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**Our Catholic Mission**

A huge well done to Year 3 who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. I have had so much positive feedback about the Mass itself and how reverent the children were, from Father Gerry and countless parents and members of staff. Well done Year 3, we are all very proud of you!

Thank you also to those parents who helped with the celebrations today.

**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)

**Y4 Swimming**

Please note Y4 will not be swimming on Friday 19 May.

**Attendance**

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

**Family Lunch – Friday 19 May E-G – Week 1**

MENU CHOICES TO BE IN TO MRS BURKE BY NOON ON WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2017 Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Friday 19 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 Fillet, Vegetarian Roll; Jacket Potato; cheese or tuna sandwich.

**Scooters and cycles in school grounds**

Whilst we welcome children coming to school and going home on their bikes and scooters, to avoid collisions and congestion, children need to dismount whilst on the school premises.

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

**Y2 SATS**

Y2 SATs will take place between 15 – 26 May, please ensure that absences are avoided over those two weeks.

**Water bottles in class**

Please could we remind you that bottles for the classrooms are filled with water only and not juice.

**Late arrivals and Collections**

It is essential that children are in school by 9am for registration and collected from school at 3.30pm. If we notice that children are regularly collected late on certain days or you are unable to collect children from school at 3.30pm, please make alternative arrangments either with Badgers or another adult.

**Y5 and Y6 Big Bash**

The invitations to the Big Bash have been sent out for Friday 16 June (5pm-8pm) – please make sure all slips are returned to the office by Friday 19 May. Payments to be made on Parent Pay.

**Y1 and Y2 Maths Workshop**

Parents of Year 1 & 2 you are invited to our Maths Workshop on Wednesday 17th May 9.15 – 10.30. Please let the office know if you are able to attend.

**Sports day**

Sports day is on Friday 26 May, KS1 in the morning from 9.15am-12.00pm approx., and then you are invited to bring a picnic and stay for a picnic lunch. Then KS2 sports will take place in the afternoon 1.15pm – 3.15pm approx. Children are to wear a colour t-shirt for their house, bring a water bottle and sunhat, and it would be helpful if they already have their suncream applied.

Let’s pray for good weather, but also be aware that if it is raining, we may have to postpone at short notice. If this does have to happen, I ask for your understanding and co-operation.

**Parent Pay Accounts**

Please remember to keep Parentpay accounts in credit

**Request for plants**

Thank you to Beavers who have been very busy planting bulbs etc in the boxes at the front of the school. They would like to continue with their gardening theme and fill the boxes with flowers but are very short of plants. If you are able to donate any plants that you have spare at home or in the garden, they would be really appreciated. Many thanks.

**Donation Days for the Summer Fayre**

Please make a note in your calendars of the following donation days of items for the Summer Fayre

Friday 16 June School uniform that your child may have grown out of

Friday 23 June Donations for “Adopt a Bear” – soft toys please

Friday 30 June Please bring in Smellies and donations for pocket money stall

Friday 7 July please bring in alcohol, sweets and chocolates

Friday 14 July Please bring in donations of cakes

**Charity Barn Dance**

Thank you to all who supported the Charity Barndance last Saturday. Over 100 folk came to enjoy the dancing and fish 'n' chips! Thanks too to those who gave raffle prizes and some who couldn't make it gave generous donations.

Overall we raised £260 for SCOPE and Project Romania. A brilliant night was had by all! Clare & Dudley Ray

**Available Place in Reception – September 2017**

We have a place available in Reception for entry into school in September . Do pass on this information, if you know of anyone who is moving to the area or who may not have yet applied for a place , or is unhappy with their allocated place and would be interested in their child attending St Joseph’s.

**PTFA Parents 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.

**Father Hudson – Good Shepherd Appeal**

Thank you so much to everyone who returned the Good Shepherd Appeal boxes. Congratulations the children have raised £241.10 for Father Hudson.

**And finally…**

Please can we ensure we park considerately

outside school - try not to take up a space for



As Year 3 have made their First Holy Communion, our prayers turn to Year 6 Confirmandi who are working hard in preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

***Come Holy Spirit***

longer than necessary – thank you.

May God be with you.

Mrs D McLeary

Headteacher

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**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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| Monday 15th May | Mission assembly – 9.10 am  Y4/1 – Mass at Holy Cross 9.30 am |
| Wednesday 17th May | Y1/2 Maths workshop for parents – 9.15-10.30am |
| Friday 19th May | Y4 celebration assembly  Family lunch E-G  Y4 no swimming |
| Monday 22nd May | Mission assembly 9.10am |
| Tuesday 23rd May | Whole school Mass 9.30am – in school Mass  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  Y1 trip to Twycross Zoo – uniform please |
| Sunday 11th June | Service of Light – SS P&P 11.00am |
| Monday 12th June | Mission assembly 9.10am  Y6/Rec – Holy Cross 9.30am Mass |
| Tuesday 13th June | Pre-school, new chn and parents to reception transition am |
| Thursday 15th June | Pre-school, new chn and parents to reception transition pm |
| Friday 16th June | Year 2 Celebration Assembly  Family Lunch K-M  Y5 and Y6 Big Bash 5-8pm  Please bring donations of school uniform for the uniform stall. |
| 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  Y6 Friary transition day |
| Wednesday 21st June | Y3/4 Maths workshop for parents – 9.15-10.30am  New Reception/ Pre-school mtg 6.00pm  Y6 King Edwards transition day  Y6 Friary transition day  Y2 trip to Sealife Centre – uniform please |
| Thursday 22nd June | Bishop McGough visit 1.00pm |
| Friday 23rd June | Y1 Celebration assembly  Family Lunch N-R  Please bring in soft toys for the Adopt a Bear stall |
| 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 |
| Tuesday 27th June | Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass – 9.30am  Y6 Netherstowe transition day |
| Wednesday 28th June | 2.00pm – Music Assembly  Y6 Netherstowe transition day |
| Thursday 29th June | 50th Anniversary of SS. P&P’s – Mass at 7.00pm |
| Friday 30th June | Rec celebration assembly  Family Lunch S-V  Please bring in smellies and donations for a pocket money stall |
| Monday 3rd July | Y6 residential – Standon Bowers  No assembly  Y6 St Francis Transition day |
| Tuesday 4th July | Homework due  Y6 St Francis Transition day |
| 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  Please bring in donations of alcohol, sweets and chocolates |
| Monday 10th July | 9.10am Mission Assembly  Y3/6 Mass at Holy Cross 9.30am |
| 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  Summer Fayre  Please bring in cake donations |
| 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  Leaver’s celebration afternoon |
| Tuesday 25th July | Leaver’s assembly 9.30am  Break up 2.30pm |