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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. It would be really lovely to see as many of you as possible there to join in our celebration. Can children also bring in items of dried, tinned and packet foods to be shared amongst the needy. **Please do not bring the items to school before Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th Oct.** Many thanks for your ongoing generosity to others.

**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 this week:

Reception: Mark and Verity

Y1: Bree and Oscar H

Y2: George and Evie

Y3: Dawson and Amelia

Y4: Chloe and Michael

Y5: Rosie and Thomas O

Y6: Angelica and Lenny

Head Teacher’s Award: Imogen and Isaac McD

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y5, 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.

**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.

**MISSING COAT**

A child in Y2 has lost her school coat, which is clearly labelled in the pocket. Please check your child’s coat and ensure they have the correct one.

It is very important that all clothing, including PE clothes (tracksuits etc) are clearly labelled.

**Photographer**

The School photographer will be taking photographs on Monday 10 October 2016 – individual and siblings. If you would like a photograph of your children with their younger siblings who are not in school, please make sure you arrive by 8.45am. Photographs can then be taken before registration.

**Consent forms**

Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned the consent and data collection forms; however we are still waiting for a few to be returned to school. Could we ask that these are sent in to school immediately?

**Parents Evening**

Thank you to all those parents who attended one of our parents evening this week, It is an important discussion in your child’s journey of learning. Thank you also to those who filled in a questionnaire; it was lovely to see so many positive comments.

**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.

**House Captain Elections**

**St Chads -** Captains: Amelia & Lenny. Vice: Phoebe & Jude

**St Francis -** Captains: Louise and Ben Vice: Angelica and Billy

**St Clare -** Captains: Isabel & Rhys Vice: Megan and William

**St Margaret -** Captains: Aoibhinn & Isaac B Vice: Claudia and Alexander

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

Miss Cartwright and Miss Grundy would like to thank all those parents who attended the Writing workshop. It is always useful to find ways in which you can support your child at home.

**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 Y3 for their lovely Assembly this morning – an important message about sharing and giving to those who do not have as much as we have.



May God be with you.

**Journey with us, O God, and pour out your mercy upon us like the morning dew, so that together we may build a brighter future, a future of plenty for all.**

Mrs D McLeary

Headteacher

L**ooking Ahead…**

**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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| 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 AssemblyHomework set (to last over half term) |
| Monday 17th October | Mission Assembly 9:10amYear 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 amY5 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 amAnti-bullying Day - Theme – ‘Power For Good’ |
| Tuesday 15th November | Inter Faith WeekFood from around the world lunches this weekHomework 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 9:10Y5 and Y2 Class Mass Holy Cross 9:30 |
| Wednesday 23rd November | House Assemblies 9.10am |
| Friday 25th November | Advent assemblyFamily 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 daytimeHomework 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 AssemblyChristmas Lunch TBC |
| Tuesday 13th December | Homework due Whole School End of term Mass 9.30 am6.30pm 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 holidayFinish @ 2.30pm |
| Tuesday 3rd January | INSET Day |
| Wednesday 4th January | Children Return to School |