

**Newsletter**

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**Our Catholic Mission**

I would like to thank Year 3 and 4 children and staff for their very moving portrayal of ‘Born for this’ yesterday. They sang and acted with such reverence, it brought tears to my eyes. Thank you also to those parents and parishioners who came to Stations of the Cross this morning.

**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.

On Good Friday there is an interactive children’s Stations of the Cross at 12 noon at SSP&P’s.

**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)

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y4 and Y6 with the highest attendance this week with 99.2% congratulations.

**After school Clubs**

Monday Frisbee Y1 and Y3

Monday Netball Y5 and Y6

Tuesday Basketball Y4, Y5 and Y6

Tuesday Football Mr Agnew – Y1-Y6

Tuesday French Mrs Burke

Tuesday Science Club Mrs Credali KS2

Wednesday Film Club

Wednesday Athletics Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

Wednesday Funky X tables Mrs Ray

Thursday Art Club Mrs Credali

Thursday Aston Villa

Friday Tennis Y1, Y2 and Y3

Friday Aston Villa

**Art Club**

There are a few spaces on a Thursday after half term.

**School Scientist**

Well done to all the children who entered the poster competition. We had some fantastic facts and ideas about exploration and discovery. The School Scientists had the difficult job of choosing the best 5 to be sent into the national competition. The Top 5 posters are: Claudia Y1, Joel, Sorcha and Michael Y5, Olivia Y6.

**Forensics Workshop**

I am sure most of you will have heard, as well as seen our very busy Twitter Feed, about the scene of the crime in school on Monday!! The children had a great day being forensic investigators, examining fingerprints, DNA evidence and solving burglaries. Thank you to Mrs Dolphin for organising the day.

**Y1 Library Visit Monday 16 April**

Y1 will be visiting Lichfield Library on the morning of Monday 16 April – if you are able to help walk the children to the library please speak to Mrs Gibson, Mrs Thomas or the school office.

**Y5 Library Visit Tuesday 17 April**

Y5 will be visiting Lichfield Library on the morning of Tuesday 17 April – if you are able to help walk the children to the library please speak to Mrs Allan, Miss Briers or the school office.

**Lenten Charity**

We have attached a leaflet to the newsletter with details of the Backpack project. Our school council would like to encourage children to take part. Posters have been put up round the school.

**Pre-School and Reception**

After Easter Preschool and Reception class will be enjoying the wonderful experience of caring for live chicks in Reception class. We would like to invite you to join Early Years for a very eggciting 'Happy hatching' celebration!!! This will be held on Monday 23rd April from 2.30pm for Reception and 2.45pm for Preschool.

There will be some super activities for you to enjoy with your child, as well as the opportunity to meet our little hatchlings.

**Pre-School Week**

**Phonics -** This week Pre-school children are learning the letter “c”. Please can you help children with this sound? After Easter we will be learning the letter “k”.

We have been looking for the letters in the world around us, on the field and around school.

**Welly Walk** – will be on Monday 16 April.

**Request for spare clothes** – if you have any spare boys pants and girls trousers we would be very grateful.

**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!

**St Patrick’s Dance and Superstars**

On behalf of the Governing Board, we cannot thank you enough for your part in raising so much money for the Building Fund through sponsorship with Superstars and the St Patrick’s Dance. Both events were a huge success and we are delighted that, with your help, we have raised over £2,500.00.

**PTFA - Newsletter**

The PTFA newsletter which has been emailed out under separate cover. includes details of money raised since September and future events.

**A big THANK YOU**

On behalf of the staff and children, I would like to thank the Governors, the PTFA and parents for their continued generosity. We are so fortunate to have the financial and enthusiastic support which you have provided us with. Funds raised by the Governor’s Building Fund and the PTFA have enabled St Joseph’s to purchase 16 new Chrome Books and 16 iPads. The staff have now received training and we are looking forward to enhancing the learning of our children through mobile technology. Future plans include purchasing more new technology for use inside and outside the classroom.

**Mrs Gibson**

After many years of excellent teaching at St Joseph’s, Mrs Gibson will be retiring at the end of the summer term. Along with the staff and Governors, I would like to personally thank her for all her years of service and dedication to our children here at St Joseph’s. Please join me in wishing her a long and happy retirement.

**Dates**

You should by now have received our dates for the summer term, which are also attached to this newsletter. Please note the Music Assembly this year will be on Tuesday 3 July 2018.

**Father Hudson’s Care**

Please remember to return the Good Shepherd Appeal boxes to school after the Easter holidays.



***And Finally…***

Many thanks to the PTFA for providing the children with Easter eggs

for the egg hunt. I wish you all a happy and Holy Easter.

God bless

Mrs D McLeary

L**ooking Ahead…**

**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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|  | | | Spring term |
| Thursday 12th April | Children return  Mission assembly 9.10 am | | |
| Monday 16th April | Y6 mock SATs week – no assembly  Y1 Library visit - am | | |
| Tuesday 17th April | Y5 Library visit – pm | | |
| Friday 20th April | PTFA coffee morning and cake sale  Set homework | | |
| Monday 23rd April | Vista photographers  Pre-school/ Reception Parent chick day 2.30 pm | | |
| Wednesday 25th April | Mission assembly 9.10 am  Y5 Space centre trip | | |
| Friday 27th April | Y5 celebration assembly  Family Lunch A-B | | |
| Monday 30th April | Dyslexia assembly 9.10 am | | |
| Tuesday 1st May | Homework return | | |
| Friday 4th May | Y4 celebration assembly  Set homework  Family Lunch - C | | |
| Monday 7th May | Mission assembly – 9.10 am | | |
| Tuesday 8th May | Governing Body Strategy meeting 10.00 am | | |
| Wednesday 9th May | Y5 Fire station visit 12.30 pm  Staff (and governors) meeting – E safety 3.30 – 4.30pm  Parents (and governors) training –E safety 5.30pm | | |
| Thursday 10th May | Ascension – Holy day of obligation  Summer disco - PTFA | | |
| Friday 11th May | Y1 celebration assembly  Family Lunch D-G | | |
| Monday 14th May | KS2 SATs week – no assembly | | |
| Tuesday 15th May | Homework return | | |
| Thursday 17th May | Pre-school committee mtg – GB - 6.00pm  T&L committee mtg – GB - 7.00pm | | |
| Friday 18th May | No assembly  Set homework | | |
| Sunday 20th May | 1st Holy Communion 11.00am SS P&P | | |
| Monday 21st May | Mission assembly 9.10am | | |
| Tuesday 22nd May | Holy Communion Mass of Thanksgiving 9.30 am TBC  Finance committee mtg – GB - 6.00pm  Personnel committee mtg – GB - 7.00pm | | |
| Wednesday 23rd May | Y5 Trench Brothers composition workshop in hall – am | | |
| Friday 25th May | Sports Day  Break up for half term | | |
| Monday 4th June | Y6 Residential Chasewater – no assembly | | |
| Friday 8th June | Coffee morning PTFA  Family Lunch H-K  Set homework | | |
| Monday 11th June | 9.10 am Mission Assembly  Y1 Phonics screening | | |
| Friday 15th June | Y3 Celebration assembly  Family Lunch L-N  Father’s Day craft market - PTFA | | |
| Monday 18th June | Mission assembly 9.10 am  Pre-school – reception transition am | | |
| Tuesday 19th June | Return homework  Friary, KE and Netherstowe transition day Y6 | | |
| Wednesday 20th June | Friary, KE and Netherstowe transition day Y6  Pre-school – reception transition pm  P,H&S committee mtg – GB - 5.00 pm  Full Governing Body mtg - 6.00pm | | |
| Thursday 21st June | Reception/Pre-school new parents meeting 6.00 pm | | |
| Friday 22nd June | Non uniform day for Summer Fayre  Y2 celebration assembly  Family Lunch O-R  Set homework | | |
| Monday 25th June | INSET Day | | |
| Tuesday 26th June | Mission Assembly 9.10 am  Pre-school – reception transition am | | |
| Wednesday 27th June | Bishop McGough visit  Sacrament of Confirmation SS P&P | | |
| Thursday 28th June | Multi-cultural focus Day | | |
| Friday 29th June | Reception Celebration assembly  Multi-cultural focus Day – Non Uniform Day  Family Lunch S-T | | |
| Monday 2nd July | No Assembly  Pre-school – reception transition pm | | |
| Tuesday 3rd July | Return homework  New reception children and parents transition am and pm  Music Assembly 1.45 pm | | |
| Wednesday 4th July | Y5 Trench Brothers performance- National Memorial Arboretum | | |
| Friday 6th July | Non Uniform Day – for Summer Fayre  Pre-school Celebration assembly  Summer Fayre | | |
| Monday 9th July | Mission assembly 9.10 am | | |
| Tuesday 10th July | New reception parents picnic 2.30pm | | |
| Wednesday 11th July | St. Joseph’s Transition morning  Open evening 5.00 pm  Y6 Performance 6.00 pm | | |
| Thursday 12th July | RSPB – Reception - 9.30 am  RSPB – Y1 - 1.30 pm  Pre-school – reception transition pm | | |
| Friday 13th July | Family Lunch U-Z  Pre-school graduation 1.30 pm | | |
| Monday 16th July | Mission assembly 9.10 am | | |
| Tuesday 17th July | Leaver’s Mass – 9.30am school hall TBC | | |
| Thursday 19th July | Great to be green/ attendance assembly 9.10am  Leaver’s celebration afternoon | | |
| Friday 20th July | Leaver’s assembly 9.30am  Break up 2.30pm | | |

Confirmation Mass of thanksgiving TBC

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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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