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School Mission Statement

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

This half term we are focusing on being:

Compassionate and Loving

Pupils are growing to be compassionate towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and loving by their just actions and forgiving words.

What does this mean?

Catholic schools help their pupils grow by being compassionate and loving in the way pupils are treated, especially when a pupil is in trouble; and by opening pupils' eyes to those who suffer poverty, injustice or violence.

23rd April 2021

Dear Parents

I would like to welcome you all back to St Joseph's for the summer term and hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter break.

I am delighted to be the new Headteacher of St Joseph's school and would like to thank all the staff, pupils and the many parents I have already met for welcoming me and making my first week at St Joseph's School so enjoyable.

It is especially important to me that I am taking over as Headteacher at St Joseph's because, as some of you may already be aware, I went to St Joseph's as a child and have so many happy memories of my school days here. I then came back to teach here in 2002 until 2009. I am delighted to be returning

to the school as Headteacher following a 9-year Headship - in many ways, it feels as though I am coming home.

I am very keen to get to know all the children and their families at St Joseph's. I will be around on the school playground at the beginning and end of the school day so please come over and introduce yourself. As the restrictions are gradually lifted and we return back to normal, I look forward to meeting you all at our various school and Parish events. Do get in touch right away to make an appointment with me if you would like to discuss any aspect of school life.

The children have really impressed me by the way they have come back to school with such eagerness and enthusiasm. They are all working hard and getting on very well with each other. I have been very impressed with their politeness and good manners around the school.

The children all look smart in their uniforms- thank you for your support with this. It shows how proud we are to be part of our St Joseph's family. The children are helping me tremendously to settle in- their smiles brighten up my day!

I look forward to building on all the good practices which are already in place and getting to know all the children and the wider school community. Thank you all once again for your kind wishes as I begin my time here at St Joseph's as Headteacher. I look forward to working in partnership with you all and I can assure you I will strive to do my best for your children to ensure that each child has the best possible education.

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Easter and is known as Vocations Sunday. It is marked as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On this day we are encouraged to reflect, discover and recognise God's call. This day reminds us that we all have a calling from God to be the person he created us to be.

This Sunday is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. In this Sunday's Gospel we hear how Jesus, the Good Shepherd, wants us to place our trust in him. When we trust Jesus to lead us, just as a shepherd leads his sheep, he helps us to make the right choices. Jesus fills our lives with goodness, so that we stay close to him and do not go astray.

"It is important to have friends we can trust. But it is essential to trust the Lord, who never lets us down." Pope Francis

I hope that the sun continues to shine and that you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Corbett

"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	Noah	Mia
Class 1	Scarlett	Mice
Class 2	Harrison	Archie
Class 3	Emily	Sofia
Class 4	Georgia	Corey-Jai
Class 5	Harry	Luca
Class 6	Megan	Callhan

Parish Links

Confirmation - Y6

Confirmation will be conferred by Bishop Stephen on Wednesday 30th June 2020. Further information will be shared later.



First Holy Communion - Y3 & Y4

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 3rd July 2021. For year 3 children 10am-11am and for year 4 children **12pm - 1pm**. Further details will be sent in due course.

Thursday May 6th - Local Elections

Please note that school is open as usual on this day. However, there will be no before and after school club with Farlea as the hall is in use for elections. Thank you

Uniform

School summer uniform may now be worn until October half term. A reminder that any long hair, shoulder length or longer, should be tied back for school. Ear-rings should be removed for PE. We recommend that ear-rings are not worn to school on PE days. Thank you

Summer	White blouse/polo shirt
White shirt/polo-shirt	Red/white gingham dress
Grey trousers or shorts	Sensible black shoes

Playsuits are not part of school uniform and should not be worn.

Father Hudson's

We thank parents and children for their support to help raise funds for our Lenten charity. To date we have raised £2025. Please send in sponsor money to school if you have not already.

PHSE Lessons - Years 1 - 6

In our PHSE lessons this term, we will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule. This is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using specific terminology. In the lesson, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you

- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help

The lesson will be delivered in a way that is fully age-appropriate. More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule.

If you have any questions, please contact school.

School Nurse Questionnaires - Reception Class

Questionnaires have been sent home with the children for completion. Could all questionnaires please be returned to school by Friday 30th April. Thank you

Important Dates - Summer term

Please note that these dates are subject to change

Date	Activity
Friday 23 rd April	WOW assembly - see school website "latest news"
Friday 30 th April	Year 1 Prayer Assembly - see school website "latest news"
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Thursday 6 th May	Local Election - school open. No Farlea before or after school club
Friday 7 th May	Finance Governor Meeting 8am WOW Assembly - see school website "latest news"
Tuesday 11 th May	Mass: Year 5 TBC PTFA Cake Sale - Year 3
Thursday 13 th May	Curriculum Governors meeting 8am
Friday 14 th May	Year 6 Topic assembly - see school website "latest news"
Wednesday 19 th May	FGB Meeting 5pm
Friday 21 st May	H&S Governor meeting 8am Reception Topic assembly - see school website "latest news"
Tuesday 25 th May	Mass: Year 4 TBC
Friday 28 th May	WOW assembly - see school website "latest news" May Procession in church TBC Finish for half term
Monday 31 st May -Friday 4 th June	Half term

Monday 7 th June	Inset day - school closed
Tuesday 8 th June	Multifaith week for all classes Y6 Islam day New reception parents meeting 6pm -in hall
Wednesday 9 th June	Hinduism Y3 am Y1 & 2 pm
Thursday 10 th June	Sikhism Y5am Judaism Y4 pm
Friday 11 th June	WOW Assembly see school website "latest news"
Monday 14 th June	Y6 to begin Memory book for Y6 Mass
Tuesday 15 th June	PTFA Cake Sale - Year 4 New Nursery Parents meeting 6pm in hall
Thursday 17 th June	Sports Day
Friday 18 th June	Multi-faith week assembly
Wednesday 23 rd June	PTFA Family Picnic TBC
Thursday 24 th June	Year 6 Leavers Mass at St Mary's 11am
Friday 25 th June	Year 4 topic assembly Finance and school fund governor meeting 8am
Monday 28 th June	Reception class Sept 21 parents 1:1 meetings
Tuesday 29 th June	Mass- led by Y2 TBC
Wednesday 30 th June	Bishop Stephen visiting Year 6 Confirmation Mass Our Lady of Lourdes 7pm
Thursday 1 st July	Secondary school transition days FGB Meeting 5pm
Saturday 3 rd July	First Holy Communion Our Lady of Lourdes - Yr3 10-11am Yr4 12-1pm
Monday 5 th July	Tempest photography in 9am- Yr3 & 4 FHC pictures Yr3 & 4 FHC parties - wear FHC clothes and bring party clothes
Tuesday 6 th July	PTFA Cake Sale - Year 1
Wednesday 7 th July	Reception class Sept 21 parents 1:1 meetings
Thursday 8 th July	Curriculum Gov meeting 8am
Friday 9 th July	WOW assembly - see school website "latest news"
Tuesday 13 th July	Mass Year 1 TBC Y6 dress rehearsal
Wednesday 14 th July	Year 6 play 2pm and 7pm TBC
Thursday 15 th July	Reports out to parents
Friday 16 th July	Reserve sports day Assembly - none
Monday 19 th July	Transition Day-all classes
Tuesday 20 th July	Leavers Mass -9.15am

Wednesday 21 st July	Last Day school finishes at 3.15pm Leavers Assembly
Thursday 22 nd July	Summer Holidays Start
Thursday 2 nd September	Pupils return to school

MENTAL HEALTH MEMOIRS EVENT

Hednesford Town Council invite you to share your own poems, photos, pictures and drawings you have created/captured in the last 12 months with the community.

These will be displayed in Hednesford Park from the 10th May 2021 for World Mental Health Awareness week.

They must be:

- 2D (flat)
- A4 in a portrait format (with 1.5 cm boarder)
- Colour or Black/White
- Non-returnable
- Must be original work

Please drop in your poems, photos, pictures and drawings at Hednesford Library or email to Info@hednesford-tc.gov.uk or message to **Visit Hednesford Facebook**.

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