

**Newsletter**

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**Our Catholic Mission**

Our next school Mass will be a vigil Mass for the Holy day of the Ascension and will take place on Wednesday 9th May at 2.00 pm in the school hall.

**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, and your child wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation you will need to return the application form to Fr Anthony **BY SUNDAY 29 APRIL 2018.**

**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: Aoife and Lughaidh

Y1: Lennon and Sofia

Y2: Connie and Noah W

Y3: Alyssa and Harry

Y4: Ava and Martin

Y5: Sammy and Josh C

Y6: Rory and Eric

Headteacher’s Award: Charlie H and Savannah

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y3 and Y4 with the highest attendance this week with 99.7% congratulations.

**Family Lunch C - Friday 4 May 2018 - Week 1**

**MENU CHOICES TO BE IN TO MRS BURKE BY NOON ON WEDNESDAY 2 MAY 2018**

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on **Friday 4 May 2018** at 11.45am. Adult lunches are £2.76 to be paid on parent pay by Wednesday2 May 2018 using your child’s school dinner account. Menu choices: are Cod fillet or salmon nuggets, vegetable pasta bake, jacket potato, cheese or tuna sandwich.

**Living Eggs**

It was lovely to see so many parents at the Happy Hatching Celebrations on Monday – we hope you enjoyed the activities. Big thanks to Mr and Mrs Martin, who have, today, re-homed our 8 little chicks. We look forward to getting progress reports, particularly on Gloria.

**Animal Man**

Reception had a visit on Tuesday from The Animal Man, who introduced his animals to the children with educational and fun facts. They had great fun stroking and holding a wide variety of small animals from Kellogg the Corn Snake to Sniff the Tenrec. Thank you so much to Mrs Varley Griffin for kindly organising and funding the workshop.

**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.

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**Boys Cross Country**

Brilliant result at the Y5 and Y6 cross country competition yesterday afternoon, placing us in 2nd place overall. A big well done to Ramon in Y5 who came 1st out of 93 competitors! You are all super stars!

**Y4 singing project Garrick**

Please confirm, with Miss Dawson or the office, how many tickets you will need (max 2) for the performance at The Garrick on Tuesday 1 May and the names of the people who will be attending.

**Father Hudson’s Care**

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

**Flute**

Please note Mrs Tranchant, the flute teacher will be in school next week on Thursday 3 May at 9.15 not Wednesday.

**Coffee Morning**

Our polish families are warmly invited to a Coffee Morning on Monday 9 May at 9am. Our informal coffee morning is a chance to catch up with friends and make new ones in our school community. Mrs Walker who speaks fluent English and Polish will be joining us.

**Pre-School Week**

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

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

**Library Trip on Thursday –** please remember your library card.

**Request for spare clothes** – if you have any spare boy’s 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!

**Waterproof Coats –** please remember to bring in waterproof coats and clothing

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

**Numbers for Pre-School**

Places in Pre-school are limited and places are now quickly filling up. If you are looking for a place or need to change your request, please contact Pre-School.

**PTFA**

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported the PTFA events. Money raised from the sale of the beautiful St Joseph’s angels, designed and sewn by Mrs Chadwick was £108.00. The last cake sale raised £190 - the most successful cake sale for a long time. Our next event is the Summer Disco on the 10 May; if you are able to help we would be very appreciative.

***And Finally…***

A huge thank you to Year 5 for their wonderful assembly this morning about making the right choices. They presented it in such a mature and confident manner and their singing really was beautiful – well done!

God bless

Mrs D McLeary

L**ooking Ahead…**

**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

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|  | | | Spring term |
| 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  Y6 - Life Talk | | |
| 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  Keele competition | | |
| 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 | | |

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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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