

**Newsletter - 15 February 2019**

**Our Catholic Mission**

The Sacrament of the Eucharist – First Holy Communion – will be celebrated on Sunday 5 May 2019 at Ss Peter and Paul’s Church at 11 am.

There will be a meeting for parents of children who will be celebrating this important sacrament at 6 pm on Wednesday 20 March at Ss Peter & Paul’s School.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will now take place at 11 am on Sunday 23 June at Ss Peter and Paul’s Church.

There will be a penitential service for the Confirmandi at 6 pm on Monday 10 June at Holy Cross.

You are all most welcome to join us for our next Mass in school which will be at 9.30 am on Wednesday 27 February.

**Parish Mass/Children’s Liturgy**

The parish newsletter or website [www.romancatholiclichfield.co.uk](http://www.romancatholiclichfield.co.uk) contains information about Masses and other church notices.

Mass Times: 6pm Saturday @ SS Peter & Paul

(with Children’s Liturgy)

8.30am Sunday @ Holy Cross
(with Children’s Liturgy)

11am Sunday @ SS Peter & Paul
(with Children’s Liturgy)

**Star Workers**

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week:

**Reception**: Madeleine & Amelie

**Y1**: Benjamin & Joseph S

**Y2:** Ria & Sabina

**Y3:** Dolly & Oscar H

**Y4**: Jhowlyn & Dorian

**Y5:** Sophie & Kacper

**Y6**: Charlie & Michael

**Headteacher’s Award**: Connie W & Isaac M

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y3- the class with the highest attendance of 100% this week.

**Welcome**

Please join me in welcoming Jhowlyn (Y4), Jedidiah (Y3) and their family to our school community. They have both settled in well to their classes.

**Goodbye**

Sadly we say goodbye to Seb (Y3) today and Isaac (Y2) on 28 February. Please join me in wishing them all the very best for the future.

**Netball**

On Wednesday 13 February, 7 of our Y6’s travelled to Erasmus Darwin for the District Finals against the 3 other top schools in Lichfield & Burntwood. The children performed brilliantly winning 2 of the 3 games they played. St Joseph’s played with great enthusiasm and excellent sportsmanship. A special thanks to Mrs Delgiudice and Mrs Weaver for providing lifts and to all of the other parents who came to support.

**Guitar/Drum Music Lessons – 27 February 2019**

Please note that there will be no guitar or drum lessons running on Wednesday 27 February. Keyboard lessons WILL run as normal.

**Funky Times Tables After School Club – 27 February 2019**

Funky Times Tables will not take place on Wednesday 27 February 2019.

**Y5 Space Centre visit**

The visit has been arranged for Friday 15 March. The children will need to be at school by 8.40 am ready to leave at 8.45 am. Thank you.

**World Book Day – 7 March 2019**

We’re looking forward to seeing the children come to school dressed up as their favourite story character as this year’s theme for World Book Day is ‘We’re sharing a story’.

**Family Lunch – Thursday 7 March SURNAMES O-R (WEEK 2 MENU)**

**MENU CHOICE TO BE IN BY 12 NOON ON TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2019**

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Thursday 7 March 2019 at 11.45am. Please ensure your account is in credit by at least £2.76 for your lunch on parent pay. Menu choices are available on the school website. Please email your choice to lunches@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk before 12 noon on Tuesday 5 March as places are limited. Unfortunately, we will be unable to take bookings after the deadline.

**Maths Workshops – dates for your diary**

Y1 Tuesday 26 February

Y5 Tuesday 5 March

Y3 Wednesday 20 March

Y4 Thursday 21 March

Y2 Thursday 28 March

**After School Clubs**

Please see the school website for more information.

**Pre-School**

* We will be learning the sound ‘ck’ after half term.
* We would be grateful if you could save any plastic bottle tops for fun woodwork activities
* If you wish your child to enjoy a delicious school lunch, please ensure your ParentPay account is in credit. Thank you.
* Please remember to send the children with warm appropriate clothing including hats and gloves as we are outside whatever the weather!

**Snacks**

Snacks now need to be pre-booked on ParentPay. You can book and cancel up until 8am on the day.

Following the parent survey, we had 59 responses with 48 requesting that Break-time snack be limited to one item. Therefore, with effect from 25/02/2019 you will be able to book ONE item from:

Toast, Crumpet, Milk or Milkshake at cost of 40p. Thank you for your response.

Children are welcome to bring the following snacks from home:

* A piece of fruit
* A small carton of milk (please note this cannot be refrigerated)
* A piece of toast or a crumpet in a suitable container

Please do not send your child with any cereal bars, chocolate bars or other confectionary item. Thank you.

**Governing Board News**

Pauline Lewis, Ruth O’Leary and Tina Rowe have been reappointed for a further 4-year term.

**PTFA News**

Please see the school website (<http://stjosephscatholicprimary.sites.schooljotter2.com/our-school/ptfa>) and calendar for more information. Events coming up include:

* 8 March – if you can, please come along to the Turnpike to help sort out the next few PTFA events
* 29 March - Mother’s Day Craft Market (order form available on the website) – deadline for orders is 8 March.
* 5 April - Easter Egg Bingo

Thank you to everyone who came and danced at this week’s disco; special thanks to all those who helped at the event – a fantastic £149.81 was raised.

**Community News**

St Patrick’s Day Dance – The Governing Board would like to invite you to join them for live music, dancing and a licensed Bar on 15th March 2019 from 7pm to 11.30pm here at school. This is an **Adults Only** event. **Tickets cost just £8** and are available from the school office or from church (from 17 February) and all profits are donated to the Building Fund (please bring exact amounts as we do not have change)

***And Finally…***

A big thankyou to Y3 today for their lovely assembly, sharing with us the message of God’s forgiveness and the importance of saying sorry in preparation for their Sacrament of Reconciliation on 27th March.



May God be with you

Mrs D McLeary

Headteacher