

**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.

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.

**We look forward to welcoming family, friends and parishioners to our Ash Wednesday Service, with ashes, in school on Wednesday 14 February at 11.15am.**

**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: Athanasios and Joanna

Y1: Aoife and Claudia

Y2: Tess and Luke

Y3: Niamh and James P

Y4: Imogen K and Lauren

Y5: Charlie and Jack

Y6: Hannah and Finn

Headteacher’s Award: Shahn, Rafael and Thomas

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y6 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 now on sale at £7.50 per head 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.**

**A book of raffle tickets has been sent home with each child. Please could unsold tickets, ticket stubbs and payment be handed in to the office by Friday 16 March. Tickets also available from the office. Many thanks**

**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>

**Parent Governor Votes**

Don’t forget Ballot papers need to be in school by noon on Monday 12 February.

**Orchard Café**

Cook Judy will be cooking off menu on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 February. The menu for Pancake Day, Shrove Tuesday, (13 February 2018) is on the website and Notice Board. Fish will be served on Ash Wednesday.

**www-data**

We have been alerted that some of our emails/newsletters sent from school and delivered to in-boxes as www-data, are going into Junk Email/trash. Please could you make sure emails from this address are put on your safe recipients list and therefore able to be delivered safely to your in-box. Apologies if you have missed some of our emails etc. because of this.

**Superstars**

Children from Pre-School through to Y6 thoroughly enjoyed Superstars this week. A big thank you to our Governors and parents who helped “man the stations”. A special thank you to Mrs Bateman for organising and running the event; once all the money is collected, we will let you know how much has been raised for the Building Fund. Children have been sent home with the validated sponsor forms; please return with the sponsor money by Friday 16 February. For those who have not sent in sponsor forms for validation, please do so urgently. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the children have all been rewarded with a tube of smarties.

**Purple and white gingham dresses**

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

**Miss Swan**

Please join me in congratulating Miss Swan on her recent engagement to Guy. We are absolutely delighted for them both and wish them much happiness for the future.

**School-Run Parking**

A reminder to be considerate when parking your car in the mornings and afternoons when dropping off and collecting children. It has been brought to the attention of the three schools on Cherry Orchard, by a very upset local resident that grass verges, particularly on Oakhurst, are constantly being churned up because of cars being parked thoughtlessly.

**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**

Last call for Mother’s Day orders – Monday 12 February.

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

**Pre-School Applications**

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.

**Pre-School – Grants and donations**

We have been very fortunate to receive grants and donations towards our resources in Pre-School and would like to say a big thank you to Wickes/Magnet Trade for the wood they have donated; the opening of the Woodwork area in Pre-school is next week and we are very excited. Thank you to Wickes, Magnet Trade and Tesco Community for the donations of resources and finally thank you to Staffs County Council, Colin Greaterex, for the resources in the digging area.

***And Finally…***

What a wonderful, entertaining, yet reflective assembly from Year 4 this morning, helping us all to prepare for Lent.

May God be with you.

Mrs D McLeary

Our capacity to shine for Jesus is measured by our good works, which reveal His compelling reality in our lives.

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**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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|  | Spring term |

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| 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  Week 2 menu  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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| **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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