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**Our Catholic Mission**

A very warm welcome back to all our families at St. Joseph’s. We hope you all had a lovely summer and we are delighted to see the children all looking so well and smartly turned out. We look forward to sharing in the wonderful learning journey that lies ahead of you all. Also, welcome to our new reception children who will start on Monday 12th September. All reception parents are invited to join in a cup of tea or coffee in the hall after you have settled your child in.

We welcome the following members of staff to St Joseph’s; Miss Teague, Miss Dawson, Miss Cartwright, Mrs Delgiudice, Mrs Watson, Mrs Whyte, Mrs Tootill and Miss Cooper – music.

Please join us in congratulating Miss Brown on the safe arrival of Jessica. Mother and baby both doing well.

**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)

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y3, the class with the highest attendance this week with100% attendance.

**Building Fund**

We are dependent on the generous voluntary contributions and continued support from the families at St Joseph’s and would like to thank everyone who has contributed in the past and those who have maintained their commitment to contributing to the School Building Fund, you should be proud that your kind contributions have gone a long way to help improve the learning environment of St Joseph’s.

The Governors would like to thank you for your continued support.

How you can contribute:

* Monthly Standing order – please contact school office
* Cheque, payable to St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School (gift aid envelopes available from the office)

Single or Termly cash donation (gift aid envelopes available from the office)

**Letters**

Please note all letters sent to parents for trips etc will now be included on the website under the Parents section.

Letters and consent forms for the start of the year were sent out on Wednesday and need to be returned to school by Friday 16 September 2016. The Data collection sheet will be sent out in paper form. Please read this carefully and make any amendments to addresses, telephone numbers, contacts etc. and return to school by 16 September.

**Family Lunch - Friday 16 September A-D**

**MENU CHOICE TO BE IN BY 12 NOON ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2016**

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Friday 16 September 2016 at 11.45am. Please pay £2.76 for your lunch on parent pay by Wednesday 14 September 2016 using your child’s school dinner account. Menu choices available are: crispy fish fingers, pizza, jacket potato, cheese, ham or tuna sandwich. Please speak to, or email, Mrs Burke by 12 noon on Wednesday 14 September of your menu choice.

**After school clubs** – Start week commening 12 September

Monday Netball Y5 & Y6 girls Mrs Bates

Tuesday Football Paul Agnew

Art Mrs Credali

French Mrs Burke

Wenesday Funky times Tables Mrs Ray

Thursday Art Mrs Credali

Friday Tennis Y1 and Y2 letters have been sent out

Art Club at St Joseph's School Fees for six weeks will be £24 per child or £42 if there are two siblings. Contact [mariacredali@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mariacredali@yahoo.co.uk) for more details.

**Rainbows**

St Joseph’s is very proud to offer the “Rainbows” programme which supports children and young people through times of painful transition in their lives.  Rainbows is a 12 week structured programme run by trained staff in a confidential setting, which supports children in coming to terms with loss or separation and provides a safe environment to explore their feelings.

 If you would like your child to participate in the next Rainbows programme please contact the office.

**Parent Helper Induction**

We are very fortunate to have so many parents who are willing to help and offer time to the school. In order to ensure that all parents fully understand the expectations when working in school, and the role they play in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all children, a full induction is offered at the start of each year. All volunteers in school will need to attend, even if you attended last year’s induction. Also, any parent or grandparent out there who has a morning or afternoon to offer, you are most welcome to come along. This year, the induction will take place at 11am Tuesday 13 September. If you are unable to join us at this time, please just let me know and I will arrange a suitable date for an alternative meeting.

**Pupil Premium/free School Meals**

Parents claiming some benefits can claim free school meals for any of their children who are registered at a Staffordshire school and who would normally be at school at lunch time. School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and you can save yourself time and money.

Even if you don't want your children to have the meals, claiming them helps their school. The more eligible parents who claim meals, the more funding the school receives.

PDF Document  [Free school meals information leaflet](https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/educationalawardsbenefits/FreeSchoolMeals/free-school-meals-information-leaflet-PDF-.pdf) (397 KB

**Library**

Your child’s class teacher will share information with you about when each class will visit the library. Every class will visit the library once each week to change their book. Please ensure your child is able to do so by reminding him/her to return their book to school on the appropraite day. Thank you to Mrs Cooper and all parents who help to run the library.

**Summer Reading Challenge**

Children have until Saturday to complete the Summer reading challenge set by Lichfield library. If you are close to finishing, get down there tomorrow to complete. All children who complete it can bring in their certificates to be presented at a celebration assembly in the near future. Watch this space for details!

May God be with you.

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered.  Forgive them anyway.

 If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.  Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies.  Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you.  Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.  Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.  Be happy anyway.

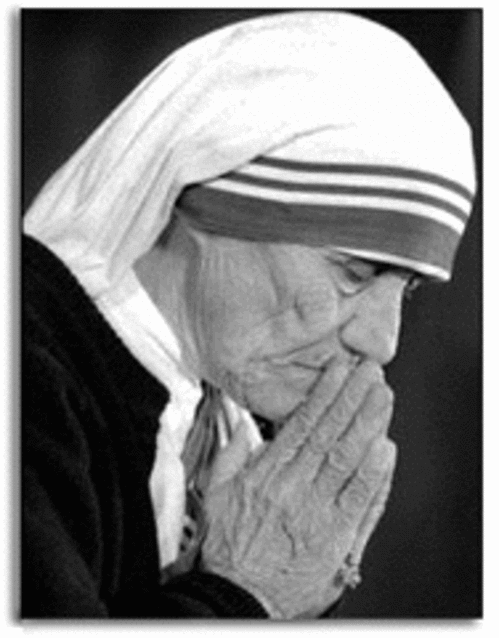
The good you do today, will often be forgotten.  Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough.  Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.  It was never between you and them anyway.

Mrs D McLeary

Headteacher



L**ooking Ahead…**

**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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| Monday 12th September | New Reception Children Start  Tea & Coffee for Reception parents in hall at 9.30am |
| Tuesday 13th September | Parents Volunteer Induction 11 am  Mass of Dedication 2:30 pm |
| Friday 16th September | Year Six Celebration Assembly  Family lunch A-D  Homework set |
| Monday 19th September | Mission Assembly 9.10 am  Year 4 and 2 Class Mass 9.30am at Holy Cross |
| Tuesday 20th September | Year 6 visit to Alton Castle |
| Friday 23rd September | Y5 Celebration Assembly |
| Monday 26th September | Mission Assembly 9.10am |
| Tuesday 27th September | Homework due |
| Wednesday 28th September | Y5 Parents meeting for Alton Castle 5.30pm |
| Friday 30th September | Year 4 Celebration Assembly  Family Lunch E-I  Homework set |
| Monday 3rd October | TOPIC WEEK  Mission Assembly 9.10am |
| Wednesday 5th October | House elections 9.10 am  Parents Evening 4pm – 6pm |
| Thursday 6th October | Parents Evening 5pm – 7pm  Y1 out Packington Farm |
| Friday 7th October | Year 3 Celebration Assembly |
| Monday 10th October | Tempest photographer in school – individuals/siblings |
| Tuesday 11th October | Homework due |
| Wednesday 12th October | Tempest photographer in school – pre school |
| Friday 14th October | Year 2 Celebration Assembly  Homework set (to last over half term) |
| Monday 17th October | Mission Assembly 9:10am  Year 5 and 1 Class Mass 9.30am at Holy Cross  Y5 to Alton Castle retreat (3 days) 2pm |
| Tuesday 18th October | Harvest Mass @ 2:30am in School TBC |
| Wednesday 19th October | House Assembly 9.10 am  Y5 return |
| Friday 21st October | Y1 Celebration Assembly  Family Lunch J-M |
|  | **HALF TERM** |
| Monday 31st October | INSET |
| Tuesday 1st November | Mission Assembly 9.10am  Homework due |
| Thursday 3rd November | Open day – prospective parents |
| Friday 4th November | Family Lunch N-Q |
| Monday 7th November | Mission Assembly 9.10 am  Year 6 and Year R Class Mass |
| Friday 11th November | YR Celebration Assembly |
| Monday 14th November | Mission Assembly 9:10 am  Anti-bullying Day - Theme – ‘Power For Good’ |
| Tuesday 15th November | Inter Faith Week  Food from around the world lunches this week  Homework due |
| Friday 18th November | Inter faith assembly  Homework set  Non-Uniform- Clothes from Around the World  3.00pm parents drop in |
| Monday 21st November | Mission Assembly 9:10  Y5 and Y2 Class Mass Holy Cross 9:30 |
| Wednesday 23rd November | House Assemblies 9.10am |
| Friday 25th November | Advent assembly  Family lunch R-T |
| Sunday 27th November | Advent Family Mass 11am SS P&P |
| Monday 28th November | Mission Assembly 9:10am  Topic Week |
| Tuesday 29th November | Homework due |
| Wednesday 30th November | Y5 Bikeability in daytime |
| Thursday 1st December | Y6 Bikeability in daytime |
| Friday 2nd December | Advent assemblyY6 Bikeability in daytime  Homework set  Family lunch U-Z |
| Monday 5th December | Mission Assembly  Year 4 and 1 Class Mass Holy cross 9:30 |
| Friday 9th December | Christmas Plays:  Pre- School & Reception- 9.30am  Year 1 & 2- 2.00pm |
| Monday 12th December | Mission Assembly  Christmas Lunch TBC |
| Tuesday 13th December | Homework due  Whole School End of term Mass 9.30 am  6.30pm KS2 Carol Service at SS P& P |
| Wednesday 14th December | 1.30pm Sleeping Beauty at The Garrick Theatre |
| Thursday 15th December | Party & Toy Day |
| Friday 16th December | No homework set for Christmas holiday  Finish @ 2.30pm |
| Tuesday 3rd January | INSET Day |
| Wednesday 4th January | Children Return to School |