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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.

26th May 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all looking forward to the half term holiday. It looks like we are going to have some sunshine! I'd like to thank you all for your ongoing support as we come to the end of another half term. Just 7 more weeks to go until we come to the end of the academic year. Its' going to be another busy half term so please take notice of the dates for your diary below.

We are very proud of Year 6 who have worked so hard and completed their SATs a couple of weeks ago. They have enjoyed a brilliant week on their residential trip to Chasewater this week. They have worked together to complete a variety of exciting activities. They are going to be very tired as they return home today but I'm sure will have happy memories of a wonderful week.

Thank you to all our children and families who made the celebration of First Holy Communion such a beautiful event. Congratulations to the children who took part so prayerfully in the celebration. Many thanks to all the staff for giving their time on a Saturday to prepare the hall for refreshments and to celebrate this very special occasion. Special thanks to Mrs Hunwick-Davy and Mrs Richardson for all their work in preparation. As always, we thank Fr Jeremy for all his support and encouragement.

It was lovely to see Year 3 dressed in their special clothes for the May Procession. Many thanks to Year 6 and Reception class for leading the May procession and to everyone who attended.

This coming Sunday the Church celebrates the great feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. This is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church - a gift which we now receive at Baptism, Confirmation and at Mass. The word 'Pentecost' means 'fiftieth day'. On this day (fifty days after Easter) the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit.

As the Church prepares to celebrate Pentecost Sunday, let's be open to receiving the many priceless gifts which the Holy Spirit offers to enrich our lives.

"The extraordinary outpouring of Pentecost continues. The Holy Spirit transforms us and wants to transform the world." Pope Francis

I hope you have a lovely week off and enjoy some sunshine and spending time with family and friends.

Mrs Corbett

Summer Term Dates (Dates are subject to change)

29 th May - 2 nd June	Half Term
Tuesday 6 th June	School nursing team in school - Reception/Year 6 Height/Weight check
Friday 9 th June	School Photographer - Class vista photographs - outside. WOW Assembly - 2.45pm
W/c 12 th June	Phonics screening
Tuesday 13 th June	Rounders tournament at Cardinal Griffin 6pm New Parents Meeting - Reception September
Wednesday 14 th June	Come Dine With Me - Year 5
Thursday 15 th June	Cannock Gotta Sing - Year 5 & 6
Friday 16 th June	Zoolab - Nursery/Reception class Y3 Prayer Assembly - 2.45pm
Monday 19 th June	PTFA Meeting in school - 2.30pm
Tuesday 20 th June	6pm New Parents Meeting - Nursery September
Thursday 22 nd June	Bishop Stephen visiting school 2pm Confirmation in church 7pm
Friday 23 rd June	Reception Prayer Assembly - 2.45pm
Monday June 26 th	Multi faith- Y6 Islam
Tuesday June 27 th Wednesday June 28 th	1:1 meetings with Mrs Corbett for children starting reception class in September.
Friday 30 th June	WOW Assembly - 2.45pm
Sunday 2 nd July	Diocesan Pilgrimage. Year 3 children invited wearing their First Holy Communion clothes
Tuesday 4 th July	Y6 Leavers Mass with Cannock Catholic schools 11am at Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Wednesday 5 th July	Sports Day Nursery/Reception 9:15-10.15am

	Year 1/Year 2 10:30-11:30 Key Stage 2 - 1:30pm
Friday 7 th July	Year 1 Prayer Assembly - 2.45pm
Wednesday 12 th July	Come Dine With Me - Year 6
Friday 14 th July	WOW Assembly - 2.45pm
Tuesday 18 th July	Football/Netball tournament at Cardinal Griffin
Thursday 20 th July	Year 6 play - 2pm & 6pm
Friday 21 st July	9:15am Leavers' Assembly Children break up for summer holidays
Monday 24 th July	INSET Day
Tuesday 25 th July	INSET Day

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

Our next family Mass will take place on Sunday 11th June and will be led by pupils in years 1 & 2. Everyone is invited to attend.



Murder Mystery

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

Easyfundraising

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

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



Football After School Club

A reminder that the year 3/4 football club, restarts after half term each Wednesday.

"What Outstanding Work" Assembly

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

Reception	Walter	Evelyn
Class 1	Evie	Harry
Class 2	Kaleb	Nancy
Class 3	Alexander	Antony
Class 4	Evie-Briannah	Jenson
Class 5	Gabriel	Gracie
Class 6	Oliwia	Christian



	<h1>Virtues Awards</h1> <h2><i>Curious & Active</i></h2> <h3>Summer term 1</h3>	
Reception	Joey	Annabelle
Year 1	Angelo	Evie
Year 2	Lilly	Niall
Year 3	Lottie	Bryn
Year 4	Cruz	Layla
Year 5	Charlie	Sofia



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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Toast - Every Thursday

If you would like your child to have toast in school each Thursday morning, please send in £1.40 on Monday 5th June to cover the half term. Please ensure this is in a named envelope.

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 96.7%. Well done!

Year Group	Attendance %
Reception	95.7%
Year 1	95.3%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	91.7%
Year 4	96.4%
Year 5	95.7%
Year 6	96.7%

The Plough & Harrow Pub Car Park

The landlord of the Plough and Harrow has asked us to let parents know that after the half term break if parking on the car park a charge will be made. Anyone parking on the car park needs to pay inside the pub. Thank you.