



Newsletter – 15th March 2024

[Please remember to view the school calendar/website for further information](#)

Our Catholic Mission

The parish newsletter and website www.romancatholiclichfield.co.uk contains information about Masses and other church notices.

You are welcome to join us at the St Joseph's Day Mass, which will be celebrated in school at 10 am on **Tuesday, 19th March**. Y1 will lead this Mass. Y4-Y6 will be making confessions after the Mass.

You are warmly invited to the Stations of the Cross Service, which will be held in school at **9.15 am on Thursday, 21st March**.

The Easter Story

Y3 and Y4 have been practicing for their retelling of the Easter story, which will be performed in school on **Tuesday, 19th March at 2.15 pm**. [Polite reminder that any photos/videos are for your personal use only and not to be uploaded on to any public social media platform.](#)
Thank you.

First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of The Eucharist will be celebrated at 11 am on **Sunday, 19th May** at Ss Peter & Paul's Church for those children in Y3 who are making their First Holy Communion this year.

The children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, 12th March. Fr Anthony, Mgr Anthony and Fr John all commented on how well prepared and reverent they were. Thank you to all the priests who assisted with this service.

Confirmation

The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is 7 pm on **Monday 10th June 2024 at Ss Peter & Paul**. The celebrant will be Canon Paul McNally.

Attendance

Congratulations to Y6, the class with the highest attendance this week of 98.3%!

Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

Pre-School: Jemima & Emiliana

Reception: Vinnie & Layla-May

Y1: Aoife & Rosie

Y2: Oonagh & Jesse

Y3: Clinton & Lotte

Y4: Ameilia & Izzy

Y5: Sara and Patryk

Y6: Cohen & Darcie

Headteacher's Award: Sophia C & Daniel U

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) Award: Eleanor



Lent Fundraiser

The children have decided that they would like to raise money during Lent, through some class tabletop sales. If you wish your child to buy something from the sale on these days, please send them in with a suitable donation. All proceeds will go to our Lent charity, Father Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal. Thank you for your support.

Class	Activity	Date
YR/Y6	Biscuit/cookie sale	18 th March
Y2/Y6	Toys/teddy sale	20 th March

Thank you to everyone who supported the Y1/Y5 cake sale today and for your generosity in making/donating cakes.

Family Lunch – 21st March 2024 for children whose surnames start with 'U-Z'

Booking deadline: Monday, 18th March

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on **Thursday, 18th March** at 12.15 pm. Please note there is a maximum of 2 guests allowed at Family Lunch. Please ensure the ParentPay payment item 'Family Lunch' is in credit by £2.90 for each ordered meal ('no shows' will be charged). [Please note you are unable to book family lunch meals via ParentPay; please email your choice to \[lunches@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk\]\(mailto:lunches@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk\) \(not the office email\).](#) Unfortunately, we will be unable to take bookings after the deadline.

[Whilst we enjoy having you in for Family Lunch, please be aware that taking photos is not permitted as you will not be aware of other parents photo preferences for their child who could inadvertently be in the photo. Thank you for your co-operation.](#)

Y5 Whitemoor Lakes Parents Meeting – now 18th March

The date of the Whitemoor Lakes residential parents meeting has changed and will now take place in school on Monday, 18th March at 5 pm.

Y4 Lichfield Guildhall – 20th March

Y4 will be visiting Lichfield's Guildhall prison cells on Wednesday, 20th March 2024. The children will be leaving school at 9 am, returning at approx. 11 am. [If you are able to help walk the children to/from Lichfield, please let the office know.](#)

End of Term Reports

You should receive the end of term report for your child on Wednesday, 20th March via Google Classroom.

Last day of term - 22nd March

Please note school will close at **2.30 pm** on the last day of term, Friday, 22nd March and will re-open on Monday, 8th April 2024.

Foundation Stage Parent Drop-Ins – 17th April

An email has been sent to you today about booking an appointment for your Pre-School/Reception child on Wednesday, 17th April. Bookings open via School Jotter at 8 am on Monday, 18th March and close at 4 pm on Friday, 12th April. Please note you will need your School Jotter login details to be able to book an appointment. 'How to book a Parent's Evening appointment' instructions are available on the [school website](#).

Reception Writing Inspire Parent Workshop

Thank you to all who attended the Reception workshop this week. It was lovely to see you all.

Sports Competitions

Well done to all the children who represented St Joseph's recently in various sporting competitions. Our Y5/Y6 tag rugby team qualified all the way to the semi-finals, our Y5/Y6 gymnastics team came 3rd overall with only a 0.4 point difference between them and the winners. A massive well done to our Y5/Y6 girls football team who kicked off the football league in style this year!

South Staffs Water Workshops

Children enjoyed workshops run by South Staffs Water this week. They learnt a lot about water cycles and the sewerage system.

Queenscroft Choir

We were delighted to welcome Queenscroft's Makaton Choir to school today. The children performed a variety of songs to the whole school and were amazing. What stars they all were!

Pre-School

- If you are having a clear out, we would appreciate donations of plastic kitchen utensils and a plastic home brew barrel or water butt!
- Please can you remember to check ParentPay regularly for any items which may require attention.

School Lunch menu

New school lunch menus will be launched after Easter and are now available on the [school website](#) and ParentPay. Please remember to pre-book school lunches on ParentPay before 8 am on the day required.

After School Clubs

Please see the [school website](#) for more details about After School Clubs [Parents/Extra Curricular and Wraparound Care].

Volunteers

Would you like to volunteer to help in school? Parents who come and read with children or help with changing library books are hugely appreciated. We ask that parent volunteers only volunteer for classes, which their own child is not in please.

Parent Governor Result

Following results of the election, we welcome both Mrs Amy Shore and Mr Martin McEntee as Parent elect on to the Board of Governors. Many thanks to all who voted.

PTFA

You are automatically a PTFA member, but we would be grateful if you could spare some time in becoming an active member. Please don't hesitate to get in touch (ptfa@stjosephslichfield.org.uk), speak to your class rep or Facebook "St Joseph's School Lichfield PTFA"

Forthcoming PTFA events include:

- Chocolate Bingo - Thursday, 21st March

And Finally

Thank you to Y1 for their delightful and informative assembly this morning. They all looked great in their animal costumes and performed their words with such clear and confident voices.

May God be with you

Mrs McLeary

Headteacher

