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Newsletter



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Our Catholic Mission

Thank you to all those who came to Family Mass on Sunday - it was a lovely start to Mother's Day. Thank you to all children who came, who read, sang or did the offertory, and to Year 5 who wrote some lovely prayers to give out to all the ladies in the congregation.

Everyone is very welcome to join us for the Stations of the Cross service on Thursday 6th April at 2.30pm in the school hall.

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 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)

Dates

Please see the foot of this newsletter for dates for the summer term.



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.

Easter Egg Hunt

The children will all be taking part in our much loved Easter egg hunt next Friday 7th April. Thank you to the PTFA who are providing an egg for each child. Please may I ask that parents of children with nut allergies check that the egg is suitable for their child.

PTFA Chocolate Bingo

On Wednesday 5th April we will be having a Non-Uniform day to support the PTFA's Chocolate Bingo Event. All children may come in non-uniform and a donation of an Easter Egg or other chocolate for the Bingo would be appreciated.

Chocolate Bingo is a family event and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. It will be held in the school hall, with the doors opening at 5.30pm on Thursday 6th April. Come along and have a fun filled family evening!

Parent Communications

Our text and email messaging to parents has changed. To ensure that you continue to receive the weekly newsletter, please subscribe via our website www.stjosephslichfield.org.uk. Thank you.

Aston Villa

The Aston Villa consent forms for the Before and Lunchtime clubs after Easter are now available from the office.

Hot off the Press - RE Inspection!

You will know that on 8 and 9 March, St. Joseph's was inspected by the Archdiocese of Birmingham. We have just received the official inspection report and the outcome is extremely positive, with many areas being judged as outstanding. All staff at St. Joseph's have a really deep commitment to ensuring the faith development of each child and it is fantastic to have this, along with high standards in RE, recognised by the diocese. The report is available on the website now for you to read, and a paper copy will be sent for each family tomorrow.

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.

Dates Change

Last week, there was an error on the newsletter that said Holy Communion was on 7 April - this should have read 7 May. Also, the date of the Music assesmbly has changed to Wednesday 21st June.

Book Amnesty and Recall

Would you please return any school books you have at home; including any current reading books; by Monday 3 April. We will be getting them sorted and relabelled so we can see what new purchases we may need to make to encourage the children's reading journeys.

Tag Rugby

Well done to both our Y5/6 tag rugby teams who took part in a rugby tournament at Lichfield Rugby club on Wednesday. They played really well and one team made it into the semi-final. As usual, they were a credit to St. Joseph's.

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.

Father Hudson's Society Good Shepherd Appeal

Final reminder to return the Good Shepherd Lent collection boxes to school. Thank you for your support of this Appeal.

E-safety

Remember to speak to your children about e-safety - the Think U Know website <http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> gives you the latest information on the sites you like to visit and is aimed at all ages. All the information is supplied by the team at the [NCA's CEOP Command](#).

End of Term

Term finishes for the Easter break on Friday 7 April at 2.30pm. We return back on Monday 24 April.

And finally...

Please remember Mrs Burke and family in your prayers, as her mother passed away peacefully yesterday.

May God be with you.

Mr D McLeary

Headteacher

When we want to understand how to love, how to be humble, how to have faith, or even how to set our priorities, we can look at Jesus and follow His heart.

Anne Cetas

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

1 John 2:6





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Happy St. Joseph's Day!

Looking Ahead...

School Dates -

Changes in red

Monday 3 rd April	9.10 am - Mission assembly
Tuesday 4 th April	1.30pm - Y3 and Y4 Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 5 th April	Non-Uniform - please bring an Easter Egg or Chocolate for the PTFA Chocolate Bingo 6.00pm Y3/4 Easter story
Thursday 6 th April	2.30pm - Stations of the Cross PTFA CHOCOLATE BINGO - Doors Open 5.30pm in School Hall - All Welcome
Friday 7 th April	Am - Easter Egg Treasure Hunt 2.30pm Breakup
Summer term	

Monday 24 th April	Children return Mock SATs week
Tuesday 25 th April	Homework back
Thursday 27 th April	2pm Girl's cross country - Christ church
Friday 28 th April	PTFA coffee morning
Tuesday 2 nd May	Return to school Mission assembly
Friday 5 th May	Y5 celebration assembly Y5 Dodgeball fundraiser in hall Family Lunch A-D
Sunday 7th May	First Holy Communion Mass 1.00pm Ss P&P's
Monday 8 th May	SATs week
Tuesday 9 th May	Homework due
Friday 12 th May	FHC Mass of Thanksgiving 9.30am school hall TBC Y3 celebration day PTFA KS1/KS2 Disco TBC
Monday 15 th May	Mission assembly - 9.10 am Y4/1 - Mass at Holy Cross 9.30 am TBC
Wednesday 17 th May	Y1/2 Maths workshop for parents - 9.15-10.30am
Friday 19 th May	Y4 celebration assembly Family lunch E-G
Monday 22 nd May	Mission assembly 9.10am
Tuesday 23 rd May	Whole school Mass 9.30am - in school Mass TBC Homework due
Wednesday 24 th May	Y5/6 Maths workshop for parents - hall - 9.15-10.30am
Friday 26 th May	Sports Day

	Break up for half term
Monday 5 th June	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th June	Children return Homework due
Friday 9 th June	Y3 celebration assembly Family lunch H- J
Sunday 11 th June	Service of Light - SS P&P 11.00am TBC
Monday 12 th June	Mission assembly 9.10am Y6/Rec - Holy Cross 9.30am Mass TBC
Tuesday 13 th June	Pre-school to reception transition am
Thursday 15 th June	Pre-school to reception transition pm
Friday 16 th June	Year 2 Celebration Assembly Family Lunch K-M
Monday 19 th June	9.10 am Mission Assembly Pre-school to Reception transition am
Tuesday 20 th June	Whole school Mass - 9.30am - school hall TBC Homework due
Wednesday 21 st June	Y3/4 Maths workshop for parents - 9.15-10.30am 2.00pm - Music assembly New Reception/ Pre-school mtg 6.00pm
Thursday 22 nd June	Bishop McGough visit 1.00pm
Friday 23 rd June	Y1 Celebration assembly Family Lunch N-R
Sunday 25 th June	Confirmation - 1.00pm SS. P&P's
Monday 26 th June	Mission assembly 9.10 am Y2/5 Mass at Holy Cross - 9.30am TBC
Tuesday 27 th June	Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass - 9.30am TBC
Thursday 29 th June	50th Anniversary of SS. P&P's - Mass at 7.00pm
Friday 30 th June	Rec celebration assembly Family Lunch S-V
Monday 3 rd July	Y6 residential - Standon Bowers No assembly
Tuesday 4 th July	Homework due
Wednesday 5 th July	Reception new parents picnic 2.30-3.30pm
Friday 7 th July	Pre-school Celebration assembly Family Lunch W-Z PTFA summer party - Coton House farm
Monday 10 th July	9.10am Mission Assembly Y3/6 Mass at Holy Cross 9.30am TBC
Tuesday 11 th July	Reports to parents
Wednesday 12 th July	Music assembly - 2.00pm - changed to Wednesday 21 st June Open evening 6.00pm Y5/6 performance 7.00pm
Friday 14 th July	St. Joseph's transition morning Reception new chn and parents am



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Monday 17 th July	Mission assembly 9.10am
Tuesday 18 th July	Pre-school graduation - hall 1.00pm
Friday 21 st July	Assembly pm Good to be Green/ Attendance Awards
Monday 24 th July	Leaver's Mass - 9.30am school hall TBC Leaver's celebration afternoon
Tuesday 25 th July	Leaver's assembly 9.30am Break up 2.30pm