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Newsletter



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Our Catholic Mission

Don't forget to check your service times for Mass on Easter Sunday. Although it may be hard to always get to Mass at other times during the year, Easter is one of the times we should make an extra special effort to be there. After all, Jesus could have done no more for us than sacrifice His life on the Cross for our salvation.

Stations of the Cross

Many thanks to all those who came to the Stations of the Cross service on Thursday.

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)

Attendance

Congratulations to Y1 with 100% attendance this week - well done.



PTFA Chocolate Bingo

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Pameley, our expert Bingo Callers, and everyone on the PTFA who contributed to making the Chocolate Bingo a massive success. The evening was really fun and it was lovely to see so many family and friends who attended. An amazing £440.00 was raised



Easter Story

The children performed a powerful and moving performance of the Easter Story showing Jesus' life during the last week before his death. All of the children were really reflective in showing their respect for the Passion of Christ. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and committed staff who constantly work for the good of your children, and I wish to thank them for their service and dedication.

Cross Country

KS2 took part in the Cross Country tournament at Chase Terrace last week and yesterday - all ran really well with Saoirse winning the Y6 girls overall and Ramon winning the Y4 boys overall. This means the Y6 girls and the Y4 boys go through to the finals at Keele. Well done to all our teams. Along with Saoirse and Ramon, Dawson, George, Angelica and Oisin all received medals for coming in the top 3.

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.

Absences

If you are reporting a child's absence from school, please either phone the school office and leave a message or email our absence address which is absence@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk

LENT CHARITY

The School Council's Lent Charity Appeal in aid of CAFOD "Turn Little Fish into BIG Fish" has so far raised £289.00. The charity's aim is to help support fish farmers in countries less fortunate than ours. Our aim was to raise £200 to enable someone to build and maintain a fish-stocked pond to feed their community. Once again we thank Mrs Stead and the School Council for organising this fundraising and thank you for helping to support their chosen charity.

Early Years (Reception and Pre-School) - Chick Play and Learn

Parents of children in Early Years, which includes Reception and Pre-School children, are invited to an exciting Play and Learn session with live chicks on Thursday 4 May at 2.30pm to 3.30pm. The afternoon will include crafts and activities and all are welcome whether it is the usual day your child is in Pre-School or not.

Dressing Up Clothes

If you have any dressing up clothes your children have grown out of or you no longer want, Pre-School would love to have them for their use.

Charity Barn Dance

Mr & Mrs Ray, with their band, are doing a CHARITY BARNDANCE in aid of SCOPE and PROJECT ROMANIA. SATURDAY 6TH MAY 2017, 7.30 - 10PM, BOLEY PARK COMMUNITY HALL Adults £8 Children £5 INCLUDES FISH 'N' CHIPS. Please call Clare Ray ASAP on 07806 933156 for tickets or give your name and number to Mrs Burke.

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

If you have any Good Shepherd Lent collection boxes at home, please send them in to school during the first week of term. 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](#).

Governing Board - Ray King

Ray King's term of office, as a Foundation Governor, ends today. Mr King has been Chair of the Health & Safety Committee for 8 years and on behalf of the Governing Board we would like to thank him for his hard work, commitment and support.

Labelling

As the weather gets warmer children will be taking off coats, jumpers, cardigans etc. Please check each item of clothing, including PE kit, to ensure it is clearly labelled. We have had several children losing things this week which have been found in a different year group's cloakroom or are not labelled clearly enough.

End of Term

We return back to school on Monday 24 April.

And finally...

Many thanks to the PTFA for providing the children with Easter eggs for the egg hunt.

I wish you all a happy and Holy Easter.

May God be with you.

Mr D McLeary
Headteacher





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Looking Ahead...

School Dates -

Changes in red

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 Y6 King Edwards transition day
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 Y6 King Edwards transition day
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 Summer Fayre
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



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