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**Our Catholic Mission**

On Tuesday morning this week, Year 5 and 6 went on a pilgrimage with Father Anthony to the memorial outside Lichfield Brewery.  They reverently took part in a short service along with some parishioners and were able to pay their respects to the men who worked at the Brewery and lost their lives during World War I.

**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 – Darcie and Daniel

Y1 – Daniel and Shahn

Y2 – Gracjan and Neve

Y3 – Ethan L and Elodie

Y4 – Tyler and Savannah

Y5 – Joel and Alessia

Y6 – Lucas and Nathan

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y4 with the highest attendance this week with 99.7% 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.

​​**Is Your Child 4 years old before 1 September 2018?**

The online application service for a school place in September 2018 opened on 1 November 2017 [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions) Please ensure applications are submitted by Monday 15 January 2018. For assistance please call the Customer Contact Centre on 0300 111 8007 or email: [admissions@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@staffordshire.gov.uk). Copies of baptismal certificates can be handed in to the school office. 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 27 November at 11.00am. Please phone the office on 01543 263505 with your preferred time-slot.

**Reception Workshop – 15 November**

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.

**Y1 Writing Workshop Wednesday 15 November**

Parents are invited to the Y1 Writing Workshop on Wednesday 15 November at 9.15am. Come and join us to work on a range of activities with your children. Please contact the office if you are able to attend.

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

The final day for the consent forms to be sent in is Wednesday 15 November 2017. The consent forms can be downloaded from our website. <http://stjosephscatholicprimary.schooljotter2.com/parents/letters-to-parents>

**Garrick (Whole School and Pre-School) – 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.

**Pre-School and Reception**

Early Years are looking for these kind donations to help develop outdoor provision: two wheeled bicycles, with or without stabilizers that are in very good condition; cycling helmets, balance bikes; fabric (large pieces suitable for den making/ dressing up); clothes pegs; a woodwork bench; wood work tools; pots, pans, cake tins, large utensils for our mud kitchen; an easel. Also if anyone has a beanbag in good condition for indoors, this would also be gratefully received.

Any donations of girls’ pants for Pre-School would be really appreciated. Many thanks.

**Y3 Conkers**

Year 3 had a fabulous time on Wednesday at Conkers where they travelled back in time to the Stone Age! They were so excited to meet a real life Stone Age man, Claw, along with taking part in many fabulous workshops!

**Y3 Writing Workshop**

Thank you to all parents who came along on Thursday morning to support the children in their writing. It was wonderful to see the childrens’ ideas come to life with the support of parents and staff.

**Y5 and Y6 Girls Cross Country**

Congratulations to the Y5 and Y6 girls who came 2nd in the Cross Country Race at Whittington on Thursday. Out of 85 competitors and 9 schools, 6 of the St Joseph’s girls came in the top 20. Well done to Florence and Alessia in Y5, Bronagh, Olivia, Isobel S, Milly C, Rosie, Hannah and Abigail in Y6.

**Poppy Appeal**

We have received a certificate from the British Legion thanking St Joseph’s for raising a tremendous £245.69 towards the Poppy Appeal. Once again many thanks for your unstinting kindness.

**Coats**

Unless it is raining heavily, the children are outside every day at break and lunchtime. Please make sure they come to school wearing a clearly labelled coat. Please also label gloves, hats and scarves.

**Communication**

All letters sent from school can be downloaded from the website under the parent section letters or extra-curricular activities. We will also keep you up-to-date on events and activities via twitter, news and notices on the school app.

**PTFA - Race Night – Friday 17 November - Postponed**

Unfortunately due to a lack of volunteers and interest in the event, the Race Night scheduled for 17 November must be postponed. This allows us to put all efforts into the Christmas Fayre.  
Thank you for your continued support.

**PTFA Christmas Fayre – 8 December 2017 at 4.30pm**

The PTFA Christmas Fayre Newsletter has been sent out today. If you are able to volunteer, please get in touch with your class rep to let him/her know how you can help.

**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.



**Lest We Forget**

***And Finally…***

Thank you to Y1 for a wonderful Remembrance Assembly this morning.

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 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 9.15am |
| Friday 17th November | Rec assembly – parents invited  Set homework  Family lunch R-T |
| Monday 20th November | Mission Assembly 9:10 |
| **Tuesday 21st November** | **Whole School Mass 9.30am – all welcome** |
| 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) |
| Monday 27th November | Mission Assembly 9:10am  Topic Week |
| Tuesday 28th November | Homework due |
| Wednesday 29th November | Y5 Level 1 Bikeability in daytime – please bring in bikes  Y4 trip to Cadbury World |
| Thursday 30th November | Y6 Level 2 Bikeability in daytime – please bring in bikes |
| Friday 1st December | Advent assembly  Y6 Bikeability in daytime – please bring in bikes  Set homework  **PTFA – Christmas Fayre donations – teddies and toys please** |
| Tuesday 5th December | **Whole School Mass 9.30am – all welcome** |
| 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 – Opens at 4.30pm |
| 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 Advent Mass 9.30 am  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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