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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.

There will be a meeting for parents of children who will be celebrating this important sacrament on Wednesday 31st January at 6.00 pm in the scholl hall.

An Enrolment Mass for children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 4th February at 11.00 am at Ss Peter and Paul’s. Children and families from other year groups are also warmly encouraged to attend.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Tuesday 13th March at 6.00 pm at Holy Cross.

I will let you know as soon as I have received a date for Confirmation.

**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

**WOW!**

We have joined WOW – the year-round walk to school challenge – which will be explained to the children in assembly on Monday. Children who can walk to school arrive refreshed and ready to learn. Walking to school, even just once per week, helps to improve the quality of air your child is breathing in and will undoubtedly improve the parking situation! Our children will record how they get to school on the WOW tracker and those who walk to school once per week will be rewarded with a themed badge.

You can bring the monthly WOW badges to life with Living streets app. It’s fun and easy to use. Unlock great new facts about the Americas and learn more about the animals and culture on each badge. Search for WOW Walk to School on google play, amazon or itunes stores.

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y2 with the highest attendance this week with 99.3% well done.

**Online Safety - NSPCC 'Share Aware' campaign**

It can be hard to keep track of what your child is doing on social networks, apps and games. Or know how to keep them safe. NSPCC and O2 are helping parents untangle the web and teach their children to be Share Aware. Because, just like in real life, kids need your help to stay safe online. Take a look at this link for more information on how to help kids be 'Share Aware' <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/>

**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**

On Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 February 2018, the children are taking part in a sponsorship event to help raise money for the School Building Fund. The event takes place in the hall using the PE equipment. Each child has been given a sponsorship and gift aid declaration form which needs to be returned to school for verification by Monday 6 February. A prize will be given to the student who raises the most. Thank you for your support.

**Battery Recycling Champions**

The whole school (apart from pre school) are completing a battery recycling challenge. The children were sent home with boxes to collect old and used batteries over Christmas. They now need to bring them back into school when full – we have already received lots!  The battery collection is a competition wiith lots of prizes on offer for the school who collects the most.

**Parent Governor**

A vacancy exists on our schools governing Board for a parent governor. Letters have been sent out this week giving details of election arrangements. Nomination forms are available from the office.

**Mothers Day Market**

Due to the success of last year’s first Mothers’ Day Market, we have promised the children to help them again, in making a present for one of their special ladies in their lives. Please select ONE option from the list, send in with the money/cheque with your option selection by Friday, 9th Feburary, so that we can order all we need in advance of this crafty day. Leaflet is attached to the newsletter. Parent helpers on the day would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help, please contact the office or a member of the PTFA.

**After School Clubs**

Yet again, we are delighted to offer a wide and varied range of extra- curricular clubs:

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

***And Finally…***

Please remember Mrs Meakin and family in your prayers as her mother passed away earlier this week.

May God be with you.



Mrs D McLeary

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**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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|  | Spring term |

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| 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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### Option Selection

Please let us know which **ONE** arts & crafts item your child would like to make & include the correct change in an envelope. **Please return this form by Friday, 9th February.**

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| Child’s Name |  |
| Child’s Class |  |
| Selected Option |  |

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| Option 1 | Option 2 | Option 3 | Option 4 |
| Heart-shaped scratch Magnet | Heart-shaped ceramic Mug | Heart-shaped ceramic Tealight | Plastic Coaster |
| £1.50 | £5 | £5 | £3.50 |
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| Easy & fun to do. Lovely magnet to adorn your fridge! | Would you like to have your morning cuppa out of a heart-shaped mug that has been painted with appropriate pens by your child? *Put it in the oven for 15 minutes at 160C and you can wash it without loosing that precious art work.* | Decorate your bedside table, your window sill, or your table with a fabulous tealight, again hand-painted by your child.*Put it in the oven for 15 minutes at 160C and you can wash it without loosing that precious art work.* | Put your mug down on a beautiful coaster, especially designed just for you.  |

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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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