

**Newsletter**

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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.

An Enrolment Mass for children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion will take place this 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)

**Star Workers**

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week:

Reception: Barney and Jack

Y1: Henry and Gabriela

Y2: Dolly and Sebastian

Y3: Lena and Oscar

Y4: Amelia and Dawson

Y5: Olivia and Owen

Y6: Thomas K and Abigail

Headteacher’s Award: Samir, Neve and Thomas O’B

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y2 with the highest attendance this week with 100% congratulations.

**Family Lunch Thursday 15 February 2018 K-N - Week 1**

**MENU CHOICES TO BE IN TO MRS BURKE BY NOON ON MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2018**

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Thursday 15 February at 11.45am. Adult lunches are £2.76 to be paid on parent pay by Monday 12 February using your child’s school dinner account. Menu choices: are Roast Turkey, Macaroni Cheese, jacket potato, cheese, ham or tuna sandwich.

**St Patrick’s Dance – Friday 16 March**

Tickets are £7.50 per head and on sale next week from the school office. The cost of the ticket includes a fish n chip supper, live music, Irish Dancing and a licensed bar. Tickets are limited so please don’t leave it too late.

**Superstars – 1 week to go**

Please remember to get your sponsors for Superstars on Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 February 2018. Superstars is a governor led event to help raise money for the Building Fund. The activity takes place in the hall using the PE equipment. All forms need to be returned to school for verification by **Monday 6 February**. To enable us to receive Gift Aid, please ensure that children do not fill out the forms. A prize will be given to the student who raises the most.

**Altar Cover**

On behalf of the Governors, who donated the altar to St Joseph’s in celebration of 140 years in education, we would like to say a huge thank you to all the children who helped towards creating our beautiful Altar Cover. Particular thanks also go to Mrs Chadwick and Mrs Roberts who designed and sewed together the finished article – it really is a lovely work of art.

**Orchard Café**

Watch out for the special menu to be served on Shrove Tuesday (13 February) - Cook Judy will be cooking off menu that day. Please also note, the menu for Ash Wednesday (14 February) will be fish.

**Y3 Greek Workshop**

Y3 enjoyed a Greek workshop in school today. The children worked on Ancient Greek theatre, designed masks for dramas, and looked at Greek mythology including the Minotaur story.

**World Book Day**

This year World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March. We have lots of exciting activities planned and we would like the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. For costume ideas, please see: <http://www.bookaid.org/worldbookday>

**Reception and Pre-School visit to Lee Gardens for Chinese New Year**

Please remember the consent forms for Lee Gardens need to be in school by Monday 5 February. Spare letters are on the website.

**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.

**Purple and white gingham dresses**

If anyone has purple summer gingham dresses that no longer fit your daughters, could you please donate them to Mrs Chadwick for her next sewing project.

**The Lichfield and Tamworth Catholic Primary Schools Partnership**

The Governors and St Joseph’s are proud to be a partner school of the Lichfield and Tamworth Catholic Primary Schools Partnership. The four Catholic primary schools work together to ensure the very best education for all our children. Have a look at our website and click on the logo button for further details of the partnership.

**St Joseph’s PTFA Spring Disco on Thursday 15 February from 4.30-6.30pm.**

* At our combined KS1 and KS2 school disco we will be selling novelties, glow in the dark items and fidget spinners.
* Kids can have glow-in-the-dark face paint, tattoos and funky hair chalk.
* Hot dogs, pizzas, sweets, and soft drinks will be for sale as usual.
* Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and signed in/out.

If you can help please contact the PTFA [ptfa@stjosephslichfield.org.uk](mailto:ptfa@stjosephslichfield.org.uk)



**Mother’s Day Market- Friday 9 March**

Please remember to send in your “one” option along with the money/cheque in a clearly labelled sealed envelope. Orders need to be in by Friday, 9th February.

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

**Thank you**

To Year 5 for their very informative assembly this morning about the rainforests and how we should all be doing our part to take care for God’s world.

***And Finally…***

It is with great sadness that I wish to inform you that after many years of great service to St. Joseph’s, Mrs Burke will be retiring at the end of the summer term. She has answered phone calls, sent you messages, wiped runny noses, cleaned bloody knees and scolded a few of you when you haven’t got your dinner orders in on time, not to mention millions of other tasks behind the scenes. I am sure you will join me in wishing her a very happy retirement and all best wishes for the future – Mrs Burke, you will be greatly missed!



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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| 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 Day  Return 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 hall  Y5 Wade Street Church – Easter Story 1-2.30pm |
| Thursday 15th February | Family Lunch K- N  Spring Disco |
| Friday 16th February | Y3 celebration assembly - All parents welcome  Break up – half term |
| Monday 26th February | Return to school  9.10 am - Mission assembly |
| Tuesday 27th February | Whole school Mass – 9.30am – Hall – all invited  Return homework |
| Thursday 1st March | World Book Day |
| Friday 2nd March | 9.10am Lenten assembly  PTFA coffee morning  Homework set |
| Monday 5th March | 9.10am Mission Assembly |
| Wednesday 7th March | 9.10 am – House assemblies |
| Thursday 8th March | House assembly 9.10am  Family lunch – surnames O-R |
| Friday 9th March | Y2 celebration assembly - All parents welcome  Mother’s Day Craft Day |
| Monday 12th March | 9.10 am - Mission assembly  Science week |
| Tuesday 13th March | Whole school Mass – 9.30am – Hall – all invited  Return homework  Sacrament 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 welcome  Homework set  St Patrick’s Day dance |
| Monday 19th March | Feast of St. Joseph - Mission assembly 9.10am  Parent’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 welcome  Non uniform day – Easter egg donation  Easter 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 Day  Break up for half term |
| Monday 4th June | Children return to school |
| Monday 4th 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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