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**Our Catholic Mission**

Huge thanks to all parents, friends and parishioners who came along to our Harvest Mass on Tuesday afternoon. Thanks also for your very generous donation of food which will be distributed to those less fortunate than ourselves.

**Holy Communion**

The Sacrament of the Eucharist - First Holy Communion – will be celebrated on Sunday 7th May 2017 at SS Peter and Paul’s at 1.00pm.

**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: Sabina and Jacob

Y1: Tommy-Jay and Emily C

Y2: Ruby and Lucas

Y3: Lily and Dylan (last week) Harry L and Sophie (this week)

Y4: Mary and Oisin

Y5: Harry B and Millie P

Y6: Julian and Isabel

Head Teacher’s Award: George B and Hannah T

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y3, the class with 99% attendance this week – well done.

**Snacks**

Cook Judy will be providing crumpets as snacks after half term which will be replacing jubblies (30p each)

**Photographs**

Please could photographs be returned to school by Wednesday 2 November.

**Phonics Workshop – Reception and Pre-School – Parents only**

The Phonics Workshop for parents of children in Reception and Pre-School due to be held on 20 October has been rescheduled toThursday 3 November from 4-5pm. The aim of the workshop is to support your child in spellng and reading. We look forward to working with you.

**Christmas Cards**

Last and final call for Christmas Cards Tuesday 1 November

**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 the school. The more eligible parents who claim meals, the more funding the school receives. Even if your child is receiving free infant school meals, and you may be eligible, please apply.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/educationalawardsbenefits/FreeSchoolMeals/free-school-meals-information-leaflet-PDF-.pdf>

**Goodbye**

We say a fond farewell to Victor (Y2) and his family who are relocating back to Romania. Please join me in sending them all our very best wishes for their new adventure. We look forward to hearing their news as Victor has promised to keep in touch with Y2.

Please join me in sending our very best wishes and thanks to Mr Stead who has been our Caretaker and looked after the school premises and grounds for the last 2 years. We wish him all the best for the future.

**Welcome**

Aidan Yates has started in Y4 this week. Please join me in welcoming Aidan and his family into St Joseph’s.

**Competition Time**

St Joseph’s School Council would love you to get creative over half term. The aim of the competition is to design a School Mascot. The winner will have their design professionally made and the finished mascot will be taken to represent and support our school teams. Entry is only £1.00 and the closing date is Friday 4 November. Get inspired and have a go. Good Luck



**Football**

Well done to the girl’s football team for coming 2nd in their group on Thursday. They played fantastic football and had most of the possession letting in no goals. Thanks to all the parents who helped and supported the team.

**Cross Country**

Congratulations to the winners of the Y5/Y6 House Cross Country competition. For the girls, the winners were St Clare and for the boys St Chad. Well done to everyone who took part.

**After-School Clubs – starting after half term**Letters have been sent out electronically for the following after-school clubs:

Y1 and Y2 Athletics Tuesday 1 November – 13 December

Y5 and Y6 Hockey Wednesday 2 November – 7 December

Y3 and Y4 Tag Rugby Thursday 3 November – 8 December

Y5 and Y6 Athletics Thursday 3 November - 15 December

Y3 and Y4 Tennis Friday 4 November – 9 December

**Football with Paul Agnew**

There will be no football with Mr Agnew on Tuesday 1 November. Football will continue on 8 November however because of the darker nights will be finishing at 4.30pm with reduced fees of £3.00.

**PTFA – Cake Sale**

Remember to bring cakes for sale on the first Friday after half term (4 November). Parents are invited to join us after drop off for coffee and cakes in the Community room. Children will have the opportunity to buy cakes in the afternoon.

**PTFA - AGM**

Mrs Bates and Mrs Brewster would like to thank everyone for their amazing support and contributions this year and warmly invite parents, grandparents and teachers to attend the AGM on Tuesday 1 November at 7pm in the staff room. Due to personal reasons, the current Chair will be stepping down and we will need to elect a new Chair to keep the PTFA going. If you have ideas, a sense of fun and a few hours to spare then come along and see how you can make a difference for the children!

**Strictly For Fun**

Friday 18 November, Holy Cross at 8pm. Learn to salsa, rock n roll, quickstep and more with professional dancer. Bar and snacks. For tickets phone Julie – 07595514229.



**And Finally**

Thank you to Year 1 for their lovely assembly about Creation today – Well done.

A Harvest Psalm

We plough the fields, God sends the rain to bring the harvest once again;

And when the fields of wheat turn gold, then God’s great goodness must be told.

May God be with you.

Mrs D McLeary

Headteacher

L**ooking Ahead…**

**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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| Monday 31st October | INSET |
| Tuesday 1st November | Mission Assembly 9.10am  Homework due |
| Thursday 3rd November | Open day – prospective parents  Reception and Pre-School Phonics workshop for parents  4-5pm |
| 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 |
| Tuesday 6 December | Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 immunisation Flu jab |
| Friday 9th December | Christmas Plays:  Pre- School & Reception- 9.30am  Year 4 Library visit Tolkien Exhibition – 9.30-11.30am  Year 1 & 2- 2.00pm |
| Monday 12th December | Mission Assembly  Christmas Lunch |
| 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 |