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### **School Mission Statement**

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

This half term we are focusing on being:

#### **Faithfilled 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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8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Even though it's still chilly outside, it has been lovely to see some sunshine and blue skies this week- let's hope spring is on its way! We have had a really busy couple of weeks with lots going on in school.

Years 1 and 2 were amazing during the school Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church - they read and sung so beautifully. It is always wonderful to be able to celebrate Mass in Church with our Parish community. The next Mass is on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March where Years 3 and 4 will be leading the Mass. Of course, the Mass will have a St Patrick's day theme! After this Mass there is a tabletop sale in the Church hall - everyone is invited to this. Our Mini Vinnies will be holding a stall selling their crafts to raise money for charity.

It was great to be able to welcome the parents of children in Year 5 for come dine with me last week- the children really enjoyed having lunch with their parents and families.

This week has been very busy with Year 3 visiting the museum of Cannock Chase to learn all about the history of mining in our local area. Year 2 had an amazing visit to the National Space Museum to learn more about Space. Both classes were recognised for their excellent behaviour during the visits - well done to Years 2 and 3!

Year 1 have enjoyed a workshop linked to their history work on the great Fire of London. They had a brilliant time, and the workshop really brought their learning to life!

World Book Day was celebrated this week with a book swap and children bringing in clues to their favourite books, with lots of fun activities taking place in classes to celebrate books. Miss Smith, along with our Book Crew, delivered an assembly to the whole school to introduce world book day and talk about the importance of reading,

Thank you to everyone for supporting our fundraising efforts this Lent. It certainly helps fulfil our Lenten observance of almsgiving and links to our Catholic Social Teaching focus

for this half term of giving preferential option for the poor - putting people in the most need first. Next week we have our sponsored events. Please see below for details of each classes event.

We are looking forward to the Easter Bingo on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm in the school hall. Please join us if you can.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about the 'light' that has come into the world. Pope Francis reminds us, "Jesus is the light who brightens the darkness." This Gospel also reminds us that God loves us so much that he gave his only Son for us. Jesus' great act of love, of self-giving, on the cross, has paved the way for us to share in the true richness of God's love in this life, and also in the life to come.

"Love each other as Jesus has loved us. He has given nothing less than his life for us."  
St Teresa of Calcutta

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy Mother's Day on Sunday!  
Best wishes,  
Mrs B Corbett

### **Father Hudson's Sponsored Events**

Nursery and Reception - Fancy dress crazy walk

Year 1- dance-a-thon

Year 2- kindness walk (Friday 15<sup>th</sup>)

Year 3- penalty shoot - out

Year 4- sponsored walk- wear bright colours to school (Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>)

Year 5- blindfold walk

Year 6- sponsored silence

### **Lenten Sale - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 2pm**

Everyone is welcome to join us from 2pm in the school hall for our annual Lenten Sale. All proceeds raised will go towards our Father Hudson's appeal. Year 6 will be running our stalls. If anyone has any items they would like to donate, please send these into school. Children are permitted to leave early with parents after visiting the sale on this day.



### **Parish Links**

The Children's Liturgy during the 9.15am Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes is a fantastic and fun opportunity for children to hear the Sunday Gospel message at their level and respond to it using artwork. This takes place on the first Sunday of each month during the 9:15am Mass and also whenever there is a school Mass.



### **Table Top Sale - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Doors open at 10.15am. Entry £1 (children free)


Sausage/Bacon Baps, tea, coffee and squash on sale.

If you would like to hire a table for £10, please contact Mick on 07789111767

## "What Outstanding Work" Assembly

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

Reception	Stan	Aria
Class 1	Unathi	Poppy
Class 2	Ruben	Yadu
Class 3	Jasmine	Lily
Class 4	Imogen	Nancy
Class 5	Rex	Heidi
Class 6	Sofia	Megan



Well done on  
all your hard  
work

## Dates (please note these are subject to change)

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Own clothes day - chocolate bingo Y1 Assembly 9am
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening (N-Y6) 4-7pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 visit to Our Lady of Lourdes Sacrament of Reconciliation - 5pm in church - Y3 communicants only.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Mass 2.30pm in school 10am - Confessions in school - Y4/5/6
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Own clothes day - family fast day - £1 donation Reception class Assembly 9am <b>Y5 Hednesford Park - Great British spring clean - 9.30am</b> Chocolate Bingo 6pm
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes led by Y3 & Y4 9.15am
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Cardinal Griffin - Dodge Ball
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Y2 Stay & Pray 9.15am in class School Disco Rec & KS1 3.15-4.15pm KS2 4.30-6pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	No Assembly <del>Swimming Gala</del> - cancelled 2pm - Lenten Sale - parents welcome Last day of Term
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 residential - 3 <sup>rd</sup> instalment of £20 due.
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Nursery application closing date (Sept 24 admission)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return 6pm Y6 Confirmation Meeting

## School Meals Price Increase

Due to the constant increase in food prices we unfortunately will be increasing the cost of a school dinner from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.

School meals will be £2.60 per day, £13 per week.

Payment to be made via ParentPay as usual.