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**Our Catholic Mission**

As we approach First Holy Communion on Sunday 7th May, please pray for all children receiving the sacrament. It would be lovely if as many children as possible could join us to support Year 3 by singing in the choir. Also, any brothers and sisters of children celebrating the Sacrament – you are also welcome to sing in the choir – the more the merrier!

**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)

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y5 with 99.4% attendance this week – well done.

**Family Lunch – Friday 5 May A-D – Week 2**

MENU CHOICES TO BE IN TO MRS BURKE BY NOON ON WEDNESDAY 3 MAY 2017 Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Friday 5 May at 11.45am. Adult lunches are £2.76 to be paid on parent pay using your child’s school dinner account. Menu choices are Fish Fingers, Cheese Pasties; Jacket Potato; cheese or tuna sandwich.

**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-licfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:absence@st-josephs-licfield.staffs.sch.uk)

**Late arrivals and Collections**

Could we please remind you that children need to be in school by 9am for registration and collected from school at 3.30pm.

**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 Tuesday 2 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.

**Chicks for Sale**

The chicks are hatching this week!  Please speak to Miss Cartwright if you are interested in re-homing these very cute chicks, we ask that at least two be taken together and cost only £5 each. Please see Miss Cartwright no later than Tuesday 2nd May if you are interested. Chicks for re-homing would need to be collected by Wednesday 3rd May.

**Tempest**

You should by now have received the order and payment envelopes for the Class Vista Group photographs. To avoid late order fees, the deadline for orders to be in school is Friday 5 May.

**Funky Times Tables** Starts Wednesday 3rd May.

**Flute, clarinet and keyboard**

Miss Sandbrook – Flute, clarinet and keyboard lessons will resume on Tuesday May 2nd.

**Violin lessons**

Mrs Hayes will be on Jury service for the next couple of weeks. There will be no violin lessons next week, howevere she is unsure whether she will be required every day or not. Could children please bring in their violins week of 8 May in the event she is not needed.

**Noise affecting Local Residents**

Please could parents and children be mindful of local residents. The 3 schools on Cherry Orchard have received a complaint about the high noise levels. Please be considerate of those people who work nightshifts and have to sleep during the day.

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**Girls Cross Country**

Congratulations to the Y5 & Y6 girls cross country team who ran in the 2k race at Christ Church school this week. The rain didn't stop them as they came 3rd overall.

**Archery**

Well done to St Joseph's first archery team who took part a tournament this week. One of the teams also came 3rd and there was even a teachers round. The children definitely had better aim than the teachers!

Please check letters for dates of clubs as well as the website. Mrs Dolphin regularly updates the sports page when clubs change year groups.

**PTFA Summer Party Friday 7 July 2017**

Tickets (£25.00 per person) are now available from the school office for the St Joseph’s PTFA Summer Party on Friday 7 July 2017 to be held at Coton House Farm from 7-11.45pm.

**Y5 Ultimate Dodgeball – raising funds for British Heart Foundation**

Year 5 are taking part in an Ultimate Dodgeball Tournament on Friday 5th May to fundraise for the British Heart Foundation. They will be playing fast and furious games of Ultimate Dodgeball in teams, throughout the morning.  They have been practising hard to learn the rules and develop team tactics ready for the big day! On the day, the children may dress up in their team's agreed 'theme' and may also apply face paints if they wish (this will need to be done at home).  They will also need to bring school uniform to change back into as well as face wipes to take off any face paints after the event! If you would be kind enough to sponsor a child or children from Year 5, we have our own justgiving fundraising page at <http://www.justgiving.com/Year5Stjosephs> Please share with your friends and family!

**Chicken Pox**

As chicken pox is doing the rounds again, it has come to our attention of the risks of administering anti-inflammatory painkillers ie ibruprofen to children. A parent has kindly sent the attached link for your information <https://ashleighmoneysaver.co.uk/truth-ibuprofen-chicken-pox/>

**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.

**Labelling**

As the weather gets warmer (at least we are hoping it will get 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.

**And finally…**

Enjoy Bank holiday Monday – I hope the weather smiles upon us!

May God be with you.

Mrs D McLeary

Headteacher

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**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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| Tuesday 2nd May | Return to school  Mission assembly |
| Friday 5th 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 8th May | SATs week |
| Tuesday 9th May | Homework due |
| Friday 12th May | FHC Mass of Thanksgiving 9.30am school hall TBC  Y3 celebration day  PTFA KS1/KS2 Disco TBC |
| Monday 15th May | Mission assembly – 9.10 am  Y4/1 – Mass at Holy Cross 9.30 am TBC |
| Wednesday 17th May | Y1/2 Maths workshop for parents – 9.15-10.30am |
| Friday 19th May | Y4 celebration assembly  Family lunch E-G |
| Monday 22nd May | Mission assembly 9.10am |
| Tuesday 23rd May | Whole school Mass 9.30am – in school Mass TBC  Homework due |
| Wednesday 24th May | Y5/6 Maths workshop for parents – hall – 9.15-10.30am |
| Friday 26th May | Sports Day  Break up for half term |
| Monday 5th June | INSET Day |
| Tuesday 6th June | Children return  Homework due |
| Friday 9th June | Y3 celebration assembly  Family lunch H- J |
| Sunday 11th June | Service of Light – SS P&P 11.00am TBC |
| Monday 12th June | Mission assembly 9.10am  Y6/Rec – Holy Cross 9.30am Mass TBC |
| Tuesday 13th June | Pre-school to reception transition am |
| Thursday 15th June | Pre-school to reception transition pm |
| Friday 16th June | Year 2 Celebration Assembly  Family Lunch K-M |
| Monday 19th June | 9.10 am Mission Assembly  Pre-school to Reception transition am |
| Tuesday 20th June | Whole school Mass – 9.30am – school hall TBC  Homework due  Y6 King Edwards transition day |
| Wednesday 21st 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 22nd June | Bishop McGough visit 1.00pm |
| Friday 23rd June | Y1 Celebration assembly  Family Lunch N-R |
| Sunday 25th June | Confirmation - 1.00pm SS. P&P’s |
| Monday 26th June | Mission assembly 9.10 am  Y2/5 Mass at Holy Cross – 9.30am TBC |
| Tuesday 27th June | Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass – 9.30am TBC |
| Thursday 29th June | 50th Anniversary of SS. P&P’s – Mass at 7.00pm |
| Friday 30th June | Rec celebration assembly  Family Lunch S-V |
| Monday 3rd July | Y6 residential – Standon Bowers  No assembly |
| Tuesday 4th July | Homework due |
| Wednesday 5th July | Reception new parents picnic 2.30-3.30pm |
| Friday 7th July | Pre-school Celebration assembly  Family Lunch W-Z  PTFA summer party – Coton House farm |
| Monday 10th July | 9.10am Mission Assembly  Y3/6 Mass at Holy Cross 9.30am TBC |
| Tuesday 11th July | Reports to parents |
| Wednesday 12th July | Open evening 6.00pm  Y5/6 performance 7.00pm |
| Friday 14th July | St. Joseph’s transition morning  Reception new chn and parents am  Summer Fayre |
| Monday 17th July | Mission assembly 9.10am |
| Tuesday 18th July | Pre-school graduation – hall 1.00pm |
| Friday 21st July | Assembly pm Good to be Green/ Attendance Awards |
| Monday 24th July | Leaver’s Mass – 9.30am school hall TBC  Leaver’s celebration afternoon |
| Tuesday 25th July | Leaver’s assembly 9.30am  Break up 2.30pm |