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6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 - Virtues and Values - Faith Filled and Hopeful

The month of March sees us in the season of Lent, a time in the Church calendar when we take time out to reflect and prepare for Easter. In the first week of Lent, children learned in assembly about **temptation**: the desire to do something, even when you know it is the wrong thing to do.

Children learned in the same assembly that when Jesus was fasting in the desert, the devil came to Him and tempted Him to do things that God the Father didn't want Him to do. But Jesus trusted in God and believed that what God wanted was best. Every time Jesus was tempted by the devil, He said 'NO' and said a line from the Bible. The children learned that they too can trust in God's word, and use it to help them resist temptation, just like Jesus did!

This time of Lent would be a good time to pray with your child - this may be a prayer you would like to say together

Dear God,

Jesus trusted in you, and I choose to trust in you too.

Help me to say "NO" when I am tempted to do something that I know I shouldn't.

Help me get to know you better through your word, the Holy Bible.

Amen

Dear Parents

With the recent news coverage on the coronavirus we would like to share with parents the processes currently being undertaken at school.

All of the children are being encouraged to wash their hands with soap and water regularly throughout the day, especially before lunchtime. They are encouraged to sing Happy Birthday twice while washing their hands as the advice is to wash hands for a minimum of 20 seconds.

Following advice with regard to hand sanitiser, it is not as good at removing the virus as handwashing with soap and water. Due to the number of children in school with skin conditions and allergies we would request that parents **do not** send hand sanitiser in with their child. If this advice should change we will inform parents immediately.

### **Parish Links**

Thank you to everyone who celebrated Mass with us at the recent family Mass on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March and who supported the PTFA tea and coffee following the Mass. It was lovely to see so many of you there - over £90 was raised for PTFA funds.



## "What Outstanding Work" Assembly

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



Reception	Dakota	Alexander
Class 1	Thomas	Bethany
Class 2	Charlie	Billy
Class 3	Corey	Lilly-Mae
Class 4	Erin	Jessie
Class 5	Evie	Isla
Class 6	Grace	Olivia

### Easyfundraising



Together, we can really help St Joseph's Hednesford PTFA this year! Just sign up to #easyfundraising for FREE and use it when you shop online. You'll raise a FREE donation for St Joseph's Hednesford PTFA every time you shop online!

Visit:

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

### 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-](http://www.st-josephs-hednesford.staffs.sch.uk/home/parents/nursery)

[hednesford.staffs.sch.uk/home/parents/nursery](http://www.st-josephs-hednesford.staffs.sch.uk/home/parents/nursery)

Or by contacting the school office.

Closing date - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020



# Lenten Activities

Our Lenten fundraising for the Father Hudson's charity has begun. Fr Hudson's Care is the social care agency of

the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham. They work in Oxfordshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and the West Midlands to help people in need. Help us care for others by raising funds for children, families and adults in need. The children have their Father Hudson boxes to fill with coins each week. The boxes can be bought into school each Monday, to be emptied and they will then be returned to be filled again.

Own clothes day for Fr Hudson's will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March - donation of £1.50 please.

All the children will have the opportunity to take part in a sponsored event during the week of 23<sup>rd</sup> March; you will receive further information from your child's class teacher nearer the time.

Year 6 pupils will be organising a 'Bring and Buy' sale on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2pm, everyone is invited to join us at the Bring and Buy. Please send in any items for the sale nearer the time.

The Easter disco for Father Hudson's will be taking place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

We thank you for your continued support in working towards supporting charities and reaching out to others as part of Catholic mission.

## Parents' Evening -

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm - 6pm & Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 4pm-7pm

An invitation has been sent to all parents by email/text inviting you to sign up to parents' evening. You will meet with your child's teacher in the hall and your child's work will be available in the classroom for you to look at.

If you have difficulty booking a slot, please contact the school office. Thank you

## Easter Chicks

Easter chicks will be on sale during parents' evenings at £2 each. A raffle will also take place at Parents' Evening.

## School Playground

We would like to remind everyone that children are the responsibility of parents before and after school on the playground. We ask that children are reminded to behave well on the playground and take care. There have been instances where younger children have been knocked over by older children. We also remind parents that children should not climb on walls, especially pre-school children that may be on the playground waiting for older siblings to go in/out of school.

Thank you

## Own Clothes Day - 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent own clothes day to support the fund raising for the Australian bushfires. £468.36 has been raised and the proceeds have been sent to the British Red Cross for the Australian bushfire appeal.

## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Own Clothes Day

Children are invited to wear their own clothes to school on this day and bring in with them an item of Easter themed chocolate. This will be used the following week for our chocolate bingo fundraiser!



## Chocolate Bingo - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Doors open at 6pm for our Easter chocolate bingo. This is a wonderful family occasion where you have the chance to win lots of chocolate!!

Refreshments will be on sale with both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, sweets, crisps and cakes - come along and join in the fun and raise much needed funds for our PTFA. This year we are fundraising for new benches - made from recyclable materials for our playgrounds.

## Crested Schoolwear

Please note that Crested Schoolwear will relocate to 67 High Green, Cannock, WS12 1BN with effect from 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Their telephone number is 01543 504866.

## Staffing

We wish to congratulate Mrs Shepherd and her family on her pregnancy. Mrs Shepherd will be commencing her maternity leave towards the end of the summer term.

Mrs Hannaford-Mason, lunchtime supervisor, after many years working at St Joseph's (over 25 years) will be commencing her retirement at Easter. We

thank her for all her hard work and support for St Joseph's over so many years. She has regularly given up her time to serve refreshments at parents' evenings and First Holy Communion and Confirmation alongside selling many bags of penny sweets at whole school discos! We wish her joy and happiness in her retirement. If any parent wishes to make a donation to a collection for Mrs Hannaford-Mason please send it in to the school office in a labelled envelope. Thank you.

### **Half Term Homework**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the half term holiday homework models. It has been wonderful to see such imagination and artistic work. Congratulations to our whole school winners Erin Y5, Kian Y2, Ben Y6 who received book vouchers and the winners of each class chosen by their class teachers Autum Y6, Kian Y5, Jamie Y4, Emily Y3, Daisy Y2, Thomas Y1, Daisy Rec and Elizabeth Nur