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Dear Parents

We are pleased to welcome back all of our pupils. Teachers have planned many activities to support them with the transition from home to school learning and their mental wellbeing.

### **"What Outstanding Work" Assembly**

We congratulate the following children recognised for their outstanding work last week. Please see the school website under latest news.



Reception	Lilly	Liam
Class 1	Jack	Nancy
Class 2	Mahreen	Thomas
Class 3	Lyra	Indie
Class 4	Christian	Eve
Class 5	Evie	Erin
Class 6	Tom	Evie

### **Parish Links**

#### **Confirmation - Y6**

Fr Jeremy is in discussion with the Bishop for a date in the summer term. Further information will be shared when known.



#### **First Holy Communion - Y3 & Y4**

First Holy Communion has been postponed and will take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2021. For year 3 children 10am-11am and for year 4 children 11.30am-12.30pm. Further details will be sent in due course.

### **Farlea Childcare**

For those children currently accessing Farlea Childcare we ask that parents escort their child to the entrance and take extra care due to the building work currently taking place.

### **Nursery Class - September intake**

Applications for admission to nursery in September are now open. If you would like to apply for a place in our nursery, please complete an application form and return to school by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Application forms are available on the school website or direct from the school office. Any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us on [office@st-josephs-hednesford.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-josephs-hednesford.staffs.sch.uk)

### **School Photographer**

Class photographs have been re-arranged; the school photographer will now be in school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

## **St Patrick's Day - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

Children in St Patrick's house are invited to wear green to school on this day to celebrate their Saint day.

## **Father Hudson's**

As you are aware during Lent each year, we come together as a school community to raise funds for Father Hudson's Society. This year a non-uniform day will be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Children are invited to wear their own clothes on this day and bring in a donation of £2. All monies raised will go towards this charity.

## **Sponsored Event**

During week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> March all classes will be doing a sponsored event. Further details including a sponsor form will be sent home today with your child. All monies raised will go to Father Hudson's.

## **Dinner money**

The cost of school dinners will increase on 1<sup>st</sup> April to £2.40 per day, £11.50 per week. We ask that dinner money is paid in advance via ParentPay. Thank you

## **NHS Test and Trace**

It has recently been announced, that all adults in households with school age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site - anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online - please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.