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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 May

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, lacing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

12th May 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely long weekend and enjoyed the Coronation celebrations. We are looking forward to our Coronation celebration picnic today. Children have been invited to participate in our design a crown competition and Years 1-6 will be performing on the steel pans during the picnic.

We are so proud of our Year 6 class this week as they have completed their SATs. They have remained calm and focussed all week and I know have put in their very best efforts, showing off all they have learnt throughout their time in Primary School. Well done to you all! This is a lovely poem which has been widely shared on social media this week reminding children that they are so much more than a SATs result-

It reads...

SATs don't measure sports,
SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music, or the kindness in your heart.
SATs don't see your beauty,
SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons you were put upon this earth.
SATs don't see your magic, how you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly you can run a mile.

SATs don't hear your laughter, or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse of who you really are.
So sitting at your table, with a pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are, remember you're the best.

Next week we begin our library visits and over the next two weeks each class will be visiting Hednesford Library to choose a book as part of our work to encourage our children to develop a love of books and reading. Please continue to read with your children at home. Please see below 7 top tips for reading with your child at home.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us that if we love him, we must keep his commandments and that God loves those who listen to and love his son. He also tells the disciples that, when he returns to heaven, he will ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit to be their helper. The Holy Spirit is our helper and helps us to live more like Jesus - to do good things and be filled with the love, truth, happiness and peace which come from God.

Pope Francis reminds us that, "The Holy Spirit is the supreme gift of the risen Christ to his apostles and God wants this gift to reach everyone."

Please do join us for Mass in school on Wednesday which will be led by Year 3 as we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven.

We are all looking forward to celebrating with Year 3 on Saturday as they make their First Holy Communion. Many thanks to all their friends for supporting them and joining in with the Mass on Saturday. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs B Corbett

PE Uniform

A reminder that PE tracksuits should be plain black with or without the school logo. No other colour or branded tracksuit should be worn. Thank you.

Parish Links

We pray for our First Holy Communicants who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion tomorrow.



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.

Year 4 Come Dine With Me - Wednesday 24th May

A reminder that orders for Come Dine with Me need to be received by Monday 15th May - thank you.

7 Top Tips to Support Reading at Home

Shared reading is a great way to develop children's language and communication and to boost their reading skills. Regular reading routines can offer lots of opportunities for learning during school closures.

- 1** Concentrate on reading quality (it isn't all about reading lots!)



Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Books are great—but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is!

- 2** Ask your child lots of questions



All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', not just 'reading to' (even for older children). So, ask lots of 'Wh' questions, such as Who? What? When? Where? Why? Try them when talking about books: for example, 'what do you think Harry is feeling?'

- 3** Ask your child to make predictions about what they have read



If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the bear on the front cover? Where do you think he will go?'

- 4** Ask your child to summarise what they have read



When you've finished reading, talk about what happened. Acting out the things that happened in the story or describing the big idea of a chapter is really fun and maximises learning. For example, 'can you remember all the things that happened on the bear hunt?'

- 5** Ask your child to write about what they have read



Write, or draw pictures, from anything you've read! Big writing and pictures are even more fun. For example, use an old roll of wallpaper to make a treasure map with clues from the stories you've read together.

- 6** Read and discuss reading with friends or family



Make books a part of the family. Encourage your child to share them with a relative or friend, over a video call. Laugh about them when you are making meals together. For example, 'I hope the tiger doesn't come to tea today!'

- 7** Maintain the motivation to read



Talk about the joy of reading whenever you can. Your child is on an amazing journey to becoming a reader. Put them in the driving seat and have fun on the way! For example, 'choose your favourite story for bedtime tonight.'

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Easyfundraising

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

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



"What Outstanding Work" Assembly

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

Reception	Mya	Camilla
Class 1	Matilda	Blossom
Class 2	Ava	Jaxon
Class 3	Carlo	Gracie
Class 4	Harrison	Wyatt
Class 5	Maks	Emily M
Class 6	Jessica	Leah

Well done on
all your hard
work



School App

We now have a school app! Please download as we will keep you informed by sending information through this channel. It links to the school website so you will be able to access news, calendar, newsletters, links, contacts, maps etc.

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PTFA Cake Sale - Reception Class - Tuesday 16th May

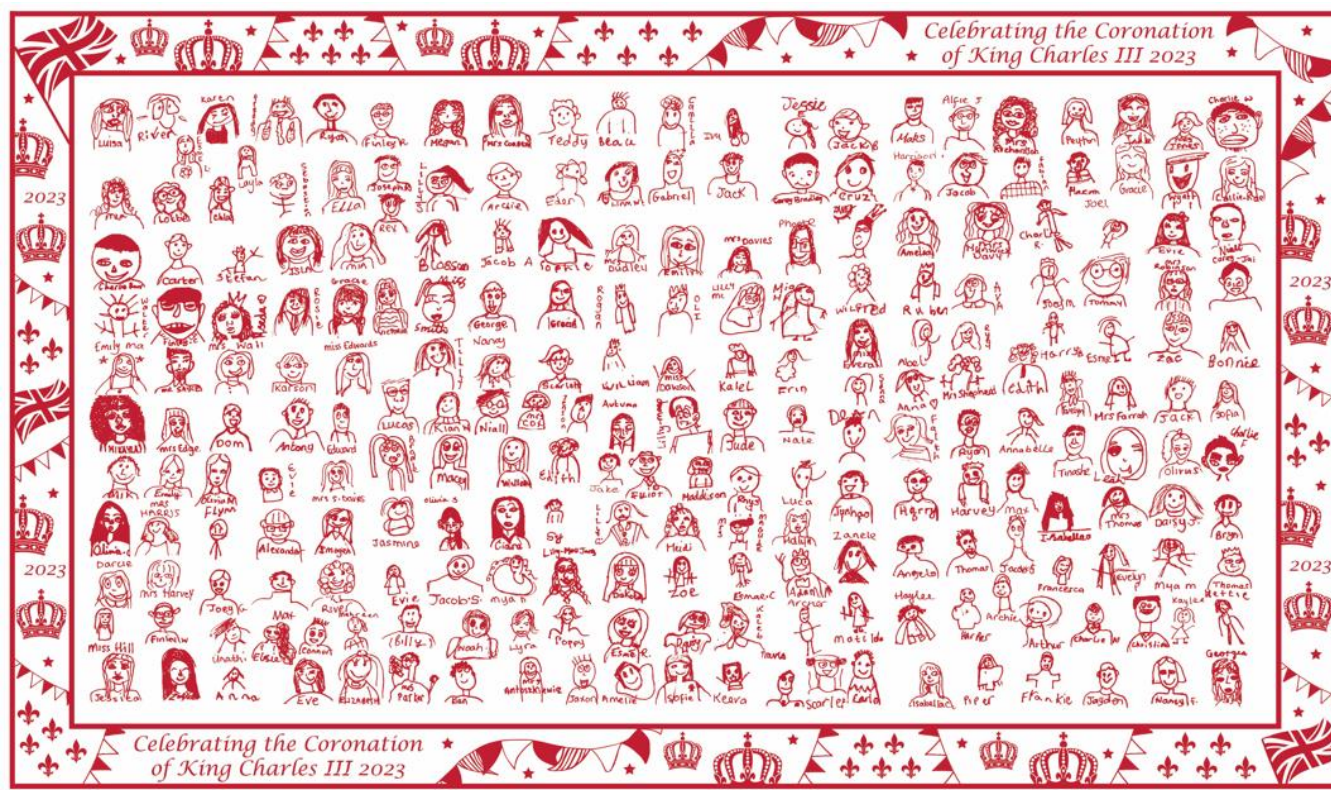
Our next cake sale is next Tuesday and we ask reception class children to bring in cakes that we can sell during morning break at 20p each. Thank you.

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.



Attendance

We congratulate year 6 on their attendance this week - highest in the school at 99%. Well done!

Year Group	Attendance %
Reception	98%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	98.6%
Year 6	99%

May Procession - Wednesday 17th May

Adult helpers are needed to walk the children to and from church on this day. If you are able to help please let the school office know. Volunteers asked to be at school at 1.30pm

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK



Walk this May

