striving to be Faith filled in their beliefs and Hopeful for the future.

Well done to all the children who joined us for Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church last Sunday. The children read and sang beautifully. We pray for all the children in Years 3 and 6 who are preparing to receive the Sacraments next year.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for parents evening this week. We are very proud of all of our children who are working so hard. Please remember we have an open door policy so please contact us if you have any concerns or worries.

The application system opened on 1st November 2022 for applications for Reception places in 2023. If you, a family member or a friend have a child of school age in September 2023, please make sure applications are submitted online. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2023. Please contact the school office if you have any questions regarding the application process.

The month of November is the month of Holy Souls when we remember all those who have died. The children observed a two minute silence this morning to remember all those who have died in wars. We remember the many lives sacrificed in the past so that we can have our freedom today. Please talk to your children at this time about the significance of this in our history and in our lives.

Please find attached the Wednesday Word with the Gospel readings for Sunday for you to share with your child at home.

### **A Prayer for Remembrance**

We remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,

Mrs Corbett



### **Easyfundraising**

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

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

### **Parish Links**

Fr Jeremy's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversay Mass takes place this evening at 7pm followed by refreshments in the hall. Everyone is invited. Please come along.



#### **Remembrance Sunday - November 13th**

- • 9.15 am - Mass of Remembrance in church.
- • 10.30 am - Meet by St. Peters Church to join procession to the War Memorial.
- • 10.45 am - War Memorial - Act of Remembrance

### **Bambinelli Mass - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December - 9:15am**

The blessing of the Bambinelli (figures of Baby Jesus) is a tradition which began in Rome. Each year on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday), the Holy Father invites children to bring figures of the Baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from the family Nativity scene to Mass for a blessing. After the blessing the children are invited to wrap up their baby Jesus and to place him under the Christmas Tree. On Christmas morning the Bambinello is the first Christmas gift to be unwrapped and placed in the family crib.

Pupils in school will be making their own Bambinelli. On Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes are going to celebrate this tradition. Fr Jeremy invites the children to attend and bring their Bambinelli (made in school or from home) for blessing.

Pupils in year 4 and 5 will lead the Mass which begins at 9:15am. Following Mass there will be refreshments in the church hall where the school steel band will be performing. Everyone welcome to come along.

### **Attendance**

We congratulate year 5 on their attendance this week - highest in the school. Over the school year to date year 5 are currently in the lead. Well done!

Year Group	Weekly attendance %	School year to date %
Reception	90	92.6
Year 1	97	94.8
Year 2	98	94
Year 3	94	94.7
Year 4	96	96.5
Year 5	99	97.2
Year 6	97	93
Whole School	96	94.7

### **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 2023. 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'



### **Own Clothes Day - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Children are invited to wear their own clothes on this day and bring in an item of Christmas chocolate. This will be used for our chocolate bingo the following week.



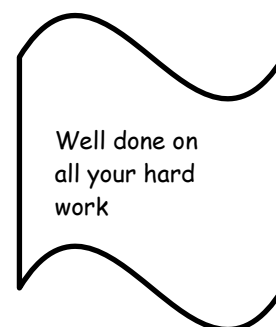
### Chocolate Bingo - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November - 6pm

Please come along for a great night of bingo. Doors open at 6pm. Eyes down 6.30pm. There will be food and refreshments, alcoholic/non-alcoholic on sale.

### "What Outstanding Work" Assembly

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

Reception	Zanele	Keeva-Grace
Class 1	Wilfred	Erin
Class 2	Jaxon	River-lea
Class 3	Esme	Archie
Class 4	Victoria	Jacob
Class 5	Holly	Indie
Class 6	Autumn	Mikayla



### Design a digital Christmas E-card competition

All pupils have the opportunity of showing their artistic skills in designing a Christmas card and have the chance of winning a class trip to Go Ape as well as a family ticket. Further information and details can be found at -

<https://goape.co.uk/groups/schools/christmas-card-competition>



### School Photographer - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November

A reminder that our school photographer will be in school on Monday to take individual and sibling photographs. Please ensure that your child is wearing full winter uniform. Reception class should not attend in their PE kit on this day.

### Music Concerts - 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Everyone is invited to attend our music concerts on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Children in years 1, 2 and 3 will perform between 9:15-10am.

Children in key stage 2 will perform between 10:15-11am

