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**Our Catholic Mission**

Unfortunately, Mass has has to be cancelled for next Tuesday 21st November as there is a funeral. You are all most welcome to join us for our next Mass which will be at 9.30 am on Tuesday 5th December.

**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 – Cohen and Joseph Mc

Y1 – Majka and Henry

Y2 – India and Charlie

Y3 – Erin and Oliver

Y4 – Iris and Sam B

Y5 – Heidi and Sam

Y6 – Eric and Rosie

Headteacher’s Award – Milly C and Adin

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y with the highest attendance this week with % well done!

**Family Lunch - Friday 24 November R-T – week 1**

**MENU CHOICE TO BE IN BY 12 NOON ON 22 NOVEMBER 2017**

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Friday 24 November 2017 at 11.45am. Please pay £2.76 for your lunch on parent pay by Wednesday 22 November using your child’s school dinner account. Menu choices available are: Breaded Cod Fillet or salmon nuggets, Vegetable Pasta Bake, jacket potato, cheese or tuna sandwich. Please speak to, or email, Mrs Burke by 12 noon on Wednesday 22 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.

**Early Years outdoor provision**

A big thank you to A&P fencing for their very generous discounts on sleepers and artificial grass for the Early Years sandpit. It is hugely appreciated.

**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.

**Athletics**

On Wednesday evening Y5 and Y6 took part in an indoor athletics event. They participated in a whole range of events, working together as a fantastic team for St. Joseph's! A huge well done to all the pupils who took part, you were all a credit to the school! We will let you know final results in a few weeks!

**Social Media**

Please be mindful when using Whatsapp or other social media. It is unhelpful to post negative comments about school. If you have a concern about any aspect of school, you are encouraged to come in and speak to a member of staff or myself and it can be resolved. I wish to thank the vast majority of our parents for not getting involved.

**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.

**Football with Paul Agnew on Tuesday afterschool**

For the next few weeks until 5 December football after-school club with Mr Agnew will end at 4.30pm. Football will finish on 5 December 2017 until further notice. Once the evenings get lighter, we will let you know when football starts again.

**Appointment of a Governor**

The Governors are delighted to inform you that Mrs Thackaberry (mother of Alice in Y6 and Sam in Y3) has been appointed as a Foundation Governor. Please join us in welcoming her on to the Governing Board.

**Y1 Writing workshop**

Parents and children had fun working hard to improve their sentences. They wrote silly sentences and looked for missing punctuation.

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

There is a list of class stalls on the doors by the office, if you are able to help please could you write in your preferred time slot

**Dates for the donation of items:**

Friday 28 November: KS2 bottles. KS1 Chocolates **(Non Uniform Day)**

Friday 1st December: Toys and Teddies – (We need donations of clean, pre-loved toys, games and teddies.

Friday 8th December Cakes- (**(Non Uniform Day)**

Anytime between now and Thursday 7th December Christmas Jars ( Please fill with washed and clean jam/coffee jars with sweets, hair accessories, crayons etc and decorate with stickers, glitter, ribbon or tinsel.)

**Please note we will not be selling books or DVDs**

**Holy Cross - Barn Dance – Saturday 2 December 2017**

If you would like tickets for the Barn Dance on 2nd December, 7.30 at Holy Cross Hall, they are now available from Dave Brown (685335), Wendy Cleary ([admin@holycrossoffice.plus.com](mailto:admin@holycrossoffice.plus.com)) or Sue Whale (264877). Ticket price£10 including Fish & Chip Supper. Proceeds to FHL and the Haiti Project.”  Clare and Dudley Ray are providing the music!

God teaches us what is best but doesn’t force us to do it. He presents us with what is right and good and allows us to choose it.

***And Finally…***

Thank you to YR for a wonderful Assembly this morning.

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 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 – Cancelled** |
| 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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