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**Our Catholic Mission**

Please come along to our end of term Mass at 2.30pm on Tuesday 13th December. Father Gerry Lennon will be in school to hear confessions from Y4, 5 and 6 before Mass.

**KS2 Carol Service 6.30pm Ss P&P – Tuesday 13th December**

Please could you make sure children arrive promptly at 6.15 pm on Tuesday night to take their allocated seats/positions? They will need to come wearing full uniform, including jumpers (or costume if part of the nativity scene) and leave coats with parents as there will be nowhere to store them. Please note that although it is KS2 children taking part, all other children and parents are also most welcome to come along – to hear the beautiful message of Christmas.

**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 100% attendance this week – well done.



**Reception**

Reception children thoroughly enjoyed decorating Christmas Cards and baubles on Monday afternoon when members of their families were invited in to help. Lots of glitter and fun - we all had a wonderful time.

**Stage**

****Thank you so much to the PTFA for funding our new stage which arrived this week in time for the Pre-school /Reception and KS1 plays - Mr Ballinger and Mr Chadwick kindly took delivery and set it up in the hall. We really appreciate the continued generosity given by the PTFA and the support in providing so many extra items to the school.

**Garrick Trip**

On Wednesday 14 December, we will be going to The Garrick to see Sleeping Beauty. We will all return to school at 4.30pm. Children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 can be collected from their classroom doors. Children in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 can be collected from the hall door. If your child usually has permission to walk, we will assume that they are also able to walk home on Wednesday unless you let us know otherwise. Therefore, if you would prefer to collect your child from school, instead of them walking, please send an e-mail to the school office or a note to the class teacher.

**Poppy Appeal**

I am delighted to inform you that together we raised £231.70 for the Poppy Appeal.

**Circus**

As a big thank you to our wonderful children for their contribution to our fantastic Ofsted report, they will enjoy a circus show on Monday afternoon, funded by school.

**Party Day – Thursday 15 December**

The children will be having toy day on Thursday 15th December. They are welcome to bring a toy to play with, but please nothing electrical (ie laptops, games consoles) or too expensive! During the afternoon, they will have a small party. Please send in a **small** food contribution ie, crisps, biscuits. Please come in uniform.

**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>

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

**Netball**

Last netball after school this term will be Monday 12 December.

**Football with Paul Agnew**

No football with Mr Agnew until after February half term, date to be confirmed.

**Aston Villa – Before School and Lunchtime Clubs**

Forms for the Aston Villa clubs are now available from the office. The clubs run from Thursday 12 January through to Thursday 16 February 2017.

**Please could we remind you to collect children promtly from all after school activities.**

**School Building Fund**

We are dependent on the generous voluntary contributions and continued support from the families at St Joseph’s and would like to thank everyone who has contributed in the past and more recently through Parent Pay to the School Building Fund, you should be proud that your kind contributions have gone a long way to help improve the learning environment of St Joseph’s. The Governors would like to thank you for your continued support.

If you have donated to the Building Fund via Parent Pay as well as Monthly Standing order, please contact the office for Gift Aid Declaration forms.

**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).

**Jubilee Project**

Please note the Christmas Card Making from 10-12 at Holy Cross Hall on Saturday 10 December has been cancelled

**And finally…**

As always, it was lovely to welcome so many families and friends to our Christmas Plays. A big thank you to the PTFA for providing refreshments, however a special thank you must go to Pre-School, Reception, Y1 and Y2 for their delightful and magical Nativity plays. I cannot tell you how proud I was of each and every one of them.

May God be with you.





Mrs D McLeary

Headteacher

L**ooking Ahead…**

**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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| Monday 12th December | Mission Assembly  Christmas Lunch |
| Tuesday 13th December | Homework due  Whole School End of term Mass 2.30pm  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 |
| Tuesday 3rd January | INSET DAY |
| Wednesday 4th January | Children return  Mission assembly 9.10am |
| Friday 6th January | No assembly  PTFA coffee morning  Set Homework |
| Monday 9th January | 9.10 am - Mission assembly – Grateful and generous |
| Tuesday 10th January | 2.30pm Start of Term Mass – Father Gerry Lennon |
| Friday 13th January | Y6 Celebration assembly - All parents welcome |
| Monday 16th January | 9.10 am - Mission assembly |
| Tuesday 17th January | Homework returned |
| Wednesday 18th January | Family lunch – Family surnames A-B |
| Friday 20th 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 27thJanuary | INSET day |
| Monday 30th 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 1st 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 8th Feb | Family Lunch – surnames H-J |
| Friday 10th February | Y3 celebration assembly – all parents welcome |
| Monday 13th February | 9.10 am - Mission assembly |
| Tuesday 14th February | Homework due |
| Wednesday 15th Feb | Family lunch – surnames K-L |
| Thursday 16th February | Y5 and Y6 school council 10am @Ss P and Ps |
| Friday 17th February | No assembly  Homework set  Break up for half term |
| Monday 27th February | Return to school  9.10 am - Mission assembly – Attentive and discerning |
| Tuesday 28th February | Homework due |
| Wednesday 1st March | Ash Wednesday Mass – 2.30pm TBC |
| Thursday 2ndMarch | World Book Day |
| Friday 3rd March | PTFA coffee morning  Homework set |
| Monday 6th March | No Assembly |
| Wednesday 8th March | House assembly 9.10am  Family lunch – surnames M-O |
| Friday 10th March | Y2 celebration assembly – all parents welcome |
| Monday 13th March | 9.10 am - Mission assembly |
| Tuesday 14th March | Homework due |
| Wednesday 15th March | Family lunch – surnames P-R  Parents Evening 4 – 6.30pm |
| Thursday 16th March | Parents Evening 5 – 7.30pm |
| Friday 17th March | Y1 celebration assembly – all parents welcome  Homework set |
| Sunday 19th March | Feast of St. Joseph (19th) Family Mass TBC |
| Monday 20th March | TOPIC WEEK THIS WEEK  Mission assembly 9.10am |
| Wednesday 22nd March | Family lunch – surnames S-T |
| Friday 24th March | YR celebration assembly – all parents welcome |
| Monday 27th March | 9.10 am - Mission assembly |
| Tuesday 28th March | Homework due |
| Wednesday 29th March | Family lunch – surnames W-Z |
| Friday 31st March | Set homework |
| Monday 3rd April | 9.10 am - Mission assembly |
| Tuesday 4th April | 1.30pm - Y3 and Y4 Dress Rehearsal |
| Wednesday 5th April | 6.00pm - Y3 and 4 Easter Play |
| Thursday 6th April | 2.30pm - Stations of the Cross |
| Friday 7th April | Am - Easter Egg Treasure Hunt  2.30pm Breakup |
|  | A few extras! |
| Monday 24th April | Return to school |
| Sunday 7th May | First Holy Communion – SS Peter and Paul’s – 1.00pm |
| Monday 15th May | SATs week |
| Friday 26th May | Sports Day  Break up for half term |
| Monday 5th June | INSET Day |
| Tuesday 6th June | Children return to school |
| Monday 3rd July | Y6 residential week – Standon Bowers |
| Tuesday 25th July | Break up for summer 2.30pm |
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