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**Our Catholic Mission**

A very warm welcome back to all our families at St. Joseph’s. We hope you had a lovely summer and we are delighted to see the children looking so well and smartly turned out. We look forward to sharing in the wonderful learning journey that lies ahead of you all.

Unfortunately, it is necessary to postpone the Mass of Dedication next Tuesday. We will inform you of the new date for Mass once aplanning meeting with Fr. Anthony has taken place.

**Welcome**

Please join us in welcoming the children and families of Evie (Y1),Jacob (Y1), Milly (Y4), Imogen (Y4), Gabriel (Y4) and Rafael (Y6). We also welcome Fr. Anthony Dykes, our new Parish Priest, Laura Moseley as a new member of staff and Mrs Thomas back from Maternity leave. Mrs Thomas is teaching in Y1 with Mrs Gibson.

**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 Y4, the class with the highest attendance this week with 100% attendance.

**Family Lunch - Friday 15 September A-D WEEK 2**

**MENU CHOICE TO BE IN BY 12 NOON ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2017**

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Friday 15 September 2017 at 11.45am. Please pay £2.76 for your lunch on parent pay by Wednesday 13 September 2017 using your child’s school dinner account. Menu choices available are: crispy fish fingers, tomato and basil bake, jacket potato, cheese, ham or tuna sandwich. Please speak to, or email, Mrs Burke by 12 noon on Wednesday 13 September of your menu choice.

**After school clubs** – Start week commening 11 September

Tuesday Football Paul Agnew

Art Mrs Credali

French Mrs Burke

Wenesday Funky times Tables Mrs Ray

Thursday Art Mrs Credali

Friday Tennis Y4, Y5 and Y6 letters have been sent out

Once we receive notification of other after school clubs we will let you know.

This year, for the first time, there will be an after school ’Film club’ open to years 4,5 and 6 delivered by an external provider. The children will be learning how to create their own films. On Monday morning, there will be an assembly to introduce the club. Limited places are available bookable through an online sytem, details of which will come home in a letter on Monday. The company will then allocate places on a 1st come 1st served basis. This is a new and exciting opportunity available for our children.

**PE Kit**

Please make sure children have the correct PE kit in school each week. Could we ask you to label every item of PE clothing (sharpie pens are the best pens to label clothes with as they do not fade as much).Children will be unable to ‘borrow’ a PE kit from others, Unfortunately, if they have no kit in school, they will be unable to take part in this statutory subject

**Water bottles**

Children should have plain water only in the water bottles they have in class. We thank you for not sending them in with flavoured water or juice.

**Admissions**

On-line applications for secondary schools has now opened. The closing date for applications is 31 October 2017. The best way to apply is online at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

**Parent Helper Induction**

We are very fortunate to have so many parents who are willing to help and offer time to the school. In order to ensure that all parents fully understand the expectations when working in school, and the role they play in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all children, a full induction is offered at the start of each year. All volunteers in school will need to attend, even if you attended last year’s induction. Also, any parent or grandparent out there who has a morning or afternoon to offer, you are most welcome to come along. This year, the induction will take place at 11am Tuesday 12 September. If you are unable to join us at this time, please let me know and I will arrange a suitable date for an alternative meeting.

**Pupil Premium/free School Meals**

Parents claiming some benefits can claim free school meals for any of their children who are registered at a Staffordshire school and who would normally be at school at lunch time. School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and you can save yourself time and money.

Even if you don't want your children to have the meals, claiming them helps their school. The more eligible parents who claim meals, the more funding the school receives.

* [Free school meals information leaflet](https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/educationalawardsbenefits/FreeSchoolMeals/free-school-meals-information-leaflet-PDF-.pdf) (397 KB

**Library**Your child’s class teacher will share information with you about when each class will visit the library. Every class will visit the library once each week to change their book. Please ensure your child is able to do so by reminding him/her to return their book to school on the appropraite day. Thank you to Mrs Cooper and all parents who help to run the library.

**Summer Reading Challenge**

Children have until Saturday to complete the Summer reading challenge set by Lichfield library. If you are close to finishing, get down there tomorrow to complete. All children who complete it can bring in their certificates to be presented at a celebration assembly in the near future. Watch this space for details!

**Music lessons at St Joseph’s – September 2017**

Thank you to all those who have sent in their forms for music lessons next year. Its not too late to apply for lessons if you would like them. Please send an email to...  [lichfieldmusic@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lichfieldmusic@yahoo.co.uk)   or text Clare Ray on  07806 933156 if you would like your child to start music lessons in September.

**Message from the PTFA**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents in this new school year. If you would like to get involved in raising extra money for our lovely school, please get involved in the PTFA (Parents, Teachers, & Friends Association). You are automatically a member, but we would be grateful if you could spare some time in becoming an active member. Please join us at one of our meetings at the Turnpike on Boley Park: 14 September, 5 October, 2 November, 7 December. If you are unable to get to meetings but would like to help or have special skills we could use, we would really like to hear from you [ptfa@stjosephslichfield.org.uk](mailto:ptfa@stjosephslichfield.org.uk) Find us on Facebook "St Joseph's School Lichfield PTFA" to keep up with the latest news.



**Welcome Back**

May God be with you.

Mrs D McLeary

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**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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|  | Summer term |

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| Monday 11th September | New Reception Children Start  Tea & Coffee for Reception parents in community room at 9.30am  Y4,5 and 6 Film club assembly |
| Tuesday 12th September | Parents Volunteer Induction 11.00 am  Mass of Dedication 9:30 am - postponed |
| Friday 15th September | Year Six Celebration Assembly – parents invited  Family lunch A-D  Set homework |
| Monday 18th September | Mission Assembly 9.10 am TBC  Year 4 and 2 Class Mass 9.30am at Holy Cross |
| Wednesday 20th September | Film club starts |
| Thursday 21st September | Y5 Music share project – hall  House elections 9.15 am |
| Friday 22nd September | Y5 Celebration assembly– parents invited |
| Monday 25th September | Mission Assembly 9.10am |
| Tuesday 26th September | Mass TBC  Homework due |
| Wednesday 27th September | Y5 parents meeting – Alton Castle 5.00pm |
| Thursday 28th September | Y5 Music share project – hall |
| Friday 29th September | Year 4 Celebration Assembly– parents invited  Family Lunch E-I  Set homework |
| Monday 2nd October | TOPIC WEEK  Mission Assembly 9.10am  Year 6 and 3 Class Mass 9.30am at Holy Cross |
| Thursday 5th October | Y6 Alton Castle retreat day  Y5 Music share project - hall |
| Monday 9th October | Tempest photographer in school – individuals/siblings |
| Tuesday 10th October | Homework due  Harvest Mass in School TBC |
| Wednesday 11th October | Y5 3 day residential trip to Alton Castle |
| Friday 13th October | Year 3 Celebration Assembly– parents invited  Family lunch J- N  Y5 return from Alton Castle  Set homework (to last over half term) |
| Monday 16th October | Rec- Y4 Flu vaccinations  Mission Assembly 9:10am |
| Wednesday 18th October | House Assembly 9.10 am  Tempest photographer in school – pre school  Parents evening 4 -6.30 pm |
| Thursday 19th October | Parents evening 4.30 – 7.00 pm |
| Friday 20th October | Y2 Celebration Assembly– parents invited |
|  | **HALF TERM** |
| Monday 30th October | INSET day |
| Tuesday 31st November | Children back  Mission Assembly 9.10am  Homework due |
| Thursday 2nd November | Open day – prospective parents |
| Friday 3rd November | No assembly  PTFA Coffee morning  Bonfire Night Themed Lunch  Family lunch M-Q  Set homework |
| Monday 6th November | Mission Assembly 9.10 am  Year 5 and Year R Class Mass 9.30 am Holy Cross |
| Friday 10th November | Y1 Celebration Assembly– parents invited |
| Monday 13th November | Mission Assembly 9:10 am  Off Timetable Anti-bullying Day - Theme – ‘All different – all equal’ |
| Tuesday 14th November | Mass TBC  Homework due |
| Friday 17th November | Rec assembly – parents invited  Set homework  Family lunch R-T |
| Monday 20th November | Mission Assembly 9:10  Y6 and Y1 Class Mass Holy Cross 9:30 |
| Wednesday 22nd November | House Assemblies 9.10am |
| Friday 24th November | Advent assembly  Family lunch U-Z |
| Sunday 26th November | Advent Family Mass 11am TBC |
| Monday 27th November | Mission Assembly 9:10am  Topic Week |
| Tuesday 28th November | Mass TBC  Homework due |
| Wednesday 29th November | Y5 Level 1 Bikeability in daytime |
| Thursday 30th November | Y6 Level 2 Bikeability in daytime |
| Friday 1st December | Advent assembly  Y6 Bikeability in daytime  Set homework |
| Monday 4th December | Year 4 and 2 Class Mass Holy Cross 9:30am |
| Wednesday 6th December | Pantomime trip to the Garrick - pm |
| Monday 11th December | 9.10 am Mission Assembly |
| Tuesday 12th December | Homework due  6.30pm KS2 Carol Service at Ss P& P |
| Wednesday 13th December | Christmas Plays:  Pre- School & Reception- 9.30am  Year 1 & 2- 2.00pm |
| Friday 15th December | Party & Toy Day |
| Monday 18th December | Christmas Lunch |
| Tuesday 19th December | Whole School End of term Mass 9.30 am TBC  No homework set  Finish @ 2.30pm |
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| Wednesday 3rd January | **INSET** Day |
| Thursday 4th January | Children Return to School |

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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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