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**Our Catholic Mission**

On Monday Year 5 and Year 2 are going down to their class Mass at Holy Cross for 9.30am. If you are available to help walk with the children please let Mrs Dolphin or Mrs Allen know.

**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)**

**Attendance**

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

**Pre-School Request**

If you have any old comics or childrens magazines with bright pictures that would be suitable for Pre-School children to look at and cut out pictures, please could you bring them in to school.

**Multicultural week**

The children have had a very enjoyable week learning about different religions from around the world.  They have taken part in a variety of activities, used artefacts, created art and crafts and concluded the week with wearing clothes from around the world!  The children have a fantastic knowledge and understanding of religions that are followed by others and that they should show respect and tolerance.  Thanks to parents who were able to come to the drop-in to find out and support the children with their learning. It was a great turn out. Well done everybody!

**Y4 trips**

Y4 are looking forward to the following trips:

28 November from 1-2.30pm Y4 will be visiting Wade Street Church to do activities on the Christmas Journey.

6 December – Y4 will be spending the day at Cadbury World.

**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.

**Tag Rugby**

Please note there will be no Tag Rugby next week .

**Parent Pay**

Could we please remind you to keep parent pay acounts up-to-date?

**Family Lunch - Friday 25 November R-T**

**MENU CHOICE TO BE IN BY 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2016**

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Friday 25 November at 11.45am. Please pay £2.76 for your lunch on parent pay by Wednesday 23 November 2016 using your child’s school dinner account. Menu choices available are: salmon bites or fish fingers, pizza, jacket potato, cheese, or tuna sandwich. Please speak to, or email, Mrs Burke by 12 noon on Wednesday 23 November of your menu choice.

**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**

If you have not already done so and would like to fill a box, the drop off date has been extended to Friday 2 December 2016.

**Christmas Fayre**

Preparations are well underway for the Christmas Fayre and thank you so much for the teddy bears and chocolates sent in today. The next Dress down day is Friday 2nd December – please bring in jars, unwanted gifts, books, toys and bottles.

**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).

May God be with you.

*Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,  
and have told us that whoever sees you sees him.*

*Send your Spirit and consecrate   
every one of us with its anointing,  
so that the Jubilee of Mercy   
may be a year of grace from the Lord,*

*and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,   
may bring good news to the poor,  
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,  
and restore sight to the blind. Amen.*

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 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 |