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17th January 2020 - 'Compassionate & Loving'

Dear Parents

"What Outstanding Work" Assembly

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



Reception	Jude	Willow
Class 1	Rex	Niall
Class 2	Ryan	Emily
Class 3	Charlie	Niall
Class 4	Sofia	Grace
Class 5	Alfie	Tom
Class 6	Theo	Alex

Parish Links

On Sunday last week the Church celebrated the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During the Gospel we hear that even John didn't quite know what to expect, but when the Spirit came down like a dove and landed on Jesus' shoulder as He was baptised, it revealed Jesus for who He was - God's son, the chosen one.



During assemblies this week the children will be encouraged to consider how knowing Jesus changes their lives and how they can change to become more like Him, for example, being kinder, more loving, more generous and more patient.

The Virtues and values for this half term of compassionate and loving, link into this theme.

Stay and pray sessions began with year 3 leading the first session on Thursday 9th January. We would encourage as many parents as possible to come along to the session to spend time with your child in prayer from 8.50am-9.10am.

Year 2 - 23rd January

Reception - 6th February

Year 6 - 5th March

Nursery - 26th March

Spring Term Masses in school - 9.15am

Date	Mass	Led by
Tuesday 14 th January	Baptism of the Lord	Y5
Tuesday 28 th January	Conversion of St Paul	Y4
Tuesday 11 th February	Our Lady of Lourdes	Y1
Wednesday 26 th February	Ash Wednesday	Y5
Tuesday 10 th March	Lent/Forgiveness	Y3

Tuesday 17 th March	St Joseph - Husband of Mary	Y4
Tuesday 31 st March	Holy Week	
Thursday 2 nd April	Stations of the Cross (2pm)	
Tuesday 21 st April	Easter Celebration	Y3

God Who Speaks



During 2020 Pope Francis has declared a Year of the Word celebrating and renewing our encounter with Scripture and the word of God. As part of this focus the children had class bibles blessed by Fr Jeremy at Mass recently and in each class prayer focus areas have the word of God enthroned. The scripture quote for this half term is "Here is the light you will reveal to the nations" Luke 2:32. We will keep our electronic display in the main reception area updated with any further information so please keep a look out.

School Focus Work

Our current focus across the school is reading, developing reading skills and strategies and a love of reading.

Displays in the hall and around school have been updated to focus on reading - if you are in school for assembly or Mass please take the time to look at the displays and the children's work.

Our school library is currently being replenished of books, with children being able to access it more regularly. As we move through the term there will be different events linked to reading including a book bus visit and an exciting half term competition. More information about this exciting competition will be on the next newsletter!

Safeguarding

We are aware from talking to children that a number of younger children have received mobile phones for Christmas. School would remind parents that social media sites including Facebook, WhatsApp, Tik Tok, Instagram, Snapchat, YouTube and Twitter have minimum age restrictions.

Social Media	Minimum Age
WhatsApp	16
Facebook, Tik Tok, Instagram, Snapchat, YouTube and Twitter	13

Therefore no child attending St Joseph's should be accessing any of these sites and/or apps. We would ask all parents to review what their child is accessing on computers, tablets or mobile phones.

Easyfundraising



If you're looking for a New Year's resolution, make it to use #easyfundraising every time you shop online throughout 2020. 4,000 shops and sites will donate to St Joseph's Hednesford PTFA for FREE when you shop with them at no extra cost to you. This includes BIG travel providers like TUI, Expedia, Flybe, Secret Escapes and many more, so if you're planning a holiday, get started by using easyfundraising when you book!

Visit: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjosephshednesford/?invite=44TQ29&referral-campaign=s2s>

School Disco

Please do not use the staff car park at any point to drop off and collect children from the disco as this is a safety risk when pedestrians are on the premises

Music Concerts

Parents are invited to come into school to enjoy a musical interlude on the following days/times:

Years 4, 5 & 6 - Friday 31st January - 9.15am - School Hall

Years 1 & 2 - Friday 7th February - 9.15am - School Hall



As well as whole class music the children who receive group instrumental lessons will also be performing (except for children in year 3 and year 4 who are swimming)

Everyone welcome to attend.



Nursery Class Application Forms

Applications for Nursery for September 2020 are now available.

Applications can be access via the school website at

<http://www.st-josephs-hednesford.staffs.sch.uk/home/parents/nursery>

Or by contacting the school office.

Closing date - 31st March 2020

At Farlea Childcare we currently have available both funded and fee paying places for two year olds. Sessions run from 12.10pm - 3.10pm during term time. Call us on 07790 080446 for more information or to book a space.



Dinner Money

We remind parents that dinner money must be paid in advance prior to your child having a school dinner. Any monies owing will mean that we will not be able to provide a dinner for your child and they will need to bring in sandwiches from home.

PTFA Lottery

Congratulations to our Christmas winners Mrs J and Mrs D who won £14 on the lottery.

The more people that play the bigger the prize pot! Get your ticket TODAY!!!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-joseph%27s-hednesford>

House Captains

We congratulate the following children on their appointment as house captain for the spring term:

	St Andrew	Autum	Ella
	St David	Abi	Isobel
	St George	Alex	Hamilton
	St Patrick	Rose	Alice

Christmas Jumper Day

Following our Christmas Jumper Day last month we have sent a cheque for £162.71 to Save the Children.

Christmas Tree Raffle

With the Christmas tree raffle money, me and the school council decided to donate the money to the British Heart Foundation. Ben, Year 6, Chair of School Council. A cheque for £50 has been sent this week.

Dates for this half term

Some of the dates below may be subject to change

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
Monday 27 th January	Matinee performance of Aladdin at Cardinal Griffin
Tuesday 28 th January	9.15 am Mass in school led by Y4 - Conversion of St Paul Performance of Aladdin 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 9 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
Thurs 13 th Feb & Fri 14 th Feb	INSET Days - School closed for pupils
Mon 17 th - Fri 21 st Feb	Half term
Monday 24 th February	Return to school