

**Newsletter**

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**Our Catholic Mission**

We look forward to welcoming family and friends to our Whole School Mass on Tuesday 30 January 2018 at 9.30am.

**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 Thursday 1 February 2018 at 6.00 pm in the school 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)

**WOW!**

Remember that walking to school, even just once a 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.

**Chinese New Year**

As part our developing knowledge and understanding of the world, Children in Reception and Pre-School have been invited to take part in Chinese New Year celebrations at Lee Gardens in Lichfield on Tuesday 13 February 2018. Parents are very welcome to come along and join us, either to help walk children or meet us there. A letter is being sent out to parents today.

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y3 with the highest attendance this week with 98.8% 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/>

**Family Lunch Thursday 1 February 2018 G-J - Week 2**

**MENU CHOICES TO BE IN TO MRS BURKE BY NOON ON MONDAY 29 JANUARY 2018**

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Thursday 1 February at 11.45am. Adult lunches are £2.76 to be paid on parent pay by Monday 29 January using your child’s school dinner account. Menu choices: are Roast Beef, farmhouse style quorn mince in a yorkshire pudding, jacket potato, cheese, ham or tuna sandwich.

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Tickets will shortly be on sale for the St Patrick’s Day Dance on Friday 16 March 2018. Tickets for the event are £7.50 which includes a fish and chip supper. Please note the evening is for adults only.

**Superstars – 2 weeks to go**

Please remember to get your sponsors for Superstars on Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 February 2018 to help raise money for the School Building Fund. The event takes place in the hall using the PE equipment. All forms need 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.



**Congratulations**

Well done to our Y5 and Y6 netball team, who were the deserving winners of the Lichfield and Burntwood District Hi5 Netball final held on Monday. We are all extremely proud of you. Next step County finals. A special thank you to Mrs Bates, who has so generously given her time to professionally coach our team.

![C:\Users\jburk3464\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\XNTXBUHN\300px-Chicken_cartoon_04.svg[1].png]()**Chickens**

Egg-citing times for our children in Reception. Eight eggs and an incubator are being delivered to Reception on 16 April. The chicks will have hatched by 26 April and we are looking for good homes for all of them. If you are interested and would like more information on equipment needed, please speak to Miss Cartwright.

**Pre-School**

Preschool are now accepting applications for places in September. Places are available for children from their 3rd birthday. Please contact School reception or Miss Moseley for an application form.

**Parent Governor**

A vacancy exists on our school’s Governing Board for a parent governor. Letters were sent out last week giving details of election arrangements. Nomination forms, which are available from the office, need to be returned to school no later than 12 noon tomorrow 26 January 2018.

**Mother’s Day Market**

We are really looking forward to our Mothers’ Day Market on Friday 9 March 2018. Please remember to send in your “one” option along with the money/cheque in a clearly labelled sealed envelope. This needs to be sent in to school by Friday, 9th February, so that we can order all we need in advance of this crafty day. If you are able to help on the day it would be greatly appreciated; please contact the office or a member of the PTFA.

Paper copies are available in the office if you are unable to print this form at home.

***And Finally…***

***Well done to the Year 6 teams of house captains and vice captains who led their houses in prayerful and reflective collective worship this morning.***



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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| 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 Y5 library visit – please advise if you are able to help |
| Tuesday 13th February | Reception and Pre-School Lee Gardens – parents welcome |
| Wednesday 14th February | Ash Wednesday service with ashes – 11.15 am – school hallY5 Wade Street Church – Easter Story 1-2.30pm |
| 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 16th April | Y1 Library visit |
| 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 tea light, 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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