

**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.

Confirmation Wednesday 27 June 2018 – time to be confirmed. Please speak to Father Anthony if your child wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation as you will need to complete and return an application form provided by him.

**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: Sophia J and Thomas

Y1: Lottie and Isaac

Y2: James and Maisie

Y3: Adin and Ruby

Y4: Sophie and Harry La

Y5: Lola and Luke

Y6: Isaac and Matthew

Headteacher’s Award: Lefteris and Alice S

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y3 with the highest attendance this week with 99.7% congratulations.

**Family Lunch Thursday 22 March 2018 U-Z - Week 2**

**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 22 March at 11.45am. Adult lunches are £2.76 to be paid on parent pay by Monday 19 March 2018 using your child’s school dinner account. Menu choices: are Roast beef, quorn mince with Yorkshire pudding, jacket potato, cheese, ham or tuna sandwich.

**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.

**Guardian Angels**

From Monday 19 March (Feast of St Joseph) you will be able to purchase your very own St Joseph’s guardian angel. They are all unique and beautifully hand made by Mrs Chadwick. Only £1.00.

**Lenten Charity**

The School Council have been doing some work on choosing a Lenten charity.  They have chosen the charity 'Mary's Meals'. [https://www.marysmeals.org.uk](https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/) . On Thursday 29th April, the last day of term, the children would like to do a fundraising day for the charity.  The School Council have come up with the idea of 'dress up in blue' for the day.  We ask that the children bring in £1 on that day, and dress up in blue.

**Cross Country race**

A huge well done to the Y5 and Y6 Cross Country team who did fantastically in Wednesday's competition! The team gained a 1st place with Ramon in Y5 and the rest of the teams managed to secure places in the top 15 competitors! You should be all very proud of your achievements. We are so proud of our three cross country teams Y5 and Y6 boys and the Y6 girls. All three teams have made it through to County finals at Keele – well done.

**Monday Parent’s Evening**

The Head Teacher from St Francis, Mrs Hanrahan, will be available at our parent’s evening on Monday. If you have any questions you would like to ask, please do not hesitate to speak to her during the course of the evening.

**PTFA – Bingo Non unifrm day**

Remember that Friday 23 March 2018 is a non-uniform day. Please could children bring in Easter Eggs or chocolate for the Easter Bingo. Doors open at 5.30pm with a view to start at 6.pm. Please could you bring your own food and drink. Please check your child’s bag this evening for more information.

**PTFA - Mother’s Day market**

The PTFA are delighted to announce a profit of £285 from the Mother’s Day market. Thank you once again to the parents who helped on the day. We hope you loved your special gifts.

**Headlice**

We have had several cases of head lice in school. Please make sure you check your child’s hair regularly.

**Pre-School’s – busy week**

**Phonics -** This week Pre-school children are learning the letter “g”. Please can you help children with this sound. Next week we will be learning the letter “o”.

**Easter raffle** – will be on sale next week. The raffle is to raise funds for developing the outside area.

1st prize is a hamper from Fattoria La Viella. Tickets are 5 for £1.00 from Mrs Cooper or Miss Moseley.

**Library trip** – we have a library trip on Wednesday afternoon. Please remember to bring in your library card.

**Welly Walk** – next week will be on Thursday. Please bring in old shoes or wellies.

**Change of clothes –** please ensure your child brings a spare change of clothes as we play outside all the time and children inevitably get wet and mucky!

**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.

**Forensics Fun**

On Monday 26th March as a follow on from Science week, all the children are going to experience a forensics workshop delivered by an external provider. This is funded by school and it looks like the children will all have a fabulous time!



Saturday 17th March



St. Joseph’s Day

Monday 19th March

**Reception vision checks**

These will take place on Monday 26th March

***And Finally…***

Many thanks to Year 1 for their beautiful assembly this morning.

It is amazing how quickly they are growing up!

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 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 | Lenten Charity Day – dress up in blue  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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