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Dear Parents



At the end of a busy autumn term, we would like to congratulate all our children on their hard work and efforts. We wish them all a restful Christmas holiday and look forward to seeing them on Monday 6th January ready for the new term ahead. Staff and Governors would like to wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas.

Parish Links

Sunday 22nd December 5pm - Carols in the Grotto
Christmas Eve 5pm - Vigil Mass for children and families
Christmas Eve 10pm - First Mass of Christmas for children and families
Christmas Day 10am - Mass of Christmas



Advent Charity

Thank you to everyone who supported our Advent charity. We have sent 68 boxes off to those children more in need than ourselves.



Stay and Pray

During the spring term we will be beginning stay and pray time. This time at the beginning of the school day will provide children with an opportunity to pray with each other and with their parents and extended family.

Stay and Pray sessions will begin with year 3 on Thursday 9th Jan - please come along and join with us in prayer and song in the year 3 classroom from 8.50am-9.10am. What a wonderful way to begin your day.

Staffing

At the end of this term we say farewell to Mrs Dewsbury as she moves on to embrace new challenges. We wish to thank her for all her hard work and service to St Joseph's.

School Focus

As a school we continue to focus on reading as the doorway to learning. We would ask all our parents to spend time over Christmas both hearing your child read and reading to them to enjoy the magic of stories.

On the spring term overview please look out for the teacher's recommended reads to support your child's ongoing reading and enjoyment of books.

Virtues and Values - spring term

Compassionate & Loving

During the first part of the spring term the children will be focusing on what it means to be compassionate and loving. Being compassionate and empathising with others is a virtue very necessary for being a good human being. Jesus' great commandment is 'love one another'. The more we love others the more we are truly human and most fully ourselves.

NOS Reminder

National Online Safety - we would urge all our parents to log on and register for the training on this website. It provides an opportunity to review your knowledge to keep your children safe in the ever-changing online world.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

Reception Class Application Forms

A reminder to nursery parents that application forms for admission to primary school next September must be completed by 15 January 2020. Applications can be made using the online application service, which is available at

https://ems.staffordshire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=/CitizenPortal_LIVE/



After School Clubs

Clubs will restart week commencing 13th January 2020

PTFA Nativity Raffle

Congratulations to the winners in our recent PTFA raffle: Heidi Y1, Kian Y5, Katelyn Y5, Imogen Rec, Sofia Y4, Lucie Y6, Elsie Y1, Zac Y2, Elliot Y1, Niall N

Y4 Times Tables Assessment 2020

In the week beginning 8th June all children in year 4 will take part in the national times tables assessment. The assessment will look at all times tables up to 12x12. We would ask you to support your child in learning all their tables. Regular daily practice will assist your child's progress and retention of number facts. Times tables rock stars is a great online programme to also support this. We would ask that all parents help their children to access Times tables Rockstars regularly - at least 3 x a week and more often if possible.

Swimming

Congratulations to the children in year 3 who having achieved the key stage two swimming award will not continue to go swimming after Christmas. When swimming re-commences in January on Friday 10th January most of the year 3 pupils and some year 4 pupils will be coming swimming as we continue to work towards all the children achieving either the key stage two swimming award or 25 metres swimming.

Children with a special educational need

Please see the information below regarding activities for children with a special educational need:

Aiming High [February 2020 activities](#) are now available, please follow the link to see what's on offer.

Activities are available to children and young people with a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND) and their families who live in Staffordshire.

2 free places are available to each child/young person in February and these can be booked from the 2 - 11 January 2020.

Following this, additional activities for which there will be a charge can be booked also. Places are also still available on our December 2019 and January 2020 activities, if you would like to book a place or find out about latest availability please call:

0300 111 8007 (option 5).

The Customer Service Centre is open from 9am - 5pm Monday - Friday (excluding bank holidays).

Chuckle Productions January Activities

Chuckle Productions has planned a number of activities for January 2020 - full details of these are now available in the [January listings](#)

To book places please call **0300 111 8007 (option 5).**

Dates for the term spring term 2020 Some of the dates below may be subject to change

Monday 6 th January	School open - children return
Thursday 9 th January	Stay and Pray - Y3 classroom 8:50-9:10
Friday 10 th January	Swimming Y3&4 pupils Year 6 Shugborough assembly - 2.45pm
Tuesday 14 th January	PTFA Cake sale - Y1 9.15am Mass in school led by Y5 - Baptism of the Lord
Thursday 16 th January	Dance Y1 &2- Y2 9am Y1 10am
Friday 17 th January	Finance Governors 8am Swimming Y3&4 pupils WOW assembly - 2.45pm
Thursday 23 rd January	Stay and Pray - Y2 classroom 8:50-9:10
Friday 24 th January	Swimming Y3&4 pupils Y1 Prayer assembly - 2.45pm
Tuesday 28 th January	9.15 am Mass in school led by Y4 - Conversion of St Paul Matinee performance of Aladdin at Cardinal Griffin Curriculum Governors meeting 3.30pm
Wednesday 29 th January	Aladdin Performance at Cardinal Griffin
Friday 31 st January	Health & Safety Governors 8am Swimming Y3&4 pupils WOW assembly - 2.45pm
Thursday 6 th February	Stay and Pray Rec classroom 8:50-9:10
Friday 7 th February	Swimming Y3&4 pupils Reception Topic assembly - 2.45pm
Sunday 8 th February	Family Mass 9.15 led by Y4 and Y1 + Family Session for Year 3
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer internet day 9.15am Mass in school led by Y1 Our lady of Lourdes PTFA Cake sale- Y4
Thursday 13 th February	INSET Day - School closed for pupils
Friday 14 th February	INSET day - School closed for pupils

Mon 17 th - Fri 21 st Feb	Half term
Monday 24 th February	Return to school
Wednesday 26 th February	9.15am Ash Wednesday Mass in school led by Y5 Lent fundraising begins
Friday 28 th February	Swimming Y3&4 pupils WOW assembly - 2.45pm
Sunday 1 st March	Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes - Year 3 and Rec
Monday 2 nd March	St David's house wear yellow
Tuesday 3 rd March	The Book Bus is visiting school 9.30am Fr Hudson's assembly Y1-6 Y6 - Safe & Sound - Cannock Fire Station
Thursday 5 th March	Stay and Pray - Y6 classroom 8:50-9:10 World Book day
Friday 6 th March	Swimming Y3&4 pupils World book day assembly - all classes-judging and winners of character competition - 2.45pm
Tuesday 10 th March	9.15am Mass in school led by Y3 Forgiveness
Wednesday 11 th March	Full Governing Board meeting 5pm
Friday 13 th March	Finance Governors and School Fund 8am Swimming Y3&4 pupils WOW assembly - 2.45pm
Tuesday 17 th March	St Patrick's house wear green 9.15am Mass in school - led by Y4 - St Joseph
Wednesday 18 th March	Parents' evening 3.30-6pm
Thursday 19 th March	Parents' evening 4-7pm
Friday 20 th March	Own clothes day for Chocolate Bingo Swimming Y3&4 pupils Year 4 Topic assembly - 2.45pm
Monday 23 rd March	SPONSOR events for Fr Hudson's
Thursday 26 th March	Swimming Gala Stay and Pray - Nur classroom 8:50-9:10
Friday 27 th March	Swimming Y3&4 pupils No Assembly PTFA Bingo doors open 6pm
Tuesday 31 st March	9.15am Mass in school - Holy Week
Wednesday 1 st April	Disco Reception & KS1 6-7pm KS2 7-8.30pm
Thursday 2 nd April	Stations of the Cross 2pm all classes Year 3 First Confession 5pm in Church
Friday 3 rd April	Swimming Y3&4 pupils Bring and Buy Sale 2pm Finish for Easter
Monday 6 th - Fri 17 th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 20 th April	Pupils return to school