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Newsletter

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Our Catholic Mission

Many thanks to all our families who came to Family Mass last Sunday. It was lovely to meet Fr Gerry Lennon, and to hear our wonderful readers and beautiful singers. Please come along to our end of term Mass at 2.30pm on Tuesday 13th December.

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.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop David McGough on Sunday 25th June 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 Y2 with 99% attendance this week - well done.

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.

Reception

On Monday 5 December at 2.45pm, Reception parents are warmly invited to come in and help children decorate Christmas cards and baubles.

Parent Pay

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

Flu Vaccinations

Please make sure consent forms for vaccinations are returned by Monday 5 December. Y1, Y2 and Y3 are due to have their flu vaccinations on 6 December 2016

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

90 gift filled boxes were collected this morning which we have been told will be sent to Romania. We cannot thank you enough for participating in this year's shoebox appeal, for your incredible kindness and generosity. A big thank you to Mrs Ballinger for instigating and organising the appeal in school.

Netball

Just a reminder, there will be no netball on Monday 5 December - last netball after school will be Monday 12 December.

Football with Paul Agnew

The last football after-school club this term will be Tuesday 6 December. Football will recommence after February half term, date to be confirmed.

Aston Villa - Before School and Lunchtime Clubs

If you would like an application form for Aston Villa they will be available from the office next week. The clubs runs from Thursday 12 January through to Thursday 16 February 2017.

KS2 Carols

In order to practice for the Carol Service we will be walking KS2 children to SS P&P. If you are able to help walk the children from school and back please could you let us know. The dates are:

Tuesday 6 December leaving 1pm from school - back at 3.15pm

Thursday 8 December leaving 9am from school - back in time for lunch

Tuesday 13 December leaving 9am from school - back in time for lunch

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 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.

Jubilee Project

Christmas Card Making from 10-12 at Holy Cross Hall on Saturday 10 December. Refreshments available. To book ask at piety stall or call Julie on 07595514229.

And finally...

Thank you to all who joined us in the hall after school today to celebrate our wonderful Ofsted report. We are lucky to have such a fantastic school community here at St. Joseph's.

May God be with you.

Mrs D McLeary
Headteacher

Awake, awake
for the Lord is coming!



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



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Looking Ahead...

School Dates -

Changes in red

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| Monday 5th December | Mission Assembly YR - 2.45pm Parents to help decorate Christmas cards and baubles. |
| Tuesday 6 December | Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 immunisation Flu jab |
| Thursday 8 th 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 12 th December | Mission Assembly Christmas Lunch |
| Tuesday 13 th 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 15 th December | Party & Toy Day |
| Friday 16 th December | No homework set for Christmas holiday Finish @ 2.30pm |
| Tuesday 3 rd January | INSET Day |
| Wednesday 4 th January | Children Return to School |
| Tuesday 3 rd January | INSET DAY |
| Wednesday 4 th January | Children return Mission assembly 9.10am |
| Friday 6 th January | No assembly PTFA coffee morning Set Homework |
| Monday 9 th January | 9.10 am - Mission assembly - Grateful and generous |
| Tuesday 10 th January | 2.30pm Start of Term Mass - Father Gerry Lennon |
| Friday 13 th January | Y6 Celebration assembly - All parents welcome |
| Monday 16 th January | 9.10 am - Mission assembly |
| Tuesday 17 th January | Homework returned |
| Wednesday 18 th January | Family lunch - Family surnames A-B |
| Friday 20 th January | Homework set Y5 celebration assembly - All parents welcome |
| Sunday 22nd January | First Holy Communion and Confirmation Enrolment Mass 11am SS Peter & Paul's Church - All families welcome TBC |
| Monday 23rd January | TOPIC WEEK THIS WEEK 9.10 am - Mission assembly |
| Wednesday 25th January | House Assembly 9.10am Family lunch - surnames C-D First Holy Communion Parents meeting 6.00 pm - School hall |
| Friday 27th January | INSET day |
| Monday 30 th January | One Life music - 'We will go out retreat' day - all parents welcome to take part in the Liturgy at end of day |
| Tuesday 31st Jan | Homework due |
| Wednesday 1 st Feb | Family lunch - surnames E-G |
| Friday 3rd February | Homework set Y4 Celebration assembly - all parents welcome |
| Monday 6th February | 9.10 am - Mission assembly |
| Tuesday 7th February | Safer Internet day |
| Wednesday 8 th Feb | Family Lunch - surnames H-J |
| Friday 10th February | Y3 celebration assembly - all parents welcome |

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| Monday 13 th February | 9.10 am - Mission assembly |
| Tuesday 14 th February | Homework due |
| Wednesday 15 th Feb | Family lunch - surnames K-L |
| Thursday 16 th February | Y5 and Y6 school council 10am @Ss P and Ps |
| Friday 17 th February | No assembly Homework set Break up for half term |
| Monday 27 th February | Return to school 9.10 am - Mission assembly - Attentive and discerning |
| Tuesday 28 th February | Homework due |
| Wednesday 1 st March | Ash Wednesday Mass - 2.30pm TBC |
| Thursday 2 nd March | World Book Day |
| Friday 3 rd March | PTFA coffee morning Homework set |
| Monday 6 th March | No Assembly |
| Wednesday 8 th March | House assembly 9.10am Family lunch - surnames M-O |
| Friday 10 th March | Y2 celebration assembly - all parents welcome |
| Monday 13 th March | 9.10 am - Mission assembly |
| Tuesday 14 th March | Homework due |
| Wednesday 15 th March | Family lunch - surnames P-R Parents Evening 4 - 6.30pm |
| Thursday 16 th March | Parents Evening 5 - 7.30pm |
| Friday 17 th March | Y1 celebration assembly - all parents welcome Homework set |
| Sunday 19 th March | Feast of St. Joseph (19 th) Family Mass TBC |
| Monday 20 th March | TOPIC WEEK THIS WEEK Mission assembly 9.10am |
| Wednesday 22 nd March | Family lunch - surnames S-T |
| Friday 24 th March | YR celebration assembly - all parents welcome |
| Monday 27 th March | 9.10 am - Mission assembly |
| Tuesday 28 th March | Homework due |
| Wednesday 29 th March | Family lunch - surnames W-Z |
| Friday 31 st March | Set homework |
| Monday 3 rd April | 9.10 am - Mission assembly |
| Tuesday 4 th April | 1.30pm - Y3 and Y4 Dress Rehearsal |
| Wednesday 5 th April | 6.00pm - Y3 and 4 Easter Play |
| Thursday 6 th April | 2.30pm - Stations of the Cross |
| Friday 7 th April | Am - Easter Egg Treasure Hunt 2.30pm Breakup |
| | A few extras! |
| Monday 24 th April | Return to school |
| Sunday 7 th May | First Holy Communion - SS Peter and Paul's - 1.00pm |
| Monday 15 th May | SATs week |
| Friday 26 th May | Sports Day Break up for half term |
| Monday 5 th June | INSET Day |
| Tuesday 6 th June | Children return to school |
| Monday 3 rd July | Y6 residential week - Standon Bowers |
| Tuesday 25 th July | Break up for summer 2.30pm |



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