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**Our Catholic Mission**

The Whole School Mass on Tuesday 7 November at 9.30am is not taking place. However Fr Anthony will be taking Y5 and Y6 to visit the War Memorial on Upper St John Street in memory of the men who worked at the Brewery and lost their lives during WW1.

**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 Y3 and Y4 with the highest attendance this week with 100% well done!

**Family Lunch - Friday 17 November R-T – week 3**

**MENU CHOICE TO BE IN BY 12 NOON ON 15 NOVEMBER 2017**

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Friday 17 November 2017 at 11.45am. Please pay £2.76 for your lunch on parent pay by Wednesday 15 November using your child’s school dinner account. Menu choices available are: Battered Cod Fillet, Lentil bolognaise with pasta, jacket potato, cheese or tuna sandwich. Please speak to, or email, Mrs Burke by 12 noon on Wednesday 15 November of your menu choice.

​​**Open Day for prospective parents – 6 November/27 November**

The online application service for admission into Reception Class September 2018 is now open. If you have a child starting school in September 2018 and would like to come and visit the school, we are holding another Open Day on Monday 6 November at 9.30am and Monday 27 November at 11.00am. Please phone the office on 01543 263505 with your preferred time-slot.

**Garrick – Wednesday 6 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.

**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.

**Y3 Trip to Conkers – Wednesday 8 November 2017**

Miss Teague would like one more helper for the trip to Conkers on Wednesday. If you are able to help, could you please speak to her.

**Help Needed**

Following on from an email sent out this morning, we wanted to say a big thankyou to those parents who kindly offered to help. We really do appreciate your generosity of spirit.

**Bikeability Y5 (29 November) and Y6 (30 November and 1 December)**

We have been fortunate enough to be offered, free of charge, Cyclist Training for children in Y5 and Y6. Bikeability is a cycling proficiency for the 21st century, designed to give children skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today’s roads. Please make sure, the consent forms that have been sent out this week are returned to school by Wednesday 15 November 2017

**Pre-School photographs**

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

**Reception Workshop – 15 November 2017**

On Thursday 15 November from 5.30-6.30pm Parents are invited to this "hands on, practical" workshop, which will help support your child's reading and writing at home. Audience participation is essential ☺  
We look forward to seeing you there.

**PTFA Christmas Cards**

If you have not done so already the final day for handing Christmas Cards in is Monday 6 November.

**PTFA Tea towels 2017 – Christmas Gifts**

Tea towels can now be ordered by handing a cheque/cash into the office, showing number of towels needed and the child’s name & Class. The PTFA will collect orders every few days and package the correct quantities up. The tea towels will then be given to the children to take home. We have 400 towels, so it’s on a first come first served basis.

**PTFA Race Night**

Our first Race Night is coming up on Friday 17 November, which is promising to be a great night betting on horse races, enjoying some drinks and food. If you can help out for a while selling drinks, sweets or food, please let us know.

***And Finally…***

May God be with you.

Mrs D McLeary



For the fallen

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them.

*Robert Lawrence Binyon 1914*

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**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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|  | Autumn term |

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| Monday 6th November | Mission Assembly 9.10 am |
| Tuesday 7th November | Whole School Mass 9.30am – cancelled |
| 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  Y4 trip to Cadbury World |
| 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)  Y5 – Christmas Journey Wade Street church  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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