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**Our Catholic Mission**

You are very welcome to join us for Mass in the school hall on Tuesday 14 February at 2.30pm. Also, a reminder that there will be Mass on Ash Wednesday 1 March at 2.30pm so that we can all receive the ashes.

**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: Jackie and Claudia

Y1: Emilia and Luke C

Y2: Olivia G and Harry H

Y3: Yadvi and Tom R

Y4: Sammy and Ramon

Y6: Billy and Aiobhinn

Head Teacher’s Award: Aoife, Jamie S and Padraig

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

**Apologies**

Apologies to Y1, their star workers will receive their certificates in Y2’s assembly on 3 March.

**Family Lunch Wednesday 15 February K-L - Week 1**

MENU CHOICES TO BE IN TO MRS BURKE BY NOON ON MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Wednesday 15 February at 11.45am. Adult lunches are £2.76 to be paid on parent pay by Monday 13 February using your child’s school dinner account. Menu choices are Roast Turkey and stuffing; Cheese Quiche; Jacket Potato; Ham, cheese or tuna sandwich.

**Jewellery**

To ensure the health and safety of all children, we ask that jewellery is not worn at school.

**Hair**

Long hair should be tied up, with plain ribbons, bobbles. No large colourful hair adornments. No extreme haircuts ie, shaved head, tramlines, colour. Thank you fo your help in ensuring that our children always look smart.

**Netball**

Huge well done to our Y6 netball team who played in the county tournament on Tuesday. They came top of their group which took them into the semi-finals.  An incredibly close semi-final match saw them lose 2/1 when we had a goal disallowed, then a nail biting runners up match had them drawing at full time & extra time with the final score of 2 goals to 3 when Stafford Prep were the first to score. Fourth in the county, what an incredible achievement. Well done girls, you did us proud!

**World Book Day**

A reminder that Thursday 2 March is world book day. We will be doing many activities linked to books and you are encouraged to come dressed up as your favourite book character!

**After-School Clubs on Thursday 16 February**Both Tag Rugby and Gaelic Football are cancelled. Art with Mrs Credali however will still be taking place.

**Safer Internet Day**

Safer Internet Day 2017 was celebrated globally on Tuesday 7th February with the theme 'Be the change: unite for a better internet'.  The children worked on a variety of activities, learning about internet safety and specifically raising awareness about how they communicate online using pictures and videos. Please chat to your child about their learning!  If you would like more tips and advice on this subject you can look at this link <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2017/tips-and-dvice-parents-and-carers> or other links on our school website.

**Quiz Night**

Thanks to fiendish questions, a well-stocked bar and jolly good Fish and Chips, an enjoyable time was had by all!  We struggled to recall 1981’s no.1 singles, American Presidents and famous Jonnys – the little grey cells were sorely tested!  Sincere thanks to Peter and Chris Willoughby (who make compiling and marking a quiz look effortless), the McEntees (who helped keep the beer flowing) , Wendy Cleary and all those that helped on the night or donated raffle prizes. Thanks to your generosity we raised a fantastic £565 from this event.  This was the 8th and final quiz night we’ve organised for School Funds.  I reckon we must have raised well over £3,000 from quizzes in that time, and had great fun doing it.

Jackie & Jonny Hall

As soon as we have decided exactly what to spend the money on, we will let you know.

**Communication**

Remember to keep an eye on our School Information Board (by the gate). This is regularly updated with flyers for half term activities etc and may have information not included on the website or newsletters.

**Traffic Notice**

Please remember gas main replacement works on Sturgeons Hill and Boley Lane start on Monday 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. Look at the posters on the reception door for details.

**Safe Crossing**

Sam has asked that I mention that a few parents are not crossing the road in a safe manner. Please use the crossing provided, especially in light of the forthcoming disruption.

**PTFA - Spring term disco**

The PTFA look forward to welcoming you at the disco next week on Thursday 16th February 2016

Key stage 1 - 4.30-5.30pm. Key stage 2 - 5.45-6.45pm. Entry is £2.50 per child (max of £5 per family).  Drinks, snacks, sweets and disco novelties will be available to buy.  (We would really appreciate it if you could bring change with you for your purchases).  All children must be accompanied by a parent or nominated responsible adult.  Sign in required on entry and if not present, parent contact number needed.

We need at least 10 helpers for both KS1 and KS2 discos.  Please let us know if you can spare even half an hour to set up, manage the door, run a stall, prepare the food & snacks and tidy up afterwards. Email the PTFA on ptfa@stjosephslichfield.org.uk, message the Facebook group (St Joseph's School Lichfield PTFA  <https://www.facebook.com/groups/731071013683071/> ) or sign up on the sheet that'll be in reception until Tuesday 14th.

**How to get involved in the PTFA**

The PTFA meet on the first Thursday of each month during term time in the Bowling Green pub, Lichfield, at 8pm.  The dates for the rest of the school year are: 2 March, 30 March, 4 May, 8 June, 6 July,  Everyone is welcome to join us to help plan our events and activities - every contribution is much appreciated.

If you are unable to get to meetings but would like to help, we would really appreciate volunteers for our events this term - coffee morning (Friday 3 March, 9am), Mother’s Day Market (Friday 24 March, 2-4pm) and Family Bingo evening (Thursday 6 April, 5.30-8pm).   Please get in touch – ptfa@stjosephslichfield.org.uk

**And finally…**

A big thank you to Y3 for their wonderful assembly this morning, telling us how to use gratitude and generosity. It was thoughtful but also, very entertaining.



He who says he abides in Jesus ought himself to walk just as He walked.

1 John 2:6

May God be with you.

Mrs D McLeary

Headteacher

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**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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| Monday 13th February | 9.10 am - Mission assembly NSPCC Workshops  |
| Tuesday 14th February | Whole School Mass – 2.30pm all welcomeHomework due |
| Wednesday 15th Feb | Family lunch – surnames K-L |
| Thursday 16th February | Y5 and Y6 school council 10am @Ss P and PsPTFA Spring disco KS1 4.30-5.30 and KS2 – 5.45-6.45 |
| Friday 17th February | No assembly Homework setBreak up for half term |
| Monday 27th February | Return to school9.10 am - Mission assembly – Attentive and discerningReception and Pre-School parents invited to maths workshop from 3.45-4.30pm |
| Tuesday 28th February | Homework due |
| Wednesday 1st March | Ash Wednesday Mass – 2.30pm all welcome |
| Thursday 2nd March | World Book Day – Dress up as your favourite book character |
| Friday 3rd March | PTFA coffee morningHomework set |
| Monday 6th March | No Assembly  |
| Wednesday 8th March | House assembly 9.10amFamily 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 welcomeHomework 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 welcomePTFA Mother’s 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 DayBreak 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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