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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. All children from all year groups are most welcome to come along – extra singers in the choir are also welcome. If you have not had the opportunity to come to one of these Family Masses, please do your best to come along. They are always lovely occasions!

May I also remind parents of Y3 children making their Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, that there is a parent’s meeting in the school hall on Wednesday 25th January at 6.00pm.

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.

On 30th January, ‘One life’ music will be coming to school to lead us in a day of music and retreat. The theme is discipleship, and there will be an opportunity for parents to come and share in collective worship with us. Watch this space for more details.

**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](http://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: Isabella, Sofia and Eloise

Y1: Samir and Keaton

Y2: Oliver and Olivia T

Y3: Lauren and Danny

Y4: Jia Kai and Josh

Y5: Olivia and Matthew

Y6: Isabel and Claudia

Head Teacher’s Award: Charlie L, Harriet J and Eloise S

**Attendance**

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

**Family Lunch Wednesday 25 January C-D - Week 3**

**MENU CHOICES TO BE IN TO MRS BURKE BY NOON ON MONDAY 23 JANUARY 2017**

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Wednesday 25 January at 11.45am. Adult lunches are £2.76 to be paid on parent pay by Monday 23 January using your child’s school dinner account. Menu choices are Roast Turkey and stuffing; Cheese Quiche; Jacket Potato; Ham, cheese or tuna sandwich.

**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.

**Notice Board**

The Notice Board at the front of the school is regularly up-dated. Please make sure you keep an eye on it for information and events in Lichfield.

**Lost Property**

There have been a few mix ups with the purple school coats. Could you please check your child’s coat to see if they have the correct one?

We have 2 boxes of lost property – if your child has any missing items of clothing, please check the lost property box.

**Reception September 2017**

If you have applied for a place at St Joseph’s for your child in Reception - September 2017 and your child is baptised Catholic, please make sure a copy of the Baptismal Certificate is handed in to the school office?

**Pre-School to Reception**

We are holding an information session in Pre-school on getting “Reception-ready” for parents. The session will be held on 24 January 2017 at 3.45pm; parents, as well as children, are all welcome.

**Balance Bike Training**

Reception and Year 1 have been having a great time on Monday’s learning to ride on balance bikes. It is a local authority funded initiative focussed on alternative ways to get to school, instead of using the car! Year 2 will also be having some scooter training in February.

**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…**

Huge thanks to Year 5 who talked confidently about homelessness and refugees in their assembly today. They taught us to remember how lucky we all are to be so fortunate, and encouraged us to think of ways in which we can help the people who are suffering in the world. They certainly embraced our school mission of ‘growing with Jesus’. Well done.

I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me; sick and you visited me; in prison and you came to see me….In so far as you did this to the least of my brothers, you did it to me.

Matthew 26:35-37,40



May God be with you.

Mrs D McLeary

Headteacher

L**ooking Ahead…**

**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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| 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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