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**Our Catholic Mission**

We pray for all our Year 6 children who made their Confirmation last Sunday – they were well prepared, mature and reverent. We were all very proud of them. My thanks to Miss Swan who prepared them so well. Bishop David McGough celebrated the Mass and so many people have commented on what a beautiful Mass it was.

My thanks also to the many parents who attended the thanksgiving Mass in the school on Tuesday. Thank you to all who came to join the Archbishop to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Saint Peter and Paul ‘s church last night.

**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: Lughaidh and Shahn

Y1: Connie, Daniel and Esmee

Y2: Amelia and Sam

Y3: Sam B, Ava and Sophie

Y4: Max and Noah

Y5: Lucas and Milly C

Y6: Billy, Louise and Aoibhinn

Head Teacher’s Award: Niamh S and Sam S

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y5 with 98.7% attendance this week – well done.

**Family Lunch – Friday 7 July – Week 1**

MENU CHOICES TO BE IN TO MRS BURKE BY NOON ON WEDNESDAY 5 JULY 2017 Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Friday 7 July at 11.45am. Adult lunches are £2.76 to be paid on parent. Menu choices are fish fillet, vegetarian roll, Jacket Potato; cheese or tuna sandwich.

**Collection for Father Gerry**

We have received news that Father Anthony Dykes will be our new Parish priest from August onwards.

If you would like to give towards a collection to thank Fr Gerry for all he has done for the children of St. Joseph’s, please hand in to the office. Thank you.

**Music Assembly**

A message from Mr and Mrs Ray – ‘Congratulations and thanks to all who performed so brilliantly in the Music Assembly on Wednesday. You were a credit to your teachers and to the school. We are very proud of you all. Well done everyone. ‘

I can only echo this statement! Over 100 children took part and I am sure there are not many primary schools who could witness the amount of talent we saw on Wednesday. My sincere thanks to Mr and Mrs Ray for their hard work and dedication!

**Social Media Reminder**

Please could we remind adults that photographs of other children taken in school should not be shared on any social media site.

**Twitter**If you would like to keep up-to-date on our many exciting adventures in school, take a look at our Twitter feed – @StJoesLichfield which is regularly updated with photographs and activities. It is fun, informative and a great way to keep in touch.

**Library Books**

Please make sure all library books are returned to school by Friday 7 July.

**Parent Survey**

The Governing Body recognises that parents are the most important influence in a child’s life. Our aim is to build a thriving relationship between the Governing Board and parents/carers. We very much value your opinions & appreciate your support in filling in this questionnaire. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/stjoesjune2017>

The final date for completing the questionnaire is Wednesday

**Water bottles in class**

During the hot weather it is important that children remember to bring their water bottles in to school every day. Water bottles in class must contain water only, not juice.

**Themed lunch - 11 July 2017**

**Picnic at the Beach**

Pizza wedges, chicken goujons, vegetarian pastry rolls, sausage rolls, tuna and pasta salad, vegetable dipping sticks with sour cream and garlic mayo.

Melon and strawberry kebabs, crunchy orange cookies, citrus sponge squares.

Summer berry juice or chilled water

**Summer Fayre**

If you are able to help on a summer stall, please put your name down on the sign up sheet which is in the Reception area by the school office.

**Parking and Cycling**

When dropping off or picking children up from school, please park considerately either on Cherry Orchard or neighbouring roads. Please also make sure if you are cycling to school on the footpath or road, that you are careful not to run into people.

**Trip and sports letters**

For trips and sporting events, letters are sent out with a return by date. Please ensure consent forms are returned by the due date. Before the event documentation/ risk assessments have to be authorised and in place.

**Parent Pay**

As we head towards the end of term, could we please ask that you settle all parent pay accounts for dinner money and trips.

**Raffle Tickets**

Children have been sent home with raffle tickets. Please make sure all sold raffle ticket stubbs are returned to school.

**Keele Finals (June)**

Congratulations to all of the children who competed in the School Games Finals at Keele University. They had a great day of sports, even though it rained for the results. The Y3 & Y4 Tag Rugby team played well and narrowly missed out reaching the next round. The Y6 girls cross country was a tough race but the girls did very well, with Saoirse coming 5th overall. The Y4 boys cross country team did extremely well and won a medal for coming 2nd overall.



**Donation Days for the Summer Fayre**

Friday 7 July **Bottles (**alcoholic and non-alcholic), **sweets and chocolates**

Friday 14 July **Cakes** – bought or homemade

**And finally…**

A huge thank you to Reception for their lovely assembly about the feeding of the 5000 this morning – they were so good! Really clear speaking and beautiful singing – well done!



May God be with you.

Mrs D McLeary

Headteacher

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**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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| 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  Please bring in donations of alcohol, sweets and chocolates |
| Monday 10th July | 9.10am Mission Assembly  Y6 St Francis Transition day  Y3/Y5 Mass at Holy Cross 9.30am |
| Tuesday 11th July | Reports to parents  Themed lunch picnic at the beach |
| 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  Reception and Pre-School trip to Ash End Farm – no uniform |
| Tuesday 18th July | Pre-school graduation – hall 2.30pm  Y3 trip to the Botanical Gardens – uniform please |
| 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 |

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| **Autumn Term - 2017** | |  |
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|  | ***Inset Day*** | ***Monday 4 September*** |
|  | School Opens | Tuesday 5 September |
| 3.30pm | School Closes (half term) | Friday 20 October |
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|  | ***Inset Day***  School Opens | ***Monday 30 October***  Tuesday 31 October |
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| 2.30pm | School Closes (Christmas) | Tuesday 19 December |
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| **Spring Term 2018** | |  |
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|  | ***Inset Day*** | ***Wednesday 3 January*** |
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|  | School Opens | Thursday 4 January |
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|  | ***Inset Day*** | ***Friday 26 January*** |
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| 3.30pm | School Closes (half term) | Friday 16 February |
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|  | School Opens | Monday 26 February |
| 2.30pm | School Closes (Easter) | Thursday 29 March |
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| **Summer Term 2018** | |  |
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|  | School Opens | Thursday 12 April |
|  | **Bank Holiday** | **Monday 7 May** |
| 3.30pm | School Closes (half term) | Friday 25 May |
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|  | School Opens  ***Inset Day*** | Monday 4 June  ***Monday 25 June*** |
| 2.30pm | School Closes (Summer) | Friday 20 July |
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