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Newsletter



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Our Catholic Mission

We will be celebrating Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday 1 March at 2.00pm (please note the change of time) and look forward to welcoming family and friends to share with us.

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)

Section 48 Inspection

RE, Catholic Life and Collective Worship at St Joseph's will be inspected by the Diocese on Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 March. There will be a whole school Mass at 9.30 am on Thursday 9 and a good turnout from family and friends would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Father Hudson's Care - Good Shepherd Appeal 2017

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.



CAFOD

The School Council will be taking an Assembly on Monday 6 March to launch their chosen Lent charity appeal for CAFOD "Turn little fish into BIG fish. During the week each class will be making the biggest fish they can out of coins. At the end of the week children are asked to come to school on Friday 10 March dressed in blue and donate £1.00 towards the charity.



Attendance

Congratulations to Y1 and Y3 with 98 % attendance this week - well done.

Lunchtime Menu

Please note after half term we start at Week One for the menus, however as Wednesday 1 March is Ash Wednesday the Roast Turkey and Stuffing will be replaced with fish.

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 for your help in ensuring that our children always look smart.

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!

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 ongoing disruption.

House Cross Country

Girls House Cross Country - Congratulations to St Clare's who won the House Cross Country for the second year running - well done to Saoirse in Y6 for coming first.

Boys House Cross Country - Congratulations to St Chad's who also won the House Cross Country for the second year running - well done to Ramon Y4 for coming first.

After-School Football with Paul Agnew

Starts on Tuesday 7 March at 3.30pm.

Tag rugby Coaching

After half term Y3 and Y4 have been given the opportunity to receive 6 weeks of professional tag rugby coaching from Leicester Tigers Community coaches who will be working with the pupils to develop and improve their rugby knowledge and ability in a fun, positive and active environment, encouraging the children to lead healthy lifestyles and promoting positive values. The programme will conclude with an Open Family Day at Lichfield RFC including the unique opportunity to witness a Premiership A-League fixture between Leicester Tigers Development XV and Worcester Warriors Cavaliers. This professional league is the development programme for the Premiership side and includes several top level players offering an exceptional standard of rugby.



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

PTFA Coffee Morning

The PTFA look forward to welcoming parents and friends to a coffee morning on Friday 3 March 2017 after school drop off. Please note as this coffee morning is during Lent there will not be a cake sale for children in the afternoon.

Spring Disco

Thank you to the PTFA and all parent helpers who helped to make the disco last night a great success, the children had a fantastic time and will let you know after half term just how much was raised.

50th Anniversary Ss Peter & Paul's church in Lichfield

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Ss Peter & Paul's church being built. Archbishop Longley has accepted an invitation to celebrate Mass on 29th June at 7pm (Feast of Ss Peter & Paul). Plans are underway to celebrate this occasion with both schools being involved.

And finally...

I hope you have a wonderful half term break with your children, and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 27 March.

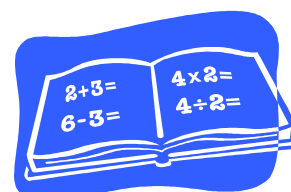
May God be with you.

Mrs D McLeary

Headteacher

A Mathematical Prayer

May we, through your blessings,
add purity to the world, **subtract**
evil from our lives, **multiply** the
good news of Jesus, your son, and
divide your gifts and **share** them
with others, Amen





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Looking Ahead...

School Dates -

Changes in red

Monday 27 th February	Return to school 9.10 am - Mission assembly - Attentive and discerning Reception and Pre-School parents invited to maths workshop from 3.45-4.30pm
Tuesday 28 th February	Homework due
Wednesday 1 st March	Ash Wednesday Mass - 2.00pm all welcome
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day - Dress up as your favourite book character
Friday 3 rd March	PTFA coffee morning Homework set
Monday 6 th March	No Assembly
Wednesday 8 th March	House assembly 9.10am Family lunch - surnames M-O
Thursday 9 March	Whole school Mass - hall 9.30 am All welcome
Friday 10 th March	Y2 celebration assembly - all parents welcome
Monday 13 th March	9.10 am - Mission assembly Y6 and Y2 Mass at Holy Cross 9.30 am
Tuesday 14 th March	Homework due
Wednesday 15 th March	Pre-School Vista photographs Family lunch - surnames P-R Parents Evening 4 - 6.30pm
Thursday 16 th March	Parents Evening 5 - 7.30pm
Friday 17 th March	Y1 celebration assembly - all parents welcome Homework set
Sunday 19 th March	Feast of St. Joseph (19 th) Family Mass SS P&P 11.00am
Monday 20 th March	TOPIC WEEK THIS WEEK Mission assembly 9.10am
Tuesday 21 st March	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Holy Cross - 2.00pm
Wednesday 22 nd March	Family lunch - surnames S-T
Friday 24 th March	YR celebration assembly - all parents welcome PTFA Mother's Day Market during Golden Time (Time to be agreed)
Monday 27 th March	9.10 am - Mission assembly Y5 and Y3 Mass at Holy Cross 9.30 am
Tuesday 28 th March	Homework due
Wednesday 29 th March	Family lunch - surnames U-Z
Friday 31 st March	Set homework
Monday 3 rd April	9.10 am - Mission assembly
Tuesday 4 th April	1.30pm - Y3 and Y4 Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 5 th April	6.00pm - Y3 and 4 Easter Play
Thursday 6 th April	2.30pm - Stations of the Cross PTFA Family bingo 5.30-7.30
Friday 7 th April	Am - Easter Egg Treasure Hunt 2.30pm Breakup
	A few extras!
Monday 24 th April	Return to school
Sunday 7 th May	First Holy Communion - SS Peter and Paul's - 1.00pm

Monday 8 th May	SATs week
Friday 26 th May	Sports Day Break up for half term
Monday 5 th June	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th June	Children return to school
Monday 3 rd July	Y6 residential week - Standon Bowers
Tuesday 25 th July	Break up for summer 2.30pm