

**Newsletter**

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**Our Catholic Mission**

There will be Mass in school on Tuesday 24th April at 9.30 am. You are warmly invited to come along.

**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 at 7.00 pm. 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 Y1 with the highest attendance this week with 100% 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.

**Footwear in school**

Sandals can be worn in school providing toes and heels are enclosed and they are black in colour.

**Lenten Charity**

Please remember to return the backpacks to school. Our school council would like to encourage children to take part. Posters have been put up round the school.

**St Francis Induction Day**

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

**One Born Every Minute!**

Cracking news ……….. We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of 8 chicks in Reception – all doing well. We had a very tense day yesterday waiting for one of the chicks to hatch, fortunately with our very strong and able medical team – the chick (Houdini) has been safely delivered, is very tired but making good progress. We are eggspecting all of the chicks to have hatched by Monday 23 April. Once hatched we would love to re-home our chicks which are £5.00 each. If you are interested, please either speak to the office or Miss Cartwright.

We are looking forward to Pre-School and Reception parents joining us for a very eggciting 'Happy hatching' celebration 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. We look forward to seeing you there!

**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.

**Thank You**

A big thank you to Mr Drover for coming in this week to talk to Year 1 about being a policeman. They really enjoyed it. Thank you also to Mr Martin who brought 2 new lambs in to visit Reception.

**Online Safety training for parents - Wednesday 9th May**

We are offering  'Unmissable training for parents' on the latest online safety from company 'New ways to learn'

'What affects kids today?' in areas like gaming, social media, understanding Roblox and Fortnite, how to manage your broadband with kids at home.

5:00pm - 6:00pm IN School - Wednesday 9th May

Please let the office know if you will be attending so we have an idea of numbers.  Thanks

**Year 5 Trench Brothers Project**

Year 5 are taking part in an exciting project this term, run as part of Lichfield Festival 2018.

Trench Brothers is a heritage, puppetry and music project for primary school children, which explores the histories of ethnic minority soldiers who fought for the UK in the First World War. HMDT Music’s project offers participating schools up to a term’s-worth of work that is fully integrated in to the curriculum and which includes a series of workshops with professional artists. The project builds to a performance of a new music theatre piece by Julian Joseph and Richard Taylor bringing all elements of the workshops together.

The performance will take place at the National Memorial Arboretum on Wednesday 4th July and Year 5 will be spending the whole day there, culminating in a public performance at 6pm.  This will be a (free) ticketed event and we would love to see as many supporters there as possible! Further information to follow.



**Sun Screen**

As the weather improves and we head towards a beautiful long and sunny summer – please could we ask you to apply sun-screen to your children before they come to school.

**Pre-School Week**

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

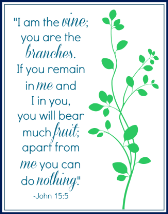
**Welly Walk** – will be on Thursday. If you have any wellies suitable for children aged 3 and 4 we would be very grateful.

**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!

**Sun cream** - Please remember children need come in to Pre-School wearing sun cream and bring in a clearly labelled bottle.

**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.

***And Finally…***

The redecoration of the corridor areas, admin offices and the re-flooring of the Year 5/6 corridor and stairwell took place during the Easter holidays. I am sure you will all agree that school looks extremely smart. Thank you to all parents who make any contribution to the Governor’s building fund as this funds many of these projects. Without your support we would not be able to complete this essential maintenance and redecoration work.

God bless

Mrs D McLeary

L**ooking Ahead…**

**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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|  | | | Spring term |
| Monday 23rd April | Vista photographers  Pre-school/ Reception Parent chick day 2.30 pm | | |
| Tuesday 24th April | Family Mass 9.30am – all welcome | | |
| 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  Y4 singing at The Garrick | | |
| 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  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 | | |
| Wednesday 6th June | Y3 – trip to Harvington Hall | | |
| Friday 8th June | Coffee morning PTFA  Family Lunch H-K  Set homework | | |
| Monday 11th June | 9.10 am Mission Assembly  Y1 Phonics screening | | |
| Tuesday 12th June | Family Mass 9.30am – all welcome | | |
| 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  Y1 – trip to Twycross Zoo  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 7pm | | |
| Thursday 28th June | Multi-cultural focus Day  Vigil Mass for SS P&P – 2pm – all welcome | | |
| 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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