

**Newsletter**

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**Our Catholic Mission**

**Holy Communion**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Tuesday 13th March at 6.00 pm at Holy Cross. There will be a short service led by Father Anthony and then the children’s individual confessions will be heard by Father Anthony and 2 visiting priests. Parents and other family members are also welcome to go to confession.

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.

Confirmation Wednesday 27 June 2018 – time to be confirmed. Please speak to Father Anthony if your child wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Y2 and Y4 Mass**

Y2 and Y4 will be attending Mass on Tuesday 13 March at 9.30am. If you are able to help walk children to Holy Cross please let us know.

**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: Max, Noah and Ekain

Y1: Noah and Verity

Y2: Keaton and Emily

Y3: Ethan and Marie

Y4: Nancy and Sam C

Y5: Max and Jasper

Y6: Harry R and Hamish

Headteacher’s Award: Jude, Mary and Aidan

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y6 with the highest attendance this week with 99.7% congratulations.

**Family Lunch Thursday 15 March 2018 S-T - Week 1**

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

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Thursday 15 March at 11.45am. Adult lunches are £2.76 to be paid on parent pay by Monday 12 March 2018 using your child’s school dinner account. Menu choices: are Roast turkey, macaroni cheese and garlic, jacket potato, cheese, ham or tuna sandwich.

**Y5 trip to Wade Street Church**

Please could you let us know if any Y5 parents are available to walk children to Wade Street Church on Wednesday 14 March leaving school at 12.30pm?

**Snack, School Meals and visits**

As the end of term is fast approaching, could you please help us and ensure that you check your child’s Parentpay account regularly and credit the account if needed. Many thanks

**School Decoration**

As part of our rolling programme of repairs and maintenance, the hallways in both Key Stage 1 and 2 are being decorated over the Easter Break. Could you please ensure that your child brings home all their belongings from their peg on Thursday 29th March. Regretfully, school will not be able to take responsibility for any items lost or damaged during this period.

**Welcome** Please join me in welcoming Susan Hildreth and Divya Ghedi (Lunchtime Supervisors) and Alison Farmer (Pre-School) on to the staff at St Joseph’s.

**Superstars**

On behalf of the governors, we would like to thank family and friends in helping our children to raise money for the Building Fund; the amount raised totals an amazing £1,720.10. With the help of money raised and voluntary contributions, the Building Fund enables us to continue to finance additional projects and essential maintenance works to school. It is a common misconception that the money is put into a ‘pot’ at the diocese and given to schools that need it most. The Governors would like to assure you that every penny you raise or give by regular contribution is spent on St. Joseph’s. A special thank you to Mrs Bateman for organising and co-ordinating Superstars and to Sebastjan in Reception who raised the most sponsorship. Thank you all once again for your generosity

**Pre-School News**

**Welly Walk**

Pease bring wellies or old shoes for our welly walk on Friday 16 March – it can be quite muddy.

**Toys**

To avoid, loss, breakages, etc, please could we ask that children do not bring toys from home when they come in to Pre-school.

**Phonics**

We are currently learning the letter d. Could you please help children with this sound?

**Cards**

Please keep your eyes open for a nice surprise in the post. This week children in Pre-school have been very busy posting cards.

**Thank you**

A big thank you to Morrisons for providing compost and flowers for our Easter garden. It is beautiful!

**British Science Week Poster Competition**

British Science Week runs from 9th – 18th March and we are running a poster competition as part of class homework. Also a new Science page has been added to the website.

The theme this year is ‘Exploration and Discovery.' For your homework this week can you create your own poster about exploration and discovery. The top 5 entries will be sent away to the national competition for your chance to win a range of prizes. The poster must be 2D either A4 or A3. You can create your poster with a group or friends, siblings or on your own.

* Investigate and imagine all the amazing exploration and discovery that has taken place around the world.
* What sort of discoveries have you made?
* Which explorers do you know?
* What do people explore?
* What discoveries might be made in the future?

Please ensure names are on the back of your poster.

Complete and return to a teacher by Friday 23rd March.

**Mothers Day market**

We have had a very productive day decorating Mother’s Day gifts. Thank you to all our parents helpers who came in to support the children.

**Tea Light candles**

If your child has decorated a Tea Light for Mother’s Day it comes with a battery powered candle. The small batteries are easily accessible and very dangerous if swallowed. Please make sure these are kept away from children at all times.

**Mugs and Tea Lights**

In order to seal the colour in the mugs and tea lights, they will need to be put in the oven at 160° for 20 minutes.

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

**St Patrick’s Dance is fast approaching. We need to get the order in for fish and chips, so in order to avoid disappointment please buy your tickets by Tuesday 13 March latest. Raffle tickets are available from the office. Please could unsold tickets, ticket stubs and payment be handed in to the office by Friday 16 March.**

***And Finally…***

Many thanks to Year 2 for their beautiful assembly about Mother’s Day this morning. Not a dry eye in the house!

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 12th March | 9.10 am - Mission assembly  Science week |
| Tuesday 13th March | Y2 and Y4 Mass Holy Cross 9.30am  Return homework  Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm – Holy Cross |
| 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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