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**Our Catholic Mission**

St Francis of Assisi is our nearest Catholic Secondary School and a natural progression for children from St. Joseph’s to continue their education in the Catholic faith. Their open evening for children in Year Six is on Thursday 29 September from 7-9pm. I urge you to go along and take a look – you will be impressed!

Y7 open evenings for Secondary Schools in Lichfield are as follows:

The Friary School Thursday 6 October – 6-8.30pm

King Edward VI School Wednesday 28 September 6.30-8.30pm

Nether Stowe School Thursday 13 October 5.30pm onwards

**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**

Well done to our Star Workers this week:

Reception: Charlotte and Henry

Y1: Tess and Noah W

Y2: Elodie and James

Y3: Liam and Ava

Y4: Alessia and Harry

Y5: Hannah and Hamish

Y6: Ben and Niamh

Head Teacher’s Award: Nathan and Alice T

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Reception, the class with the highest attendance this week – well done.

**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)

**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

**School Lunches**

This is a reminder that school lunches for KS2 – Y3-Y6 are now £2.30.

**Welcome**

A very warm welcome to our new Reception class who have settled in remarkably well.. They are going to be an incredible asset to St. Joseph’s! We also welcome Niamh Spencer, Ben Lamplugh, Harry Lamplugh, Elodie Mears, Eric and Marie Coustumer, Charles, Harry and Oliver Hill and wish them and their families a happy time here.

**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, Mrs Au and any other parents who help to run the library.

**Governing Board**

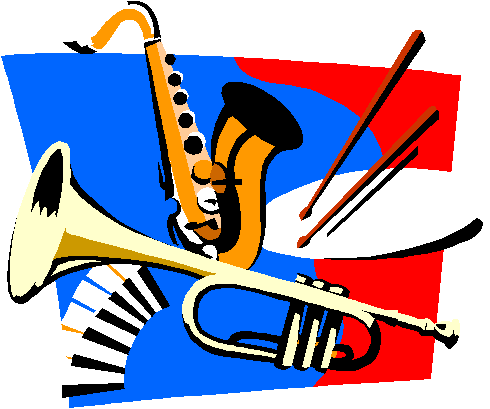
Please join us in welcoming Mrs Turnell as a Foundation Governor on to the Governing Board.

**Website**

Please make sure you regularly access the school website which has a wealth of information available to parents. There are updates on what your children are doing in school, the latest letters on school trips and school documents, access to homework and regular and current updates on twitter. <http://www.stjosephslichfield.org.uk> Twitter: @StJoesLichfield.

**Pre-School**

If anyone has spare or old trousers suitable for Pre-School children, please could you hand them in to Miss Grundy in Pre-School.



**Music Tuition**

Mr Dewhurst – Tuesday – Tumpet and trombone

Mrs Hayes – Tuesday - Violin

Miss Sandford – Tuesday – Flute/clarinet and keyboard

Mrs Ray – Wednesday – drums and guitar

Mr Ray - Wednesday - Keyboard

**Secondary School admissions timetable**

The online application service opened on 5 September 2016. Closing Date for all applications to be submitted to School admissions and Transport Services 31 October 2016. Online applications [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions/forms](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions/forms) or contact Customer Contact Centre for paper form 0300 111 8007.

**70s Fancy Dress Disco**

Free Admission by ticket only (adults only) to a 70s Disco to support the Jubilee Project on Friday 23 September at Holy Cross Hall from 8-11.30pm. Tickets are available at all masses or call Julie on 07595 514229.

**ACTA open meeting**:

Sunday, September 25th Archbishop Kevin McDonald speaks on ‘Spirituality, Migrants and other Religions”. Q&A, discussion, 1.30 for 2 till 4.30pm. Newman House, Harrison’s Rd, Edgbaston B15 3QS. Everyone most welcome – laity, religious and clergy, for both members and visitors. No charge. Enquiries – Jean at mjriordan@hotmail.co.uk

**Parent Induction**

There will be another parent induction on Friday 23rd Sept after assembly – 10.00 am. If you would like to come and help in school, please make every effort to attend.

**Reading Challenge**

We are delighted to announce St Joseph’s are the winners of the Lichfield Schools Summer Reading challenge – congratulations to all our children who took part in the challenge. I set you the challenge and you rose to it – I am over the moon! Return your certificates by Wednesday 21st September please, so we can arrange the celebration assembly for the following week.

**And Finally…**



We look forward to year 6 assembly tomorrow morning.

We cannot all do great things for the world but we can small things with great love.

Saint Teresa

May God be with you.

Mrs D McLeary

Headteacher

L**ooking Ahead…**

**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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| 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  Parent Induction – after Assembly at 10am |
| 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 |