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**Our Catholic Mission**

Thank you so much to Y5 for their beautiful and very informative assembly, telling us all about Saint Teresa. They were a credit to their families and to the school.

Unfortunately, we will not be going down to Mass at Holy Cross on Monday as Father Michael is away on annual leave.

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.

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: Shahn and Max

Y1: James and Madison

Y2: Ethan B and Erin

Y3: George and Yadvi

Y4: Olivia and Henry

Y5: Bronagh and Isaac

Y6: Harriet and Alexander

Head Teacher’s Award: Ellis H and Eleanor M

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y1, the class with 100% attendance this week – congratulations and well done.

**Website**

We would like to encourage parents, family and friends of the school to subscribe to our weekly newsletter on the website. Just fill in your name, email address and click submit; the newsletter will automatially be sent to you. <http://www.stjosephslichfield.org.uk> Twitter: @StJoesLichfield.

**Attendance and Illness**

If your child is ill please remember to call or email the school before 9.20am and notify the School Office of the absence and the reason for the absence 01543 263505. If we have not had a phone call by 9.20am, one of our Office Staff will call parents to find out why a child is not in school.

It is expected that routine medical and dental appointments should be made out of school hours. The school will not authorise routine appointments.

**Jewellery**

To ensure the health and safety of all children, we ask that jewellery is not worn at school. If your child does have their ears pierced, please make routine of removing earrings on the days of PE and swimming as they may not be able to take part.

**Y5 Alton Castle**

Just a reminder that there is meeting for parents and children in Y5 on Wednesday 28th Sept at 5.30pm to find out about Alton Castle. It will be finished in time for the King Edwards Open Evening if you intend to attend both.

**Family Lunch - Friday 30 September E-I**

**MENU CHOICE TO BE IN BY 12 NOON ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2016**

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Friday 30 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 fillet or salmon bites, cheese and vegetable slice, jacket potato, cheese, ham or tuna sandwich. Please speak to, or email, Mrs Burke by 12 noon on Wednesday 28 September of your menu choice.

**Data Collection Sheets**

Your child will be coming home with a Data Collection Sheet. Please could you check the information is correct, complete any missing details and return to the school office by Wednesday 28 September 2016.

**Forms**

* Consent Forms - for trips, internet etc need to be returned to school immediately.
* Rainbows - reply slips need to be returned.
* Care Plans - please return completed plans.

**Asthma Register**

For our records, please confirm if your child has an inhaler in school and that you have completed an asthma card.

**Reception and Pre-School – Writing Workshop**

Miss Cartwright and Miss Grundy would lke to invite parents of children in Reception and Pre-School to a **Writing Workshop** on Monday 3 October 2016. The workshop will take place in school from 4-5pm.

**Reception drop-off**

As from Monday morning 26 September, could we please ask parents to drop children who are in Reception class at the Classroom door.

**E-safety**

Please 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/). You will also find many helpful websites signposted in our online safety are on the parent’s page of our school website.

**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.

**Open Day**

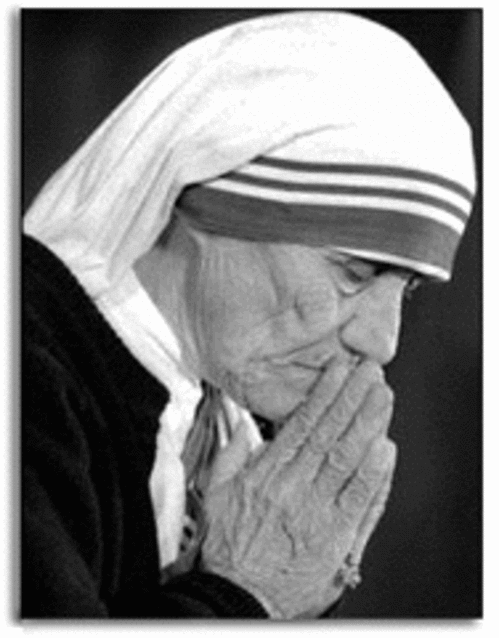
An Open Day has been arranged for prospective parents to look round the school ahead of the September 2017 admissions. We are showing parents round on Thursday 3 November at either 9.30, 11am or 1.15pm. If you would like to look round the school, please contact the office for a time slot.

**Mrs Thomas**

Mrs Thomas will be starting her maternity leave next week. Please join us in sending her our very best wishes. We will of course keep you informed of the event.

**And Finally…**

If your child completed the Reading Challenge, please return their certificate to school on Monday. We need to know how many prizes to get for the Congratulations assembly next Thursday.



A child is the most beautiful gift of God, to a family, to a nation.

Let us never refuse this gift of God.

Saint Teresa

May God be with you.

Mrs D McLeary

Headteacher

L**ooking Ahead…**

**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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| Monday 26th September | Mission Assembly 9.10am - please remember to bring trophies |
| 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  Reception and Pre-School Writing workshop 4-5pm in school |
| 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  Y1 Trip to Packington Farm |
| 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 |