

**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.

**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: Joseph and Cara

Y1: Jude and Evie

Y2: Katie and Oscar

Y3: Ethan B and Erin

Y4: Harry L and Milly F

Y5: Jack and Jasper

Y6: Bronagh and Callum

Headteacher’s Award: James P and Lucie

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y3 with the highest attendance this week with 99% congratulations.

**Orchard Café**

The summer menus are now available on the website, starting next week (Tuesday) with Week 1. Please have a look at the menus online to decide which meals your children would like.

**Family Lunch C - Friday 11 May 2018 - Week 1 (new Summer menus)**

**MENU CHOICES TO BE IN TO MRS BURKE BY NOON ON WEDNESDAY 9 MAY 2018**

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on **Friday 11 May 2018** at 11.45am. Adult lunches are £2.76 to be paid on parent pay by Wednesday 9 May 2018 using your child’s school dinner account. Menu choices: are crispy Cod fillet, spinach and potato curry, jacket potato, cheese or tuna sandwich.

**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.

**Father Hudson’s Care**

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

**Scooters**

Please could you park scooters in the bicycle rack near Y4 and not in the Pre-School playground as they are causing an obstruction

**Y4 Visit to the Fire Station – Safe and Sound – 9 May 2018**  
Year 5 are going to the fire station next Wednesday afternoon (9 May 2018). If you are able to help walk children from school, please let us know. We will be walking from school at 12.15 and arriving back in time for the end of the school day.

**Coffee Morning – 9 May 2018**

Our polish families are warmly invited to a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 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 “u”. 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.

**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.

**Permission Slips –** Please remember to return your permission slips for our walk into Lichfield on Monday 14 May

**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**

School Disco – 10 May 2018

Please remember to put the 10 May in your diaries for the KS1 and KS2 School Disco. The Disco is from 4.30-6.30pm. If parents are able to help please let us know. We will be setting up from 3:30pm

Father’s Day Market – 15 June 2018

Following the success of the Mother’s Day Craft Market we are holding a Father’s Day Craft Market on Friday 15 June. A form has been emailed out today for completion. Please make sure orders (with payment) are sent in to the school office by Friday 18 May

Summer Fayre 6 July 2018  
The summer fayre has been scheduled for 6 July 2018. We will be setting up the stalls from 2pm on the school field and the Fayre will start at 3.30pm, immediately after collecting children from school. Please look out for Donation Days. If you are able to help on any of the stalls, please contact a member of the PTFA. If you know of any local artists/hobbyists who would be interested in a stall, please could you pass our details on.

**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

***And Finally…***

Thank you to Year 4 for their wonderful assembly this morning. They were fantastic in their singing performance at the Garrick theatre this week. They are really shaping up to be brilliant performers and great ambassadors of our school!



God bless

Mrs D McLeary

L**ooking Ahead…**

**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

| Spring term | |
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| Tuesday 8th May | Governing Body Strategy meeting 10.00 am |
| Wednesday 9th May | Polish Families – coffee morning – 9am  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  Pre-School and Reception trip to Kingsbury Water Park  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 3.30pm start |
| 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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