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**Our Catholic Mission**

We enjoyed a wonderful day of retreat on Monday, led by Dan Callow and Emily Clark, of Onelife music. We learned lots of new songs and worshipped together, with the theme of discipleship. The children really enjoyed it. Many thanks to those parents who were able to join

us for the prayer service at the end of the day.

**Y4 and Y2 Class Mass**   
If you are able to help with walking to Mass on Monday, please speak to Mrs Dolphin or Miss Dawson.

**Sacraments**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at Holy Cross Church, on Tuesday 21st March, at 2.00pm.

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: Lughaidh and Charlie

Y1: Daniel Emilia

Y2: Edward and Niamh

Y3: Sunny and Sam C

Y4: Aidan and Anna

Y5: Isabelle P and Lefteris

Y6: Julian and Megan

Head Teacher’s Award: Olivia H and Harrison

**Attendance -** Congratulations to Y2 with 99.3 % attendance this week – well done.

**Important Date Change**

Apologies to Y6 parents. Unfortunately, the date given to you for SATs is incorrect, this is my error. The actual date is 8-12th May. Apologies to Y3 parents. This will affect the thanksgiving Mass for Holy Communion as the hall needs to be used for SATs. As soon as I have arranged a new date, I will let you know.

**Family Lunch Wednesday 8 February H-J - Week 3**

MENU CHOICES TO BE IN TO MRS BURKE BY NOON ON MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY JANUARY 2017 Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Wednesday 8 February at 11.45am. Adult lunches are £2.76 to be paid on parent pay by Monday 6 February using your child’s school dinner account. Menu choices are Roast Pork and stuffing; Cauliflower Cheese; Jacket Potato; Ham, cheese or tuna sandwich.

**NSPCC**

There will be an assembly for all children and workshops for Y5/6 led by the NSPCC over the next fortnight. Please see letter accompanying this newsletter.

**Father Hudson’s Care – Good Shepherd Appeal 2017**Father Hudson’s have now launched their Lenten Appeal. Each child will have taken home a collection box and leaflet for this year’s Good Shepherd Appeal for the duration of Lent. Children use the boxes to save the money they would normally spend on sweets and treats, thereby practising abstinence and almsgiving. Money raised through the appeal helps sustain the work that Father Hudson’s Care does with vulnerable people across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. We thank you as ever for your continued support.

**Thank you and Goodbye**

We say goodbye to Mr Ashton, who has been with us on a teaching placement for 7 weeks. Thank you from everyone in school, particularly from the children in Y2, who have loved being taught by Mr Ashton. We wish you well for the future and for your career as a teacher.

A big thank you to parents who brought their babies and toddlers to Y2 this week, they were a huge success with Y2 asking plenty of questions. Thank you so much for taking time to talk to the children.



**Chinese New Year**A huge thank you to Lee Gardens  in Lichfield who generously invited Reception and Pre-school to their restaurant for a delicious Chinese lunch yesterday. They kindly provided this lunch free of charge for over forty children! It was a fantastic learning experience for the children who have been finding out all about Chinese New Year over the last two weeks at school. They thoroughly enjoyed trying spring rolls, rice, noodles and much more, not to mention a lovely ice cream pudding!  Pre-school and Reception class also had a fantastic time as the Early Years unit was opened up, linking both classrooms and enabling the children to learn and explore together during the Chinese dressing up day today. It goes without saying that all of Early Years (Pre-school and Reception classes) especially loved acting out their experiences in the Chinese restaurant role play area with real Chinese food!!!

**Netball**

Well done to our netball team who played against St Michael’s on Monday. Our green team won 7/0 and 2/1 and our black team drew their first match 3/3 and won their second match 4/0. It was great to see the encouragement they gave each other and well done to our less experienced players who have made fantastic progress. Good luck to our team playing in the county finals this Tuesday.

**Active Kids 2017**

Sainsbury's launched their Active Kids voucher scheme on the 25th January. This will run through to 2 May 2017 and the vouchers can be exchanged for sports and cooking equipment. The collection box for the vouchers is just inside the front door by the Notice Board.

**Traffic Notice**

Please see attached a Public Notice giving details of gas main replacement works on Sturgeons Hill and Boley Lane from 13 February to at least 10 March 2017. You may find it quicker to walk during this period, alternatively because of the diversion you may have to leave a bit more travelling time to arrive in time for the start of school.

**Childminders**

Mrs Steels (a member of staff) is a registered childminder and has available spaces before and after school.

Telephone: 01543 262690.

Mrs Miller is a registered childminder within walking distance of school and has available spaces before and after school. Telephone: 01543 262016.

**And finally…**

A big thank you to Year 4 for their thoughtful and reflective assembly about the presentation of Jesus in the temple - they read well and sang beautifully.

Prayer to a Guardian Angel

O, Angel of God, my guardian dear,

To whom God’s love commits me here.

Ever this night, be at my side ,

To light and guard, to rule and guide, Amen



May God be with you.

Mrs D McLeary

Headteacher



L**ooking Ahead…**

**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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| 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 |
| Thursday 9th February | NSPCC Assembly |
| Friday 10th February | Y3 celebration assembly – all parents welcome |
| Monday 13th February | 9.10 am - Mission assembly  NSPCC Workshops |
| Tuesday 14th February | Whole School Mass – 2.30pm all welcome  Homework due |
| Wednesday 15th Feb | Family lunch – surnames K-L |
| Thursday 16th February | Y5 and Y6 school council 10am @Ss P and Ps  PTFA Spring disco KS1 4.30-5.30 and KS2 – 5.45-6.45 |
| 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 all welcome |
| Thursday 2nd March | 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 |
| Tuesday 21st March | Sacrament of Reconciliation – Holy Cross – 2.00pm |
| Wednesday 22nd March | Family lunch – surnames S-T |
| Friday 24th March | YR celebration assembly – all parents welcome  PTFA Mothers Day Market during Golden Time (Time to be agreed) |
| 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  PTFA Family bingo 5.30-7.30 |
| 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 8th 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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