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**Our Catholic Mission**

A huge thank you to reception class for their very first assembly, all about remembrance - well done to them.

**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: Noah and Francesca

Y1: Charlie and Connie

Y2: Alyssa and Gram

Y3: Nancy and Harry L

Y4: Joseph and Sorcha

Y5: Harry R and Alice T

Y6: Claudia and Michael

Head Teacher’s Award: Olivia G and Liam

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y3, Y4 and Y5, the classes with 100% attendance this week – well done

**Thank you to Newell Rubbermaid**

We would like to say a big thank you to Newell Rubbermaid for generously donating so much high quality stationery to the school. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Wong for advising and encouraging us to put our name forward, we really appreciate such a kind gesture.

**Christmas Card winner**

Angelica Rakmee in year 6 drew this year's winning Christmas card. Her drawing of Mary is beautiful and will be on all cards used to thank companies & people who help and make donations. Congratulations to such a talented young artist.

**OFSTED**

As you are aware, this week we have welcomed visitors from Ofsted who have inspected the school under the new Ofsted framework. I would like to thank the staff team for their unfailing dedication and hard work to do their very best for our children, as always. The inspectors spoke with many of the children and they were most impressed with their enthusiasm and confidence – they described the children as happy and friendly. They also noted the warm ethos of the school and the children’s care for each other. Many parents completed parentview and took the time to add further comments, demonstrating an overwhelmingly positive view of St. Joseph’s – many thanks to those who took the time to do this. The final report should be with us in approximately 3 weeks, and will be sent out to you as soon as it is received.

**Bikeability Y5**

Please ensure the forms are returned by 16 November.

**Bikeability Y6 – Level 2**

Please ensure the forms are returned by 16 November.

**Art Club**

Art Club has been cancelled next Thursday, it will be on Friday instead or you can attend Tuesday’s session. Please let Mrs Credali know which session you will be attending, so that she can be prepared [mariacredali@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mariacredali@yahoo.co.uk)

**Christmas Fayre**

Please note that the Christmas Fayre will be taking place on Thursday 8th December. Next Friday 18th, children are invited to wear clothes from around the world – please bring an unwanted teddy for the’ adopt a teddy’ stall. If you have any unwanted gifts that you don’t intend to use, please can you also bring them on this day.

Dress down Friday 2nd December – KS1, please bring chocolate, KS2, please bring a bottle, for the Christmas Fayre.

Many thanks.

**Dogs on the school premises**

Please could we ask you not to bring dogs into the school grounds.

**Outdoor PE**

Now the weather is getting considerably colder, please make sure all children bring in jogger tops and bottoms (clearly labelled) for outdoor PE.

**Christmas Lunch**

This year’s Christmas lunch is on Monday 12 December 2016. This is always such a lovely, festive event and anticipated with much excitement. If your child would like a Christmas lunch please complete the form at the end of this newsletter. All orders to be placed by MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 2016. Please note we are aware the majority of KS1 children, and quite a few in KS2, have a school lunch every day, however we need to ensure numbers are correct and ask that everyone completes the form below to confirm the orders. Even if your child is in KS1 and receives infant free school meals, we still need this to be completed.

**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>

**PTFA - Operation Christmas Child**

Please remember to drop off your filled boxex to the school office by 3pm Friday 17 November. For a full list of itesm that can go into the boxes go to [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk)

**Is Your Child 4 years old before 1 September 2016?**

The online applications service for a school place in September 2017 opened on 1 November 2016 [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions) Please ensure applications are submitted by Sunday 15 January 2017. For assistance please call the Customer Contact Centre on 0300 111 8007 or email: [admissions@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@staffordshire.gov.uk).

**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**

Just a reminder that it is multi- cultural week next week and the children will all be learning about another religion. They will be tasting lunches from around the world. You are very welcome to ‘drop-in’ from 3pm on Friday to see some of their learning.

For the fallen

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them.

*Robert Lawrence Binyon 1914*



May God be with you.

Mrs D McLeary

Headteacher

**Christmas Lunch – Monday 12 December 2016**

**I confirm that my child/children would like to have a Christmas Lunch @ £2.20 per child**

**Name of child: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………Y……………………………………………**

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**Please ensure this is returned to school by Monday 5 December 2016**

L**ooking Ahead…**

**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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| 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 | 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 |
| Thursday 8th December | Christmas Fayre |
| 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 |