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**Our Catholic Mission**

**Holy Communion**

The Sacrament of the Eucharist - First Holy Communion – will be celebrated on Sunday 20th May 2018 at SS Peter and Paul’s Church at 11.00 am.

Y3 and Y5 will be walking to Holy Cross on Tuesday 9 January for Mass at 9.30am. If you are able to help with walking the children, could you please contact the school office.

**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)

​​**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. 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.

If you would like to come and look round the school we have a final tour for prospective parents on Thursday 11 January at 9.30am. Please call the school office on 01543 263505.

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y1 with the highest attendance this week with 100% well done.

**Online Safety**

We have recently had some concerns that some children may be accessing online content at home that is unsuitable.  Are you aware of what types of online content your children can access at home? Please read the attached leaflet which is a very helpful checklist regarding dangers for children online.  There are also some very good websites with latest information and helpful tips for how to help your children stay safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/about-us/partners/nspcc-o2-online-safety-partnership/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

**Spring Term Dates**

The dates for the Spring term are at the foot of the newsletter. Dates from Fr Anthony in red.

**Family Lunch Thursday 18 January A-C - Week 3**

**MENU CHOICES TO BE IN TO MRS BURKE BY NOON ON MONDAY 15 JANUARY 2018**

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Thursday 18 January at 11.45am. Adult lunches are £2.76 to be paid on parent pay by Monday 15 January using your child’s school dinner account. Menu choices: are Roast pork, cheese pasties, jacket potato, cheese, ham or tuna sandwich.

**St Patrick’s Day**

Please keep free the evening of Friday 16 March 2018 for a St Patrick’s Day dance. The Governing Board will be putting on an event at school and will keep you posted nearer the time. The evening is for adults only.

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**Superstars**

We will be sending out sponsorship forms shortly for our 2018 Superstars fundraising to be held on 7 and 8 February 2018 – watch this space.

**Battery Recycling Champions**

The whole school (apart from pre school) are completing a battery recycling challenge. The children will be sent home with boxes to collect old and used batteries over Christmas. They will then need to bring them back into school when full before 5 January 2018.

The battery collection is a competition wiith lots of prizes on offer for the school who collects the most.

**Parent Governor**

We have a vacancy on the Governing Board for a Parent Elect Governor. A letter will be sent out next week with full details. May I take this opportunity to thank the governors for their continuing dedication and hard work on behalf of your children

**Parking**

Please make sure you are considerate to local residents and do not park on grass verges.

**PTFA Meeting**

The PTFA is meeting on Thursday 11 January at The Turnpike from 8pm to discuss what we would like to achieve for the rest of 2018. Please join us if you can or send us anything you’d like to see discussed.

**Coffee Morning & Cake Sale**

Please being in cakes for our coffee morning and cake sale on Friday 12 Jan. If you can help in the morning or from 2pm onwards that would be amazing.

**Christmas Fayre**

Thank you to all who came to our fabulous Christmas fayre and braved the weather to make it. We hope that you enjoyed the stalls from our local artists and our usual other stalls. Please let us know if you have any feedback. We are always keen to improve and learn. The PTFA raised an amazing £1,391.00.

**After School Clubs**

Start week commencing 8 January 2018

Monday Netball Y5 and Y6 Mrs Bates

 Hockey Y3 and Y4 Mr Bennett – new letters on the website

Tuesday French Mrs Burke

 Art Mrs Credali

 Basketball Y1 and Y2 Mr Bennett – new letters on the website

 Football with Paul Agnew (starting date to be advised)

Wednesday Film Club

 Funky Times Tables Mrs Ray

 Young Leaders Y5 and Y6 Mr Bennett – new letters on the website

Thursday Football Aston Villa Lunchtime – new letters on the website

Art Mrs Credali

Friday Tennis Y4, Y5 and Y6

 Football Aston Villa shared with St Michaels – new letters on the website

**Art Club**

There are spaces available at the Tuesday Art Club. Contact details for Mrs Credali are mariacredali@yahoo.co.uk.



***And Finally…***

Welcome back to all our children and families and a happy new year to you all.

May God be with you.

Mrs D McLeary

L**ooking Ahead…**

**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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|  | Spring term |

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| Monday 8th January | 9.10 am - Mission assembly 12.30 Coach leaves for Young Voices |
| Thursday 11th January | 9.30 am Final tour for prospective parents  |
| Friday 12th January | PTFA coffee morningSet homework |
| Monday 15th January | 9.10 am - Mission assembly  |
| Thursday 18th January | Family lunch – Family surnames A-C |
| Friday 19th January | Y6 celebration assembly - All parents welcome |
| Monday 22nd January | 9.10 am - Mission assembly |
| Tuesday 23rd January | Return homework |
| Wednesday 24th January | 1.00pm Y6 Vocations workshop |
| Thursday 25th January | House Assembly 9.10amFamily lunch – Family surnames D-FSet homework |
| Friday 26th January | INSET day – children not in school |
| Monday 29th January | 9.10 am – Mission assemblyTOPIC WEEK |
| Tuesday 30th January | Whole school Mass – 9.30am – Hall – all invited |
| Thursday 1st February | Family lunch – surnames G-J1st Holy Communion Parent’s meeting 6.00 pm – School hall |
| Friday 2nd February  | Y5 celebration assembly - All parents welcome |
| Sunday 4th February | First Holy Communion ( only) Enrolment Mass 11am SS Peter & Paul’s Church – All families welcome |
| Monday 5th February | 9.10 am – Mission assembly |
| Tuesday 6th February | Internet Safety DayReturn homework |
| Wednesday 7th February  | Superstars |
| Thursday 8th February | Superstars |
| Friday 9th February | Y4 celebration assembly - All parents welcome Set homework |
| Monday 12th February | 9.10 am Mission assembly  |
| Wednesday 14th February | Ash Wednesday service with ashes – 11.15 am – school hall |
| Thursday 15th February  | Family Lunch K- NSpring Disco |
| Friday 16th February | Y3 celebration assembly - All parents welcomeBreak up – half term |
| Monday 26th February | Return to school9.10 am - Mission assembly |
| Tuesday 27th February | Whole school Mass – 9.30am – Hall – all invitedReturn homework  |
| Thursday 1st March | World Book Day |
| Friday 2nd March | 9.10am Lenten assembly PTFA coffee morningHomework set |
| Monday 5th March | 9.10am Mission Assembly  |
| Wednesday 7th March | 9.10 am – House assemblies |
| Thursday 8th March | House assembly 9.10amFamily lunch – surnames O-R |
| Friday 9th March | Y2 celebration assembly - All parents welcomeMother’s Day Craft Day |
| Monday 12th March | 9.10 am - Mission assembly Science week |
| Tuesday 13th March | Whole school Mass – 9.30am – Hall – all invitedReturn homeworkSacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm – SS Peter & Paul’s Church |
| Thursday 15th March | Family lunch – surnames S-T  |
| Friday 16th March | Y1 celebration assembly- All parents welcomeHomework setSt Patrick’s Day dance |
| Monday 19th March | Feast of St. Joseph - Mission assembly 9.10amParent’s Evening 4.00-6.30pm |
| Thursday 22nd March | Family lunch – surnames U-Z Parent’s Evening 4.30-7.00pm |
| Friday 23rd March | YR celebration assembly- All parents welcomeNon uniform day – Easter egg donationEaster Bingo - PTFA |
| Monday 26th March | 9.10am Mission Assembly  |
| Tuesday 27th March | Return homework  |
| Wednesday 28th March | Y3/4 Easter play 6.00pm |
| Thursday 29th March | 9.30am - Stations of the Cross am - Easter Egg Treasure Hunt Break up 2.30pm  |
|  | A few extras! |
| Thursday 12th April | Return to school |
| Monday 14th May | SATs week |
| Sunday 20th May | First Holy Communion 11.00am SS Peter& Paul’s Church |
| Friday 25th May | Sports DayBreak up for half term |
| Monday 4th June | Children return to school |
| Monday 18th June | Y6 residential week – Chasewater |
| Monday 25th June | INSET Day |
| Friday 6th July | Summer Fayre |
| Friday 20th July  | Break up for summer 2.30pm |
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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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