

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

26 September 2013

Dear Parents,

## Harvest 2013

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October:** School closed due to strike – Harvest Mass moved to next week.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October:** CAFOD Family Fast Day: Give up playtime snacks and donate pennies to CAFOD instead.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October:** Please donate tins of food for the Harvest Mass. The tins will be donated to feed the homeless at The Good Shepherd shelter in Wolverhampton.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October:** St Joseph's BIG SHARE day – details below

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October:** Harvest Mass at 9.15am. Display of donated tins of food.

## Family Fast Day – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> we ask all of the children and adults in school to give up their playtime snack or 'tuck' and donate a few pennies to CAFOD instead. By fasting we are in close sympathy with our brothers and sisters around the world who are not as lucky as we are – just for a morning we get to experience what it is like to be without our snacks and food. Please talk to your child about how by fasting they are in solidarity with the poorest people in the world. (Remember – children will have their LUNCH as normal – only playtime snack is being fasted!)

## Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – St Joseph's BIG SHARE Day

CAFOD's Harvest Campaign this year is called THE BIG SHARE. It reminds us that 1 in 8 people in our world go to bed starving or hungry each night. IF all of the wealthy countries SHARED more of their food and wealth this wouldn't need to be the case.

The children are all learning about people in poorer countries and how CAFOD is working to help change their lives for the better. During the next few weeks the children will also be cooking some WORLD recipes and SHARING the food in class! They will SHARE their learning with you at a series of assemblies and prayer services after which you are warmly invited to our group room to SHARE a cup of tea or coffee with staff and fellow parents! A CAFOD box will be available if you would like to donate a few pennies on the day. So, please come and SHARE in our day! Overleaf is the timetable:



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***Kind hands, kind words...like Jesus***

**9.00am:** Year 6 assembly / prayer service in the hall – coffees and teas afterwards at 9.30am

**9.45am:** Year 2 assembly / prayer service in the hall – coffee and teas afterwards at 10.15am

**10.30am:** Year 3 assembly / prayer service in the hall – coffee and teas afterwards at 11.00am

**11.15am:** Year 4 assembly / prayer service in the hall – coffee and teas afterwards at 11.45am

**1.45pm:** Year 5 assembly / prayer service in the hall – coffee and teas afterwards at 2.15pm

**2.30pm:** Year 1 assembly / prayer service in the hall – coffee and teas afterwards at 3.00pm

If you're staying for tea or coffee we'll provide the drinks but you might like to SHARE a packet of biscuits or cakes with fellow parents – all donations welcome and any spares will be kept for the Christmas Fair.

### **Harvest Mass – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

Due to the school being closed this coming Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October we have moved the Harvest Mass to the following Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am. Please donate tins of food for the Harvest Mass – these will be sent to The Good Shepherd shelter in Wolverhampton. Please send in your tins on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Thanks ever so much.

### **Parentview**

Please set aside some time to register with OFSTED's Parentview service. OFSTED collects the views of parents and uses them to make inspection judgements about schools. We encourage you to rate our school on Parentview. All we ask is that if you are not happy with something you TELL US FIRST so that we can try to change things for the better. [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

### **Keep in touch**

One of the things that sets our school apart is the massive commitment we make to working in partnership with parents. If you are concerned about anything, however simple, we pride ourselves on being able to help you as quickly as possible. If you need to see the teacher this can normally be arranged for after school on the same day. If you need to see Mrs Chapman or myself we try our best to see you immediately and if we can't we will call you straight back. We also have two senior teachers, Mr Seex and Mrs Hancox who are ready to help you and who will always be there in the absence of Mrs Chapman or myself. Do not hesitate to tell us if you need help or you are unhappy- if you tell us we can try to make things better straight away.

We look forward to seeing you in school this Harvest season.

Best wishes,

M Hinton  
Principal