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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.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for April

Let us develop a culture of peace. Let us remember that, even in cases of self-defence, peace is the ultimate goal, and that a lasting peace can exist only without weapons. Let us make non-violence a guide for our actions, both in daily life and in international relations

28th April 2023

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to everyone at the start of our summer term. I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Easter break. We are looking forward to a busy term of events including lots of new learning, residential visit to Chasewater for Year 6, Viking Day for Year 4, Year 3 visit to Alton Castle, Multi faith week, First Holy Communion for Year 3, Coronation activities as well as various sports fixtures and other events.

Attendance is crucial at this time of year especially as all children will be sitting end of year assessments and Year 2 and Year 6 their SATs tests. Year 4 will also be sitting their Multiplication Check and Year 1 the phonics screening test. Please note that any period of unauthorised absence may result in you receiving a penalty notice fine and we are obliged to follow these procedures.

During this term children can wear the summer uniform if they wish. Please see the summer uniform list below. Can parents also ensure that the correct PE uniform is adhered to. As a reminder, all jogging bottoms and tracksuit tops should have the school logo on or be plain black. Please note that tracksuits with logos or patterns are not part of our PE uniform. If anyone faces difficulties complying with this, please come and speak to us about it and we will see how best to help.

As I am sure you are aware, there is great excitement growing across the nation in anticipation of the coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6th May. To mark the occasion in school the PTFA are organising their annual picnic as a celebration of the Coronation on Friday 12th May. On that day children can come to school dressed in red, white and blue or dressed as a King or Queen. Parents are welcome to join their child for a family picnic in the afternoon. We are asking that children design and make a crown at home and bring it into school on that day. During the picnic the children will process in their crowns, a class at a time, and a prize will be awarded for the best crown in each class! Coronation tea towels are now available to buy at the school office for £5. They are a really lovely keepsake of the Coronation and include pictures of all of our staff and children.

Many thanks for all the amazing efforts in our fundraising activities during Lent. We raised £1393 which will be split between Fr Hudson's Society and CAFOD. Thank you all for your generous support.

It was wonderful to support our Year 3 children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week. Thank you to their friends who came along to the service and supported them.

This Sunday is vocations Sunday where we pray in particular that more men and women answer God's call to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life; we pray for a greater awareness of vocation in the Church; we pray for God to reveal his wonderful unfolding plan for each of us each day.

"Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit." - Pope Francis

We are looking forward to our family Mass in Church on Sunday where Years 5 and 6 will be leading through reading and singing. Please do join us if you can.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs B Corbett

Summer Uniform

Boys - Summer	Girls - Summer
White shirt/polo-shirt	White blouse/polo shirt
Grey trousers or shorts	Red/white gingham dress
Sensible black shoes	Sensible black shoes

Parish Links

Family Mass this Sunday at 9:15am led by year 5 & 6. Please come along and join us. There will be refreshments in the hall after Mass.

Barn Dance

Saturday April 29th, 7 pm in the hall. Proceeds to the SVP.

Tickets from Mick Jobburns 07789 111767

Murder Mystery

Sunday June 17th, 7 pm in the hall, Proceeds to the SVP. Tickets from Mick Jobburns 07789 111767

Y6 Residential Trip to Chasewater

We ask that full payment is made prior to the children going. As the date has been moved to 22-26 May the final instalment is required prior to the children attending.

Easyfundraising

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

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



Coronation Tea Towels

The children in school (not nursery) have drawn a picture of themselves for our school coronation tea towel.

These are available to purchase from the school office at a cost of £5 each. All monies raised will go to the PTFA.

A copy of the tea towel is below.



Free School Meals

If your financial situation has recently changed we would like to remind parents that you may be eligible for free school meals. Applications can be made through the following link

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online.aspx>

If you are successful please screenshot your eligibility and email this to the school office. We can then update school records immediately.

A reminder that even if your child receives universal infant free school meals as they are in reception, year 1 or year 2 still apply as there are other benefits including free school trips.

Attendance

We congratulate year 5 on their attendance this week - highest in the school again at 96%. Well done!

Year Group	Attendance %
Reception	94.9%
Year 1	94.6%
Year 2	94.2%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	94.7%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	93.3%
Whole School	94.7%

PTFA Picnic

Please join us at 1.15pm on Friday 12th May for our Coronation Picnic. Letters have gone home giving details of the picnic lunch. If you require your child to have a picnic lunch from the kitchen, please respond and return the form by Friday 5th May.

If you plan on attending the picnic and will be bringing a picnic lunch for your child, could you please ensure that they are aware of this as it can create confusion. Children ask for a picnic from the kitchen when it hasn't been ordered.

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PROSPECT

VILLAGE HALL

A Right Royal Affair

8th May 2023

10:00am – 4:00pm

Prospect Village Hall
Williamson Avenue, Rawnsley
WS120QF

King Charles III Coronation Family Party Fun Dog Show

Handsome Boy
Prettiest Girl
Best puppy (up to 12 months)
Best Rescue
Best Trick
Junior Handler
Waggiest Tail

Royal Fancy dress

Best Golden Oldie (9 years+)

Dog the judges would like to take home

Best in show for all 1st place winners
£2 per class to enter

There will also be an All-Breedience Heat, For
more information on this, please contact:
thedogschoolk9@gmail.com

PROSPECT

VILLAGE HALL

8th May 2023, 10:00am –
4:00pm

Trade Stalls
Available

Bouncy
Castle &
Slide

Royal fancy dress
competition

Refreshments
Available

Kids Treasure
hunt

🌭 Hot Dogs 🌭 Popcorn 🌭 Candyfloss 🌭 Waffle
pops 🌭 Chocolate covered strawberries and
marshmallows 🌭 Donuts 🌭 Slushies 🌭

🐕 All available 🐕

King Charles III Coronation Family Party

For more information, or to book a stall please
contact: 07354756336

Or email: prospectvillagehall97@gmail.com