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**Our Catholic Mission**

Thank you to all parents who attended our Harvest Service in school this week, where we thanked God for the harvest and all that we are lucky to have. I hope to meet with Fr Anthony in the near future so that we can let you know of any planned Masses and Services.

**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:

YR – Theo and Sophia

Y1 – Mason and Ria

Y2 – Esmee and Noah C

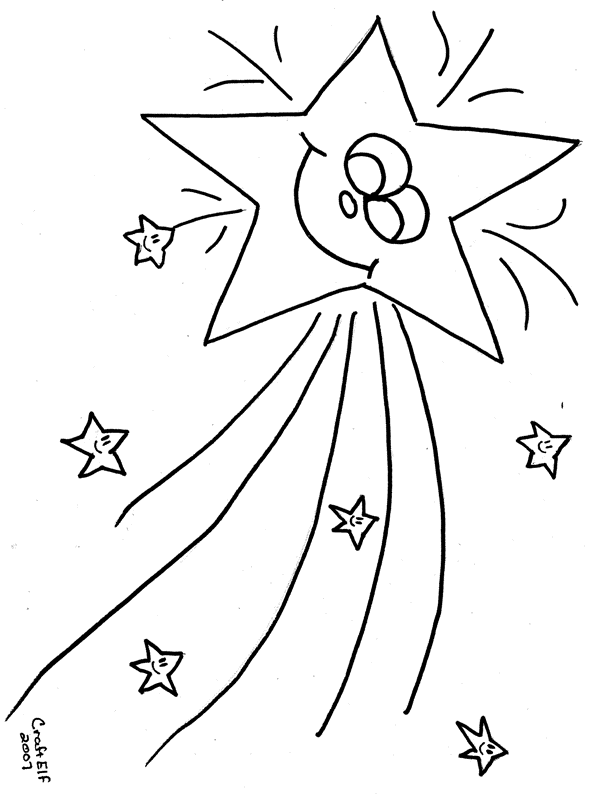
Y3 – Evie and Harry

Y4 – Harry L and George H

Y5 at Alton Castle

Y6 – John and Katie

Head Teacher’s Award – Mark and Elodie

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y2 with the highest attendance for this week with 100%.

**Family Lunch - Friday 3 November M-Q – Bonfire Night theme**

**MENU CHOICE TO BE IN BY 12 NOON ON 1 NOVEMBER 2017**

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Friday 3 November 2017 at 11.45am. Please pay £2.76 for your lunch on parent pay by Wednesday 1 November using your child’s school dinner account. Menu choices available are: Shooting Starfish, Vegetable Catherine Wheel, Pyrotechnic Potato, Sparkly cheese or tuna sandwich. Please speak to, or email, Mrs Burke by 12 noon on Wednesday 11 October of your menu choice.

​​**IMPORTANT Admissions for Secondary School – 31 October**

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)

**Open Day for prospective parents – 2 November**

If you have a child starting school in September 2018 and would like to come and visit the school, we are holding an Open Day on Thursday 2 November at 9.30am and at 1.15pm. Please phone the office on 01543 263505 with your preferred time-slot.

**Garrick – Wenesday 6th December**

On Wednesday 6 December we are taking the whole School and Pre-School to see Aladdin at The Garrick, which promises to be the most fun filled family pantomime ever seen at the theatre. The cost of the trip is £11.50 and is now available on parent pay.

**Parent’s Evening**

It is parent’s evening next week on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October. This is an important chance to find out how your child has settled in this term and to talk to their teacher. Please sign up on the sheets in the entrance porch.

**Harvest Donations**

Your generosity in providing tinned, dried and packet food has once again enabled us to donate supplies to Pathway and the Lichfield Food Bank. Thank you so much for your continued kindness.

**Road Safety – morning drop off**

Could we remind parents of the importance of raod safety at all times. When coming to school, please make sure your car is parked safely before opening the door and letting your child out. Do not allow your child to get out of your car which is stopped in the middle of the road with the engine running – it is very dangerous.

**CAFOD**

Thank you very much for the non-uniform day donations raising money for CAFOD. With your help St Joseph’s raised £195.73.

**Unauthorised leave of absence/late arrivals (Circumstances where a Penalty Notice can be issued)**

In line with DFE guidelines the Local Authority will continue to monitor all school absences as well as persistent late arrivals at school, i.e. after the register has closed. “Persistent” means at least 10 sessions of unauthorised late arrivals over a period of 12 school weeks, excluding holidays. We expect children to arrive at school between 8.50am and 9am. Children who arrive after 9am and before 9.30am will be given a late mark. If a child arrives after the register has closed at 9.30am an unauthorised late is recorded. Please could you make sure children arrive before 9am to avoid a late mark. Parents will be notified of the Changes to the Penalty Notice Code of Conduct which come into effect on 1 January 2018. Please do not be offended if you receive a letter detailing your child’s lateness – we are just following guidelines.

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**Y5 Alton Castle Retreat**

This year’s Alton Catle was a huge success with the children having 2½ days of fun, outdoor activities and reflection for the Sacrament of Confrmation. Thank you to Mrs Allan and Miss Dawson who accompanied and looked after the children. They will sleep well tonight!

**School Photogreaphs**

****Please could you send your order and payment envelope for photographs into school by Thursday 19 October?

**PTFA - Tea Towels**  
Beautiful self portraits from all children have been received to go onto our school tea towel. The proof will go off to the printer over the weekend to put an order in, which would make a fabulous Christmas present.  
  
**PTFA - Autumn Disco**  
Thank you so much for all who helped and attended. The kids had a fabulous time boogieing all afternoon. Our DJ does play the music they all love. We have raised quite a bit of money, mainly thanks to having a lot of things still in stock from the summer fayre and the last disco (please rest assured we checked all the 'use by' dates!). After costs we raised £390.44.  
  
**PTFA - Christmas Cards**  
You will find in your children's book bags the forms for their hand-painted Christmas cards. In order to get them all back from our local printer by the end of November, we need them back including payment by Friday 3 November. This should allow children enough time over half term to get creative.   
  
***And Finally…***



Thank you to Year 3 for their lovely assembly today all about harvest and CAFOD. Well done.

May God be with you.

Mrs D McLeary

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**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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|  | Autumn term |

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| Monday 16th October | Mission Assembly 9:10am  Rec- Y4 Flu vaccinations – 1.30pm |
| Wednesday 18th October | House Assembly 9.10 am  Pre-School and Reception visit to Lichfield Firestation – 1pm  Parents evening 4 -6.30 pm |
| Thursday 19th October | Pre-School - Tempest photographer in school 11am  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  PTFA – Meeting The Turnpike Boley Park – 7.30pm |
| Friday 3rd November | No assembly  PTFA Coffee morning and Cake Sale – Community Room  Bonfire Night Themed Lunch  Family lunch M-Q  Set homework |
| Monday 6th November | Mission Assembly 9.10 am |
| Wednesday 8th November | Y3 trip to Conkers |
| Thursday 9th November | PTFA – Christmas Planning Meeting – 3.30pm in School |
| 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  PTFA – Race Night 5.30pm in School |
| Monday 20th November | Mission Assembly 9:10 |
| Wednesday 22nd November | House Assemblies 9.10am |
| Friday 24th November | Advent assembly  Family lunch U-Z  PTFA - Non uniform day for Christmas Fayre (KS1 chocolates and KS2 bottles) |
| 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 |
| Wednesday 6th December | Pantomime trip to the Garrick - pm |
| Thursday 7th December | PTFA last minute prep for Christmas Fayre |
| Friday 8th December | PTFA – Non uniform Day for Christmas Fayre (cakes)  PTFA – Christmas Fayre |
| 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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