

**Newsletter**

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**Our Catholic Mission**

**Thank You**

Thank you to all those who offered a car seat today. I am so grateful to be the Headteacher of our wonderful school. In these difficult times, we do have families in need but you constantly amaze me with how quickly and generously you respond to our requests for help. This is a genuine, caring community where Faith in Action is lived out daily – thank you!

Many thanks to all parents, families and parishioners who came to school to celebrate the feast of the

Ascension at our vigil Mass on Wednesday. It was lovely to see so many of you.

**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: Daniel and Jack

Y1: Eloise and Daniel

Y2: Bobby and Nicole

Y3: Olivia G and Lucas

Y4: Iris and Matthew

Y5: Anna and Jia Kai

Y6: Thomas O and Katie

Headteacher’s Award: Euan, Rory M and Milly F

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y3 with the highest attendance this week with 100% congratulations.

**Family Lunch H-K - Friday 8 June 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 8 June 2018** at 11.45am. Adult lunches are £2.76 to be paid on parent pay by Wednesday 6 June 2018 using your child’s school dinner account. Menu choices: are crispy Cod fillet, spinach and potato curry, jacket potato, cheese or tuna sandwich.

**Father Hudson’s Care**

Please remember to return the Good Shepherd Appeal boxes to school as soon as possible. We would like to finalise and send off our donation. Many thanks.

**Sports Day – Friday 25 May**

Children to wear colour t-shirt for their house, bring out a water bottle and sun hat and make sure they are wearing sun cream. Don’t forget your picnic lunch as this is also a lovely opportunity to eat lunch together and with other families.

**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 – thank you.

**Year Six SATs**

Please remember to get lots of rest, eat well and arrive for school with time to spare next week. Also, bring your mascot to support you!

**Y6 Chasewater Residential**

Y6 parents are invited to an Information Evening for the Y6 residential trip to Chasewater on Thursday 17 May at 5pm in the school hall.

**WOW**

Thank you to children and parents for getting on board with our WOW campaign. There is a significant increase in numbers of children walking to school once a week or more. April was our best month yet! As the weather improves we should see even more families walking. Remember that walking and strolling also counts so if you live some distance away from school, as long as you park elsewhere than Cherry Orchard and stroll from there, you can still earn a badge.

**Pre-School Week**

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

**Welly Walk** – will be on Tuesday. 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.

**Walk on Monday 14 May –** Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to walk into Lichfield with us. Please could you arrive in school by 1pm?

**Gardening** – this week Pre-School have been very busy gardening. Our vegetables include courgettes, pumpkins, beans, peas, lettuce, carrots and potatoes.

**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**

**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. 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.



**Donation days are as follows:**

22 June – non uniform (Bottles & jars for a raffle and Stationery items for raffle (preferably new)

29 June – Multicultural day - Toys for a stall

6 July - non-uniform day - cakes & cookies on fayre day itself

**Please do not send in gifts, books, chocolate or cream cakes**

***And Finally…***

A big thank you to Year 1 for their beautiful assembly this morning – we were all so impressed with their clear speaking, tuneful singing, great acting and display of their wide array of talents.

During May, the month of Our Lady, we remember –

“Mary is our guide, our teacher and our mother.” Don Bosco

God bless

Mrs D McLeary

L**ooking Ahead…**

**School Dates –**

**Changes in red**

| Spring term | |
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| Monday 14th May | KS2 SATs week – no assembly |
| Tuesday 15th May | Homework return |
| Thursday 17th May | Y6 Residential to Chasewater Parents Information Evening 5pm  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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