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**Our Catholic Mission**

**Harvest Mass**

We look forward to welcoming family, friends and parishoners to share in our Harvest Mass on Tuesday 18 October 2016 at 2.30pm.

**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 Star Writers this week:

Reception: Lughaidh and Gabriela

Y1: Workers: Neve and Luke Y1: Writers: Samir and Maisie

Y2: Workers: Lowry and Thomas Y2: Writers: Sam and Lena  
Y3: Workers: Sam B and Sunny Y3: Writers: Iris and Kacper

Y4: Workers: Noah and Lola Y4: Writers: Heidi and Owen

Y5: Workers: Rory and Abigail Y5: Writers: Katie and Nathan

Y6: Workers: Maisy and Art Y6: Writers: Billy and Ben

Head Teacher’s Award: Ethan L and Emilia

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y3, the class with 99.7% 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.

**Quiz Night**

Saturday 8th October, in the Parish Hall, 7.30 for PROMPT 8.00 pm start. Maximum 6 members per team. Tickets £7, to include fish & chip supper.

Bar available, Raffle prizes to be won. Quiz Master Peter Willoughby.

Tickets available from Wendy Cleary or Dave Brown, or you can pre-order to pay and collect at the door – wendy@holycrossoffice.plus.com. All the proceeds will go to the Haiti Project, which is helping to rebuild homes & lives in Haiti.

**Vacancy**

We have a vacancy for the position of Senior Site Technician in school. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this post, please let them know there is a Job Description and application form available from our website [www.stjosephslichfield.org.uk](http://www.stjosephslichfield.org.uk) listed under our school/vacancies.

**SENCO**

Mrs Briers will be covering the SENCO role during Mrs Thomas’s absence on maternity leave. We wish Mrs Thomas all the best for a safe delivery and a beautiful time with the new addition to their family.

**Parents and family volunteers**

Thank you to the 18 parent/family volunteers who are regularly coming in to school to help support our children by hearing readers, changing library books, supporting small groups with their learning, helping with displays and more. We really appreciate your generosity in giving your valuable free time. If anyone else is interested in volunteering, please speak to Mrs McLeary or the office – it really does make a big difference.

**Plants Required**

Mrs Coy has kindly volunteered her Beaver Unit, to weed and fill the planters around school. If anyone has plants or bulbs you could spare, please bring them into school on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

**Parents Evening**

May we remind you the slots for Parents Evening are up in the Reception area.  If you have not already done so, please pencil in your preferred time for each child.  Wednesday parents evening from 4-6.30pm and Thursday parents evening from 5-7.30pm.

**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.

**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.

**School Lunches - Apologies**

An error was made in last week’s newsletter – school lunches are £2.20 for KS2 children.

**Sleeping Beauty at The Garrick**

A note was sent out this week reminding parents to pay for the pantomine, so that we are able to confirm our booking. Please could you make sure payment is made by Monday.

**Forms**

To ensure all our records and consents are up-to-date, please make sure all consent forms and data collections forms are returned to school immediately.

**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.

**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.

**And Finally…**

Many thanks to Y4 for their ‘friendly’ introduction of reception to us all in their assembly this morning.



We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature -- trees, flowers, grass -- grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence. We need silence to be able to touch souls.

May God be with you.

Mrs D McLeary

Headteacher

L**ooking Ahead…**

**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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| 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 |
| 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 |