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### **School Mission Statement**

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

This half term we are focusing on being:

#### **Eloquent and Truthful**

Pupils are growing to be eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.

#### **What does this mean?**

Catholic schools help their pupils grow by developing an eloquent language which they can use to understand and articulate their emotions, beliefs, and questions, encouraged by the example of their teachers to be truthful in the way they represent themselves and speak about the world.

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22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of this half term, I would like to thank you all for your vigilance as COVID cases increase in the local area and in schools. Your support in obtaining a PCR test when requested is minimising the risk of COVID spreading, alongside the measures we have in place in school and following the advice from the local outbreak team.

Thank you for attending our virtual parents evening. It was not what we had originally planned but it was lovely to be able to meet you virtually to discuss your child's progress.

It was wonderful to see so many children and their families at the First Holy Communion and Confirmation Commitment Masses. What joyful celebrations! We pray for all the children and their families as they begin their journey of preparation.

Year 5 enjoyed participating with our family of cluster schools in the joint "Walking with Mary" pilgrimage led by One life music at St Mary's Cannock. It was a wonderful day of reflection and prayer.

Thank you so much for contributing food for our Harvest collection. This initiative was led by our school council and the food collected will be given to our local foodbank to help those in need.

It has been a very busy half term and I know we are all ready for a rest. The children (and staff) have worked so hard and I am so proud of them all. It is such a privilege to be part of such a wonderful community.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the story of the healing of the blind man. The blind man showed courage in calling Jesus even when the crowd told him to stop. Courage is a gift of

the Holy Spirit - it makes us strong. Putting our faith in Jesus and his teachings gives us the courage to do the right thing. Let us try to remember this Sunday's Gospel and ask Jesus to help us whenever we need courage.

"Be brave. Let us learn to face moments of difficulty with courage, certain that the Lord never fails to give his support." Pope Francis

On behalf of the staff and Governors at St. Joseph's I would like to thank you for your continued support of our lovely school.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term - keep safe and I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Corbett



**"What Outstanding Work" Assembly**

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

Reception	Matilda For always trying her hardest and using her fred fingers to segment and blend cvc words	Stefan For working hard on his letter formation during phonics time! Keep it up Stefan!
Class 1	Teddy For sharing his knowledge with the class and applying it in his work ☺ Great attitude to learning Teddy!	River For trying really hard in her phonics lessons and presenting her work beautifully! ☺
Class 2	Harry For coming into school with a smile!	Aanya For her excellent effort with her phonics and applying this in her writing.
Class 3	Rex Rex "Michelangelo" - sculptor in the making	Thomas For amazing handwriting success! ☺
Class 4	Charlie Super subtraction work, revising the column method and applying it to reasoning problems	Ryan For super poetry work, composing his own Roman inspired poem that rhymed.
Class 5	Isabella C For her excellent attitude to learning and beautiful presentation.	Luisa For a great attitude to learning and outstanding work in History.
Class 6	Sofia For her mature attitude and her continuous efforts to always do her best.	Luca For his super concentration in dance last week. He kept in time and demonstrated strong movements.

## Parish Links

### Heath Hayes Community Fayre

Please come along and support the community fayre tomorrow, 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 9:30am-4pm in the community centre by Tesco Heath Hayes. Our Lady of Lourdes have a table and monies raised will be donated to church.



### St Joseph's Governing Board

We currently have a vacancy on the Governing Board for a parent governor. If this is of interest to you, please speak to Mrs Edge in the school office.

### Easyfundraising

Please register by following the above link to raise money for St Joseph's.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjosephshednesford/>

### Flu Vaccination - e-consent link for parents

A reminder that the school nurse team will administer the flu vaccine on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Electronic Consent** - The School Age Immunisation Team is moving towards paperless vaccination programmes and the use of e-Consent is quick and easy to use, and can be completed on any electronic device.

Click on this link <https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/> to complete the consent form.

Your school Code is **SS124354**

Please complete the e-consent form by **9am on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

### Y5 Trip to Black Country Living Museum - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November

A reminder that payment for this trip is required by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October. If you haven't paid, please pay via ParentPay. Thank you

### Bonfire Lunch - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November

A special bonfire lunch will be offered on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November. The menu has been emailed out. If your child would like the meal and doesn't usually have dinners, please pay via ParentPay (Y3-Y6 only)

### PTFA Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the PTFA raffle carried over from the autumn fayre. Anna, William, Frankie & Matilda in Reception class, Liam & Isla in year 1, Rhys & Scarlett in year 2, Tommy, Cruz, Heidi, Elliot, Rex, Niall & Jacob in year 3, Gabriel, Finley, Sofia & Emily in year 4, Jessie in year 5, Indie & Sophia in year 6.

### Dates for next half term (These are subject to change)

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>Return to school</b> Catholic Virtues and values <b>Learned &amp; Wise</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Flu Vaccination
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Mass - Y3
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Governing Board meeting

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 trip to BCLM WOW Assembly
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	PTFA Cake Sale Y5
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Prayer Assembly
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Tempest Photography - Individual and family photographs
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	WOW Assembly
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 Prayer Assembly
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Mass - Y2
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Governor Finance meeting
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	PTFA Cake Sale Y4
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Mass - Y6
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Y4 Topic Assembly Participating in Hednesford Town switch on of Christmas lights
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery/Reception Nativity - 10am Year 1/Year 2 Nativity - 2pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery/Reception Nativity - 10am Year 1/Year 2 Nativity - 2pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	WOW Assembly
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle - 7pm in church for all children in key stage 2
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Mass - Y1 KS2 trip to New Vic Theatre Disco - TBC
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery/Reception trip to Gatehouse Theatre
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1/Year 2 trip to Gatehouse Theatre End of Term
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	<b>INSET Day</b>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Children return to school</b>

### **Secondary School Application Forms**

A reminder to year 6 parents that application forms for admission to secondary school next September must be completed by 31 October 2021. Applications can be made using the online application service, which is available at

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-secondary/Apply/Overview.aspx>

and by following the links to 'making an application'



### **PTFA Toast is back!**

The PTFA will be in school each Thursday to provide children with a slice of toast if they wish. Payment of £1.20 upfront for the 6 weeks of term is required on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November if your child would like toast. Any weeks missed will be kept as a donation to school funds.