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# Newsletter



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## Our Catholic Mission

Following the message sent out yesterday, this is to remind you there will be a Family Mass for Mother's Day on Sunday 26 March at 11am at SS P&P's, to replace the cancelled Family Mass for this Sunday 19 March. Everyone is very welcome and extra singers in the choir are always appreciated! Children do not have to wear uniform.

On Sunday 19th March, it is the feast day of the patron of our lovely school, St. Joseph. Please remember all at St Joseph's in your prayers.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Tuesday 21 March at 2pm at Holy Cross, the children in Year Three will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Parents need to be in church for 1.45pm and the children will arrive at approximately 1.55pm, ready to start at 2pm. The children will be sitting with their parents so please ensure that you leave a space for them. Quiet music will play throughout the making of the Sacrament and we ask that you remain in complete silence, in order to make this a truly reverent and special event for the children. At the end of the service, parents will be free to take their child home. Non Catholic parents are also invited to join us to share in the special experience and support the children in the class.

Reminder that the Y3 and Y4 Easter story is taking place on Wednesday 5 April at 6pm in the school hall. All are very welcome.

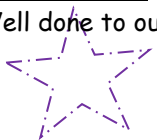
## Parish Mass/Children's Liturgy

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: Noah and Max  
Y1: Gracjan and Esmee  
Y2: Marie and Connie  
Y3: Savannah and James  
Y4: Harrison and Charlie  
Y5: Finn and Isabel S  
Y6: Louise and James

Head Teacher's Award: Rhys and Yadv



## Attendance

Congratulations to Y3 with 99.7% attendance this week - well done.

## Family Lunch - S-T - Week 1 - Wednesday 22 March 2017

MENU CHOICES TO BE IN TO MRS BURKE BY NOON ON MONDAY 20 MARCH. Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Wednesday 22 March at 11.45am. Adult lunches are £2.76 to be paid on parent pay by Monday 20 March using your child's school dinner account. Menu choices are Roast Turkey and stuffing; Cheese Quiche; Jacket Potato; Ham, cheese or tuna sandwich.



### **PTFA Mother's Day Market**

The PTFA are looking forward to holding their first Mothers' Day Market at school on Friday 24th March 2017 during school hours. Golden Time has been extended to give all children a chance to make something beautiful for the special ladies in their life. If you are able to help with these arts & crafts activities, please let the PTFA know.

### **Y5 - Easter Story**

Y5 will be exploring the Easter Story at Wade Street Church on Monday 20 March. We will be leaving school at 12.30 pm and will need some parent helpers. If you are able to help, please could you let Mrs Allan/ Mrs Briers know?

### **Earrings**

Please make sure children do not wear earrings on the day they are doing PE or after school sporting activities. For safety reasons, children will not be given plasters to put over their ears. Please note if children are wearing earrings and unable to take them out by themselves they will, unfortunately, have to miss PE.

### **House Football Matches - Y3/Y4**

The children in Years 3 and 4 took part in an inter-house tournament yesterday and a great time was had by all. Winners of the Year 3 competition were St Francis and winners of the Year 4 competition were St Chad. Well done!

### **Parent Communications**

From 1 April 2017, our text and email messaging to parents is changing. To ensure that you continue to receive the weekly newsletter, please subscribe via our website [www.stjosephslichfield.org.uk](http://www.stjosephslichfield.org.uk). Thank you.

### **RSPB**

On Wednesday 22 March, Reception and Year 1 will be learning and having fun during a workshop with the RSPB.



### **Competition**

We are rebranding our kitchen/lunchtime environment and invite the children to help Cook Judy and the catering team design a suitable picture/logo for the area; the name chosen for the re-branding is **Orchard Café @ St Joseph's**. A box for the entries will be sited outside the kitchen and the closing date for the competition is Friday 7 April. The name of the winner will be announced the week of 24 April 2017 after the Easter holidays.

### **Building Improvements**

We continue in our drive to improve the school environment for our children. Works scheduled for during the Easter holidays include a replacement floor and redecoration of the Pre-school. We will continue with a rolling programme of maintenance and decoration.

### **And finally...**

Many thanks to Year 1 for their wonderful assembly this morning. It is so lovely to see the children growing in confidence and enjoying sharing their message with us - well done!

May God be with you.

*Mrs D McLeary*

Headteacher

**Happy St. Joseph's  
Day!  
March 19**





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Happy St. Joseph's Day!

Looking Ahead...

School Dates -

Changes in red

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	TOPIC WEEK THIS WEEK Mission assembly 9.10am
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Sacrament of Reconciliation - Holy Cross - 2.00pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Family lunch - surnames S-T RSPB Visit to school for YR and Y1
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	YR celebration assembly - all parents welcome PTFA Mother's Day Market during Golden Time
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Family Mass - Mother's Day 11.00am SS P&amp;P ( changed from March 19)</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	9.10 am - Mission assembly Y5 and Y3 Mass at Holy Cross 9.30 am
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Homework due
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Family lunch - surnames U-Z
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Set homework
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.10 am - Mission assembly
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	1.30pm - Y3 and Y4 Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	6.00pm - Y3 and 4 Easter Play
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	2.30pm - Stations of the Cross <b>PTFA Family bingo 5.30-7.30</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Am - Easter Egg Treasure Hunt 2.30pm Breakup
	A few extras!
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	First Holy Communion - SS Peter and Paul's - 1.00pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs week
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Sports Day Break up for half term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 residential week - Standon Bowers
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Break up for summer 2.30pm