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**Our Catholic Mission**

We celebrated Holy Mass for the feast of the Epiphany, on Tuesday this week. The children were extremely reverent and enjoyed celebrating the Mass. 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 Y5 and Y1 are going to class Mass at Holy Cross on Monday 23 January for 9.30am. If you are able to help, please contact the school.

**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)**

**Star Workers**

Well done to our Star Workers this week:

Reception: Ben and Daisy

Y1: Bobby and Jessica

Y2: Harley and Sam

Y3: Boo and Matthew

Y4: Jasper and Keira

Y5: Euan and Isabelle G

Y6: Joe and Padraig

Head Teacher’s Award: Nicole Y1 and James W Y1

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y2 with 100% attendance this week – well done.

**Y3 Swimming**

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

**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.

**Netball Tournament**

Our Year 6 netball team put in another sterling performance at the district finals tournament, their fantastic teamwork, determination and self-belief saw them easily win again and become the champions of Lichfield & Burntwood Primary Schools. They now go through to the county championships in February. Well done girls, you’re all a real credit to St Josephs.

There are currently 4 places available in the Monday after-school netball club for any other Y5 or Y6 girls who want to join this inspirational lot.

**Christms Treecycle**

St Giles Hospice collected our tree this morning and left a message thanking us for the donation and support towards the Hospice

**Thanks to Newell Rubbermaid**

Thank you once again to Mr and Mrs Wong for the donation of whiteboard pens, courtesy of Newell Rubbermaid; we really appreciate the ongoing generosity.

**Staffordshire County Council Alert Service**

Could we please encourage parents to subscribe to the Schools Alert Service on the Staffordshire County Council Website.  This will alert parents to any Emergency Closures at St Joseph's, due to extreme weather conditions (ie snow) etc.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/schoolclosurelist>

**School Building Fund – Thank you**

Huge thank you for those who have contributed to the Building Fund via Parentpay, your donations are very much appreciated. However, if you have not already done so, could you please complete the Gift Aid Form on the school website <http://www.stjosephslichfield.org.uk/parents/fundraising> this will mean we also get the tax back from HMRC.

**Admissions - 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…**

Thank you and well done to Year 6 for their thoughtful, reflective assembly this morning.

In their words, it is indeed our job to continue the work that Jesus did.

Year 6 are certainly living out our Mission to ‘Grow with Jesus’.

May God be with you.

Mrs D McLeary

Headteacher

L**ooking Ahead…**

**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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| 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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