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**Our Catholic Mission**

Year 3 and Year 6 Enrolment Mass of commitment for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation will take place on Sunday 29th January at 11am at SS. Peter and Paul. Please note that this date is slightly changed from the original, but we were awaiting confirmation of the date. All families are most welcome, not just years 3 and 6. It would be great to see as many families as possible there.

Please note that the Y6 and Y3 are going to class Mass at Holy Cross on Monday for 9.30am. Father Gerry is very keen to get these Masses going again, for which we are grateful.

**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 YR and Y6 with 100% attendance this week – congratulations a great start to the term.

**Y3 Swimming**

Swimming for Y3 restarts on 20 January 2017 – 17 February 2017. Please make sure children remember their swimming kit each Friday.

**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>

**Family Lunch Wednesday 18 January A-B - Week 3**

**MENU CHOICES TO BE IN TO MRS BURKE BY NOON ON MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2017**

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Wednesday 18 January at 11.45am. Adult lunches are £2.76 to be paid on parent pay by Monday 16 January using your child’s school dinner account. Menu choices are Roast Pork & Stuffing; Cauliflower Cheese; Jacket Potato; Ham, cheese or tuna sandwich.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – start next week**

Letters have been emailed out today for the following clubs

Y5 and Y6 Netball - Monday

Y1 and Y2 Athletics - Tuesday

Y3 and Y4 Hockey – Wednesday

Y5 and Y6 Tag Rugby – Thursday

Y1-Y3 Gaelic football – Thursday

Y4-Y6 Tennis – Friday

**ART CLUB – MRS CREDALI**

All sorts of wonderful arts and crafts, after school on Tuesdays or Thursdays, until 4.30pm. Places currently available on both days on a first come, first served basis. Please send fees and permission note to the office in an envelope marked 'Art Club' Fees are £24, or £42 for two siblings.

**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 promptly from all after school activities.**

**Logs For Sale.**

Approximately 20 kg net of seasoned logs for sale @ £5.00 per net. Contact David Bateman on 07951796726.

**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?**

**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).

To apply online for school places at St Josephs Catholic Primary School go to <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/admissions/primary>

St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School Admission Arrangements 2017/18 are available on our website as well as information about how to appeal - <http://www.stjosephslichfield.org.uk/our-school/policies> Admissions Policy 2017-18

**St Joseph's Quiz - February 4th 2017 - 7.30pm (for prompt 8.00pm start)**

Quizmaster is Peter Willoughby. £7.50 per person. Cost of ticket includes a fish & chip supper (served at around 9pm) and there will be a cash bar and raffle. Maximum of 6 people per team (if you do not have a team, don’t worry, as teams can be made up on the night).

Donations of raffle prizes welcomed.

Please text Jackie Hall 07767 426426 to reserve tickets on the

door, or purchase from school office in advance.

**And finally…**



The staff and I would like to wish you all a very happy new year! A very warm welcome back to school – it is lovely to see you all again.

May God be with you.

Mrs D McLeary

Headteacher

L**ooking Ahead…**

**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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| Monday 9th January | Y6 and Y3 Class Mass Holy Cross – parent helpers required  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 |
| Monday 23rd January | Y5 and Y1 Class Mass Holy Cross – parent helpers required 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 |
| Sunday 29th January | First Holy Communion and Confirmation Enrolment Mass 11am  SS Peter & Paul’s Church – All families welcome |
| 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 | Y4 and Y2 Class Mass Holy Cross – parent helpers required 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 | Pre-School Vista photographs  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 U-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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