**Newsletter - 17 May 2019**

Please remember to view the school calendar/website for further information

**Our Catholic Mission**

Please note the change in date as the Mass of Thanksgiving for First Holy Communion will now take place on Wednesday 22 May at 9.30 am in the school hall.

**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**: Sara & Isla C

**Y1**: Aoife & Nikhil

**Y2:** Hayden & Jude

**Y3:** Nicole & Jedidiah

**Y4**: Lena & Daniel

**Y5:** Alice & Harry La

**Y6**: Mary & Joseph

**Headteacher’s Award**: Marie, Dolly & Gabriel

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y6 - the class with the highest attendance of 100%.

**Water Bottles in School**

Please remember to send your child to school with a named water bottle filled with water only (no juice). Thank you.

**Unwanted Visitors**

We have had several cases of head lice in school. Please make sure you check your child’s hair regularly.

**Parent communications to school**

In order to ensure that your communications to school are dealt with as efficiently as possible, can we please request that you use the following systems when communicating with us:

* Absences – please use the absence form on the school website to report your child absent from school
* Leave of Absence requests – please email a completed form to office@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk clearly marked Leave of Absence Request.
* Collection arrangements for children – where possible please ensure you update your collection sheet with the class teacher should your child being collected by someone other than yourself. In an emergency, please complete the Emergency Collection Arrangements form available on the school website under Parents/Letters and Forms.

**Year 6**

A huge well done to Year 6 who have worked so hard during the year and have finally finished their SATs. They have all done the very best that they can and we are all extremely proud of them.

**Lunchtime Supervisor & Pre School Vacancies**

Do you know anyone who is looking for a part-time job? We currently have vacancies for Lunchtime Supervisors and a Pre School Assistant. Further information is on the school website and wmjobs.

**After School Clubs**

Do you have a budding scientist in your midst? There are spaces in the Science Club run after school on Tuesdays. Please see the school website or contact Mrs Credali (07989 857277) for more details.

**Y1 Phonics Activity Sessions**

The next Parent phonics support session is on Tuesday 21 May (3.30pm).

**First Holy Communion Celebration Day - 22 May**

Please can the children come to school dressed in their First Holy Communion clothes; they can bring their own clothes to change into after Mass. Children who did not make the Sacrament can come to school dressed in their own clothes.

If the children would like to bring a small amount of party food, they are welcome to bring this is in on Wednesday morning. If you are able to help in the afternoon, please let Mrs Allan/Miss Briers know.

**Y5 Safe+Sound workshop – 23 May**

Y5 will be attending the Safe+Sound workshop being run at Lichfield Fire Station on Thursday 23 May (9.15 am – 12.10 pm). If you are able to help walk the children to/from the fire station, please let Mrs Dolphin or the school office know. Thank you for your support.

**Sports Day – Friday 24 May – children can come to school dressed for Sports Day**

Sports Day is on Friday 24 May, KS1 in the morning from 9.15 am to 12 pm approx. Don’t forget to bring your picnic lunch as this is also a lovely opportunity to eat lunch together and with other families. KS2 Sports Day will take place in the afternoon from 1.15 pm to 3.15 pm approx. KS2 parents are welcome to come at 12 pm with a picnic lunch.

If your child requires a school lunch (fish & chips or cheese & tomato pizza & chips) please pre order on ParentPay. Y1-Y6 children are to wear colour t-shirt for their house, bring a water bottle and sun hat (labelled) and it would be helpful if they already have their sun cream applied. Please can Reception children wear their normal PE kit.

Let’s pray for good weather, but also be aware that if it is raining, we may have to postpone at short notice. If this does have to happen, I ask for your understanding and co-operation.

**Tempest Class Vista & First Holy Communion Photographs – 7 June 2019**

If you would like to order a copy of these photos, please return the completed order form to school no later than 7 June 2019. Orders received at school after this date will not be able to be placed, however you may still be able to order on line.

If you do not receive a copy of the photograph order form, please contact the school and we will arrange for an emailed copy to be sent to you.

**Y5/Y6 Big Bash – Thursday 20 June**

Please return completed forms to school by Wednesday 22 May. Payment can be made through ParentPay.

**Pre-School**

* If you wish your child to enjoy a delicious school lunch, please ensure your ParentPay account is in credit. Thank you.

**PTFA News**

We have also been selected for Tesco Bags of Help so please make sure you vote for us from May – please encourage your friends to do the same.

Events coming up include:

* **14 June** – Father’s Day Craft Market (order form sent home this week and is also available on the website) – deadline for orders is 3 June.
* **12 July** – Summer Fayre – this is our biggest event so please keep the date free!

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

**Governor News**

Governors will be starting the process soon to elect a parent governor. If any parent wishes to speak to the Chair of Governors, Tina Rowe, about the commitment and time needed to serve our school community, please give your number to Mrs Tonks and Mrs Rowe will get in touch. Please note that once the nomination process starts governors have no involvement until the new parent elect governor is confirmed by the Clerk.

The Governors would like to invite you and your families to a Summer Ball. It will be held at Coton House Farm on Friday 28th June starting at 7pm. Ticket can be purchased at the School Office (exact money only please as no change can be given) – Smart Dress code. Tickets are £35 per person to include a 3-course meal and live entertainment.

**And Finally**

Thank you to Year 4 who, very eloquently, reminded us of all we have to be thankful for in their assembly this morning.

Every blessing



Mrs D McLeary

Headteacher

During May, the month of Our Lady, we remember –

“Mary is our guide, our teacher and our mother.”

Don Bosco