

**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. If you have not done so already, 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)

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y6 with the highest attendance this week with 95.2% congratulations.

**Family Lunch Friday 27 April 2018 A-B - Week 3**

**MENU CHOICES TO BE IN TO MRS BURKE BY NOON ON WEDNESDAY 25 APRIL 2018**

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on **Friday 27 April 2018** at 11.45am. Adult lunches are £2.76 to be paid on parent pay by Wednesday 25 April 2018 using your child’s school dinner account. Menu choices: are Battered Cod fillett, lentil bolognaise with pasta, , jacket potato, cheese or tuna sandwich.

**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

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\*Please note Aston Villa clubs next week on Thursday and Friday will be carried over due to the cancellations last term (therefore FREE for those who paid and missed the clubs last term). The new block of clubs will start on Thursday 26th April and Friday 27th April for 3 weeks. The coach is away from 17th May-25th May, therefore we will have to finish the clubs earlier than expected this term.

**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 afternoon 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.

**Reception – Nature Kitchen**

Does anyone have any artificial flowers that they could donate to Reception class? We are also looking for donations of pots, pans, trays, metal jugs and wooden spoons to help revamp our nature kitchen, as well as some flowers and herbs to plant in our nature kitchen planter. All donations are hugely appreciated.

**St Francis Induction Day**

The Y6 Induction Day for those children going to St Francis of Assisi will be Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th July.

**Headlice**

We have a couple of cases of headlice in school. Please regularly check your child’s hair for headlice and treat accordingly. For more information <http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/>

**Pre-School Week**

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

**Welly Walk** – will be on Monday 16 April. If you have any wellies suitable for children aged 3 and 4 we would be very grateful.

**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!

**Request for CDs** If you have any old CDs for woodwork please drop them in to Pre-School.

**Father Hudson’s Care**

Please remember to return the Good Shepherd Appeal boxes to school.

**PTFA Coffee Morning and Cake Sale**

We look forward to welcoming family and friends to our Coffee Morning on Friday 20 April 2018 after morning drop off. Please remember to send in cakes for the Coffee Morning and Cake Sale in the afternoon.

**Whittington Football Club**

If your child is in Y5 and interested in joining a football club please see information on the Notice board.

**Walking Home**

A white van has been noticed driving slowly and stopping round the Boley Park area. This may be perfectly innocent, however we wanted to make you aware, particulary if your children are walking home from school. The incident has been reported.

**Attendance/Lates**

We would like to make you aware of new DFE guidelines for unauthorised lates. When a child has accumulated 10 unauthorised lates within a 12 week period, the Headteacher is required to report this to the Local Authority to begin statutory action. Please also note DFE guidelines for Family Holiday (not agreed) have also changed. After a period of one day of unauthorised absence the Headteacher is required for the Local Authorty to begin statutory action.   
Our Attendance and Punctuality Policy will be amended accordingly. Please ensure your children are here before 9.00am each morning and that you inform the office if they are going to be absent from school for any reason.



***And Finally…***

A very warm welcome back to school for the summer term.

God bless

Mrs D McLeary

L**ooking Ahead…**

**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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|  | | | Spring term |
| 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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