

Cherry Orchard, Lichfield, WS14 9AN Tel: 01543 263505 20 October 2017

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**Our Catholic Mission**

Father Anthony has given us dates for Masses in school. Tuesday 31 October at 1.30pm Vigil Mass for All Saints (holy day of obligation for 1st November) and Tuesday 7 November at 9.30am Whole School Mass – all welcome.

**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 – Jackie and Joseph S

Y1 – Charlie and Sabina

Y2 – Madison and Daniel O’B

Y3 – Lucas P and Connie

Y4 – Gabriel and Lily

Y5 – Olivia H and Jack O

Y6 – Milly and Thomas O

Head Teacher’s Award – Sorcha, Lucas F and Oscar H

**Star Writers**

Well done to our Star Writers this week:

YR – Lily and Benjamin

Y1 – Jacob and Daisy

Y2 – Connie and James

Y3 – Thea and Edward

Y4 – Imogen M and Savannah

Y5 – Aidan, Sorcha and Michael

Y6 – Callum and Hattie

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y2 with the highest attendance **again** this week with 99% well done!

**Family Lunch - Friday 3 November O-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 Local Authority has informed us that there are still some parents who have not completed the appl;ication for Secondary school. 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 – Wednesday 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.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Heidi in Y5 who is a member of the under 10 ceili team who took the prize at the Great Britain Championships in Brighton. We are very proud of you.

**Y4 – Writing Workshop - Friday 3 November**

Parents of Y4 children are invited to come and join us at our Y4 Writing Workshop. The workshop starts at 9.10am in the School Hall.

**Y5 – The Great Music Share Experience – Friday 3 November**Y5 parents are invited to Lichfield Cathedral for a concert on Friday 3 November at3pm-3.45pm Entrance is free with a retiring collection. Seating is unreserved. We look forward to you joining us there.

**Road Safety – morning drop off**

Could we remind parents of the importance of road 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.

**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.

**Pre-School photographs**

The deadline for orders for Pre-School photographs to be sent in to school is Thursday 9 November.

**PTFA- Autumn disco**

Update on the money raised from the Autumn disco is £404.44

**PTFA – Meeting Thursday 2 November**

The PTFA are meeting at the Turnpike, Boley Park at 7.30pm

**PTFA - coffee morning and cake sale – Friday 3 November**

On Friday morning, please could children bring in cakes for the coffee morning and afternoon cake sale.

**PTFA – Design Your Own Christmas Card**

The Deadline for the Christmas Card Artwork to be returned to school is Friday 3 November. Please make sure when you return the artwork you include cash or cheque (payable to St Joseph’s PTFA). Cards will be printed and distributed by the end of November  
  
***And Finally…***

Thank you to Year 2 for their lovely assembly today all about the important quality of being honest. Well done.



During the month of October we remember our mother, Mary, by praying the Rosary.

May God be with you.

Mrs D McLeary

L**ooking Ahead…**

**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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|  | Autumn term |

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| Monday 30th October | INSET day |
| Tuesday 31st November | Children back  Mission Assembly 9.10am  Vigil Mass – 1.30pm in school – all welcome  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  Y4 Writing Workshop 9.10am  Bonfire Night Themed Lunch  Family lunch M-Q  Set homework  Y5 – Concert Lichfield Cathedral 3pm |
| Monday 6th November | Mission Assembly 9.10 am |
| Tuesday 7th November | Whole School Mass 9.30am – all welcome |
| Wednesday 8th November | Y3 trip to Conkers |
| Thursday 9th November | Y3 writing workshop 9.10am  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 | Homework due |
| Wednesday 15th November | Y1 writing workshop 9.10am |
| 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 | Y5 writing workshop 9.10am |
| Thursday 23rd 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 | 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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