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### School Mission Statement

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

This half term we are focusing on being:

#### **Learned and Wise**

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

**Learned:** learning how God wants us to live our lives. Whether we are young or old, we should never stop learning about what God wants of us. We learn many new things each day. By reading the Bible, listening to our teachers and listening to our hearts, we learn more of what God wants. **Wise:** knowing how God wants us to live our lives and putting it into practice. God is always with us and hoping that we will live our lives in the right way, following the teachings of Jesus.

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12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Yesterday at 11am, we took the time to pause, pray for and pay our respect to all those fallen soldiers who lost their lives in wars. We remember the many acts of courage, selflessness and service of those who fought in past wars and those who are still doing so. In their lessons this week the children have been learning about Remembrance day.

We have had a very busy time since returning to school after half term. It has been wonderful to see many things returning to normal but we still need to remain vigilant regarding COVID. Please continue to report any positive cases to the school office. Thank you for your support with this.

The children are enjoying their Thursday morning toast once again after such a long time! Many thanks to our PTFA for organising this and raising important funds for our school. Year 5 enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Black Country museum last week as part of their study around the Victorians. The children had a great time. Please remember to visit our Facebook page to see photos and information about events across our school.

Many thanks for your generous donations to the foodbank. The collection was organised by our school council. The food has been delivered to House of Bread and to Cannock & District foodbank to support people in our local community.

The school council have now launched our shoebox appeal. Please see the information sent out in the letter on Monday with details of how you can support this.

Many of you are aware that the UK is leading a global climate summit called COP26 in Glasgow. Many believe that this is the world's best last chance to get runaway climate change under control. The school council are working on plans in order to respond to this challenge. We all have a vital role to play. Just think - if everybody in the world committed to just one improvement the massive difference it would make! Please join us in making a difference through practical activity and also through prayer.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus assures us that although many things in the world may change his words will last forever. We can be certain that our faithfulness to God will be rewarded in this life and in the life to come.

"Let us give thanks for all the blessings which God has bestowed on us, especially for his patience and for his faithfulness." Pope Francis

Thank you for your ongoing support and I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.  
Best wishes,  
Mrs Corbett

### COP26

As I am sure you are aware the UK is hosting the world leaders at the UN COP26 climate conference and the eyes of the world will be on us to lead the way in combatting the climate emergency!

What is COP26?

The UN holds a climate conference (COP) each year in different countries around the world, where world leaders gather to talk about climate change. This is the 26th year of the conference.

The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales have written a special prayer for COP26 to encourage us to pray for and raise awareness of the importance of the outcome of this year's crucial climate talks in Glasgow.



Loving God,  
We praise your name with all you have created.

You are present in the whole universe,  
and in the smallest of creatures.

**A PRAYER**  
FOR THE **COP26**  
CLIMATE TALKS

We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us  
as stewards of your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they  
seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.  
Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions  
for the poorest and most vulnerable,  
and commit their nations to the care of Our Common Home.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.

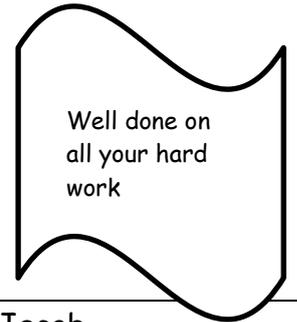
Amen



Ten has also created a short video for children about the COP26 summit, leading to prayer which you might find helpful:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/the-hub/cop26-public/>

As a reminder, only if someone displays the classic Covid-19 symptoms (persistent cough, fever, loss of taste/smell), they should self-isolate and book a PCR test. If anyone shows a positive LFT test result, they should book a PCR test immediately and self-isolate until the results are given. If children are feeling generally unwell, it is a good idea to book a PCR test for them - but they do not need to self-isolate in the meantime.



### "What Outstanding Work" Assembly

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

Reception	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Anna</b></p> <p>For always truing her very best and working hard with her sounds.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jacob</b></p> <p>For always trying his very best and working very hard with his letter formation.</p>
Class 1	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Evelyn</b></p> <p>For her enthusiasm in RE and sharing her celebration ideas with her group.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tilly</b></p> <p>For the effort and resilience she is showing with her maths work - excellent 😊</p>
Class 2	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Joey</b></p> <p>For his excellent attitude towards ALL of his learning.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Jude</b></p> <p>For working hard with his phonics and learning our special friends.</p>
Class 3	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Elsie</b></p> <p>For increased confidence and 100% effort across the curriculum.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mason</b></p> <p>For putting his hand up all the time and joining in with super ideas. I am impressed.</p>
Class 4	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gracie</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Olivia</b></p>
	For their super effort using and developing their times table knowledge over the course of the week.	
Class 5	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Charlie F</b></p> <p>For a fantastic attitude to learning. Charlie is giving 100%</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dean</b></p> <p>For great improvements in Mathematics. Keep it up Dean!!</p>
Class 6	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dylan</b></p> <p>Dylan has been much more focussed since returning to school after the half-term holidays and is making more of an attempt to be ready to learn at the start of each lesson. He has contributed to class discussions, completed his set tasks and helped others around him too.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Archie</b></p> <p>Archie has been working really hard in all of his subjects this week and has shown a great attitude towards challenging himself. He is now concentrating much harder and I have noticed an increase in the pride, care and attention of his work.</p>

### Parish Links

Coffee mornings are starting again after Mass on the last Sunday of the month. Everyone welcome.



## **School Photographer - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

A reminder that the school photographer is in on Monday. All children should attend school in school uniform (not PE kits). Individual photographs will be taken as well as sibling photographs for those children who have brothers/sisters in school.

## **Easyfundraising**

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

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

## **Joe's Growing Zone**

We would like to plant bulbs in the class growing areas e.g. daffodil, crocus, snowdrop - any donations of bulbs would be gratefully received. Thank you

## **Primary School Application Forms**

A reminder to nursery parents that application forms for admission to reception class next September must be completed by 15 January 2022. Applications can be made using the online application service, which is available at

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

and by following the links to 'making an application'



## **Uniform**

A reminder that winter uniform should now be worn comprising of a white short/blouse and red tie. Polo shirts should not now be worn until after Easter 2022. Thank you

Can parents/carers please ensure every item of clothing is named as this will ensure any lost items are returned to their owner. Thank you

## **Hednesford Light Switch on - Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Pupils from Y5 & Y6 will join with other local schools to form a large choir and participate in the Hednesford Christmas Light switch on. We will be gathered around the clock area/gardens in Market Street singing in the lead up to the switch on which is due to take place at 6pm.

## **Nativity Plays**

We are hopeful that parents/carers can come into school to watch the nativity plays. The ticket allocation will be 2 tickets per family per play. Tickets will be available later this month. Plays will take place as follows:-

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Nursery Parents
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	Year 1 Parents
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	10am	Reception Parents
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	Year 2 Parents

Please note that this is subject to change, dependent on the current situation with the coronavirus pandemic.

**Christingle** - Arrangements are being finalised with Fr Jeremy next week. Original timings have changed. We will communicate these to families next week.