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**Our Catholic Mission**

For those children who have received their First Holy Communion and wish to become Altar Servers in the parish, a new training session will commence: 6.15pm Thurs. June 9th at Saint Peter & Pauls church. Please contact Peter Keane for further information:[pk71dg@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pk71dg@yahoo.co.uk) 01543 262935

**Confirmation**

Many thanks to all the children and families who attended the Service of Light last Sunday. It was a lovely celebration in preparation for Confirmation.

**Parish Mass/Children’s Liturgy**

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

Mass Times: 6.00pm Saturday @ SS Peter & Paul (with Children’s Liturgy)

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

11.00am Sunday @ SS Peter & Paul (with Children’s Liturgy)

**Star Workers and Star Writers**

Well done to our Star Workers and Writers this week:

Reception: Lola and Maisie. Keaton and Lily

Y1: George and Alyssa. Gram and Olivia

Y2: Sunny and George. Sam B and Amelia

Y3: Charlie and Mary. Olivia and Jasper

Y4: Thomas and Katie. Ellis and Rosie

Y5: James and Maisy. William and Claudia

Y6: Aaron and Tom. Eleanor and Ellie

Head Teacher’s Award: Alessia and Lenny

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y5, the class with the highest attendance this week with 97.9%.

**Wednesday Word**

Please could we remind you the Wednesday Word for this week was sent out in error to most classes several weeks ago.

**Medical Appointments**

In accordance with our Attendance Policy, please could we remind you that – “*It is expected that routine medical and dental appointments should be made out of school hours. The school will not authorise routine appointments.”*

**Bikeability – 29 and 30 June 2016**

We are very fortunate to get funding from the Department of Transport for Bikeability cycling courses delivered by qualified instructors to Y5 and Y6. Letters have been sent out via email and children have taken home the consent forms. Y5 – Level 1 will take place after school with half the class on Wednesday at 3.30pm and half on Thursday at 3.30pm. Y6 – Level 2 is a multiple day course split over the Wednesday and Thursday during the day. Please could you make sure consent forms are returned by Monday 13 June?

**Thanks**

Many thanks to the Parish for providing a book for each Y6 child, to prepare them for transition to High School.

**Y5 – Lichfield Festival Dahl in a Day – Thursday 7 July 2016**

Tickets for the performance are now on sale and available on the Garrick website <http://www.lichfieldgarrick.com/7C-Dahl-In-A--Day/> at a cost of £5.00. Please could you let Mrs Thomas know if your child in Y5 is unable to make the performance in the evening?

***SuperStars – 4 weeks to go***

*On Tuesday 28th June the children are taking part in a sponsored event to raise money for the Building Fund. The children in each class will be using all the PE equipment in the hall, which will be divided into 6 stations to form a circuit. Children will move from station to station until all 6 areas have been worked on. They can be guaranteed a funfilled and exciting time! Sponsor forms have been distributed, could you please make sure these are returned to the office by Monday 27 June to be stamped. We look forward to receiving your support. Many thanks!*

**Aston Villa**

Next half term children from Y1 to Y6 will be taking part in a house football match during their Aston Villa lessons. Y1 and Y2 will play on Thursday 9th June while Y3 to Y6 will play on Thursday 16th June. Can children please bring in a t-shirt in their house colour to wear during the matches.

**Aston Villa Before School and Lunchtime Clubs**

Application forms for clubs are now available from the office.

**Hair**

Please ensure that hairstyles are appropriate for school ie, not too short for boys, long hair tied back – thank you.

**Parentpay Debt**

Can you please check your child’s Parentpay account over half term and ensure any deficit is cleared before our return to school on 6th June, this will ensure the continuity of snack and dinner provision for your child.

**School Sports Kit**

Can any purple socks, golf tops, polo tops and black shorts that your child may still have from a sporting event this year be returned to school as soon as possible please?

**Catering**

Please note we start back with Week 1 menu

**E-safety**

Remember to speak to your children about e-safety – the Think U Know website <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

gives you the latest information on the sites you like to visit and is aimed at all ages. All the information is supplied by the team at the [NCA's CEOP Command](http://www.ceop.police.uk/).

**Tamworth Herald – Free Father’s Day Messages**

The Tamworth and Herald are paying tribute to thousands of dads across the region on Father’s Day with free Father’s Day messages and would like schools to be involved. This gives children the opportunity to place a message for their Dad, Grandad or Guardian in the Tamworth Herald free of charge. The message will appear in the Tamworth Herald’s special Father’s Day section on Thursday 16 June and will comprise of a simple greeting or poem of approx. 20 words. The final deadline is 4.30pm on Tuesday 14 June. Book online by visiting [www.tamworthherald.couk/bookonline](http://www.tamworthherald.couk/bookonline)

**The Jubilee Project**   
The Jubilee Project team are organising a football themed fundraiser on the 11th June at Holy Cross Hall. The event 'kicks off' at 6pm with a quiz, followed by England vs Russia Match on the big screen. There will be a bar and refreshments. All ages welcome and we hope to create a great atmosphere and raise money for the community project to create a fresh new space at St Peter & Paul's church. Tickets are £5 per adult and children are free!

To buy tickets please contact Rebecca Davies on 07814777965 (Mum of Rhys YR5 and Dylan YR2).

**Please read on**

**Staffing**

We wish a warm welcome to our new teachers, Miss Cartwright, Miss Teague and Miss Dawson. We also welcome Mrs Austin-Dolan who will be offering extra support in Reception. I know you will join me in making them feel a part of the family of St. Joseph. We congratulate Mrs Whitehouse on her promotion to Senior Dinner Supervisor.

Staffing for September is as follows:

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| **Class** | **Teacher** | **Teaching Assistant** |
| Reception | Miss Cartwright | Mrs Lewis/Mrs Adams/Mrs Austin Dolan |
| Year 1 | Mrs Gibson | Mrs Stead |
| Year 2 | Mrs Dolphin | Mrs Sporcic |
| Year 3 | Miss Teague | Mrs Steels |
| Year 4 | Miss Dawson | Mrs Malin |
| Year 5 | Mrs Allan/ Miss Briers | Mrs Meakin |
| Year 6 | Miss Swan | Mrs Tonks |

On Friday 1st July, it is transition morning at St. Joseph’s, where all the children will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher for September. Please take your child to their new class door as they will be registered in that class for the morning.

**And Finally…**

A big thank you to Pre-School for their lovely assembly this morning – they sat for such a long time and really entertained us even when they weren’t supposed to!

May God be with you.





Mrs D McLeary

He is Lord.

He is risen from the dead and He is Lord.

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess:

Jesus Christ is Lord

Headteacher

**Looking Ahead…**

**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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| Monday 6th June | Y6 residential week – Laches Wood  No assembly  11am Y5 farm animals talk |
| Tuesday 7th June | Return homework |
| Thursday 9th June | Y5 Healthy eating workshop – Tesco – Parents invited to walk |
| Friday 10th June | Y5 Dahl in a day workshop in hall  No celebration assembly  Set homework |
| Monday 13th June | Phonics screening week  9.10 am Mission Assembly  Y5/rec Class Mass @Holy Cross |
| Wednesday 15th June | 2.00pm Music Assembly |
| Friday 17th June | Y3 Celebration assembly  Big Bash Y5/6 5pm – 8pm |
| Monday 20th June | 9.10am Mission Assembly |
| Tuesday 21st June | Return homework  Y6 Transition day – King Edwards and The Friary |
| Wednesday 22nd June | Y1 @ Twycross Zoo  RSPB workshops Ys 3,4 and 5  Y6 Transition day – King Edwards and The Friary |
| Thursday 23rd June | Ys 3,4 and 5 – Trip to London  9.30 am Bishop McGough to see Y6 |
| Friday 24th June | Sports Day and family picnic  KS1 am - KS2 pm  Set homework |
| Sunday 26th June | Confirmation -1.00pm – SS P&P |
| Monday 27th June | INSET Day |
| Wednesday 29th June | Y2 @ Sea Life Centre  Confirmation Mass of thanksgiving 2.30pm – Feast of SS Peter and Paul  AM Y5 @Beacon Park  Bikeability |
| Thursday 30th June | Y5 out – St Francis D&T day  Bikeability |
| Friday 1st July | St Joseph’s transition morning |
| Monday 4th July | Topic week  9.10am Mission assembly  Y3/1 class Mass @ Holy Cross |
| Tuesday 5th July | Homework returned |
| Wednesday 6th July | Reception @ Cannock Chase TBC  Reception new parent’s meeting 6pm  Y4 – finish swimming for term |
| Thursday 7th July | Y5 at Garrick theatre – Dahl project  6pm – performance at Garrick |
| Friday 8th July | Reception Celebration assembly  Y5 @ St Francis of Assisi – Languages Day  Set homework  Summer Fayre |
| Monday 11th July | 9.10 am Mission assembly |
| Tuesday 12th July | Reception new parents picnic 2.30-3.30pm |
| Wednesday 13th July | 6pm – open evening  7pm Y5/6 performance |
| Monday 18th July | 9.10am Mission assembly |
| Tuesday 19th July | Return homework |
| Wednesday 20th July | Leaver’s Mass 2.30pm |
| Thursday 21st July | Leaver’s celebration pm |
| Friday 22nd July | Leaver’s assembly 9.15am  Break up 2.30pm |