

**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.

Whole School Mass will be held on Tuesday 27 February in school at 9.30am - we look forward to welcoming family, friends and parishioners.

**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: Lughaidh and Aiofe

Y1: Max and Ben

Y2: Zachary and Bree

Y3: Annabella and Edward

Y4: Boo and Danny

Y5: Noah and Ramon

Y6: Bronagh and Callum

Headteacher’s Award: Keaton and Imogen

**Star Writers**

Congratulations to our Star Writers this week:

Reception: Cohen and Sophie

Y1: Sabina and Lottie

Y2: Tommy-Jay and India

Y3: Lowry and Ruby

Y4: Tyler and Lily

Y5: Alessia and Josh C

Y6: Katie and Isaac

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y2 with the highest attendance this week with 98.7% congratulations.

**Family Lunch Thursday 8 March February 2018 O-R - Week 3**

**MENU CHOICES TO BE IN TO MRS BURKE BY NOON ON MONDAY 5 MARCH 2018**

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Thursday 8 March at 11.45am. Adult lunches are £2.76 to be paid on parent pay by Monday 5 March 2018 using your child’s school dinner account. Menu choices: are Roast pork, cheese pasties, jacket potato, cheese, ham or tuna sandwich.

**Start back after half term with week 2 menu**

**Lee Gardens**

A big thank you to Lee Gardens who generously hosted a Chinese New Year lunch for our children in Pre-School and Receptions. Thank you to parents for accompanying us the venue.

**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.**

**Raffle tickets are available from the office. Please could unsold tickets, ticket stubbs and payment be handed in to the office by Friday 16 March.**

**World Book Day – Thursday 1 March - remember to come dressed as your favourite book character**

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>

**New Parent Governor**

On behalf of the Governing Board, we are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Roberts, our new Parent Governor. Mrs Roberts is mum to Harry Y6, James Y4 and Thomas Y3.

I would like to say thank you to parents, Mrs O’Hagan and Mrs Roberts who put their names forward as well as thanking all parents who voted.

**Football with Paul Agnew**

After-school football with Mr Agnew starts back on Tuesdy 6 March.

**Aston Villa**

Thursday Lunchtime Club 12-1pm 1 March – 29 March Y4, Y5 and Y6. (maximum places 18). Friday After-school club Y1, Y2 and Y3 shared with St Michaels 3.30-4.30pm (maximum 10 places). Forms available on the website.

**Goodbye**

Sadly we say goodbye to Niamh Martin (Y3) who leaves us today to join her brother and sister at their school. Please join me in wishing her all the very best in her new school and we look forward to hearing about her progress.

**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.

**WOW**

This week I have given out 142 badges. In January 59% of journeys made by car were reduced to 45%. Walking increased from 23% to 37% and Y3 had the most pupils who completed the challenge and won badges. Congratulations to everyone who has taken part and walked at least once a week for a month.

**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.

**School Car Park- for authorised staff only**

It has been noted that parents and children continue to walk through the car-park on the way to and from Badgers. For safety reasons, please make sure you do not walk through the car park at any time of the day. Can we also remind you the car park is for authorised staff only; no parents should be driving into the car park at any time without authorisation.

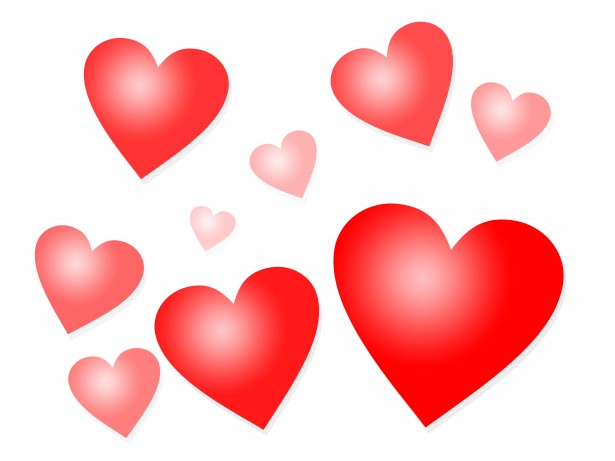
**Pre-School**

Pre-School have been busy planting a wild flower meadow (seeds kindly donated by Elford Community Gardens). Please do not put any bikes, scooters etc over the Pre-School Y1 railings as this could kill the flowers.

***And Finally…***

Thank you to Y3 for their wonderful assembly about Valentine’s Day – they spoke so clearly and taught us a lot.

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 26th February | Return to school  Start with 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 |
| Tuesday 17th April | Y5 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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