

**Newsletter**

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**Our Catholic Mission**

A huge well done to Year 3 who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. I have had so much positive feedback about the Mass itself and how reverent the children were, from Father Anthony, countless parents and members of staff. Well done Year 3, we are all very proud of you!   
On Tuesday it was wonderful to see so many family, friends and parishoners at our Mass of Thankgiving. Y3 then enjoyed celebrating with activities that had been planned by Miss Teague. A big thank you to our parents who helped with the games, face painting etc during the day.

**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 Y5 with the highest attendance this week with 98.6% 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**

Thank you for so generously supporting the Father Hudson’s Lent charity. This year we have raised £257.65.

**BIG BASH**

Yes, it’s that time of year again! The Big Bash for Years 5 and 6 will take place on Thursday 21st June from 5.00 – 8.00 pm. Notification has been sent out this week to Y5 and Y6. Please make sure forms are returned at the latest by Monday 11 June 2018.

**Staffing**

Staffing for September is as follows:

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| **Class** | **Teacher** |
| Pre-School | Miss Moseley/Mrs Cooper/Mrs Farmer/Mrs Blake |
| Reception | Miss Cartwright |
| Year 1 | Miss Dawson |
| Year 2 | Miss Swan |
| Year 3 | Mrs Allan/Miss Briers |
| Year 4 | Mr Ashton |
| Year 5 | Mrs Dolphin |
| Year 6 | Miss Teague |
| SENCO/Y6 Support | Mrs Thomas |

**New Reception Intake – September 2018**

For the parents who have children joining us in September, letters are being sent out with details of dates. In the meantime, please put the following dates in your diary:

Thursday 28 June – 6pm New Parent’s meeting in the school hall.

Tuesday 3 July – 9.15am/1.15 pm Am and Pm transition sessions, parents and children are invited in to spend a couple of hours in class.

Tuesday 10 July – 2.30pm Children and parents picnic.  
Pre-School parents are also invited to join our new parents meeting on Thursdy 28 June at 6pm in the school hall.

**Pre-School Week**

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

**Sun cream** - Please remember children need come in to Pre-School wearing sun cream and bring in a clearly labelled bottle.  
**Woodwork** – if you have old big buttons you no longer have a use for – please send them in for our woodwork

Please could we ask parents not to leave Reception bikes in front of pre-school fire door as our door was completely blocked one morning this week.

**St Francis of Assisi – Transport Meeting**  
All parents are invited to a meeting with staff of St Francis, to discuss school transport to Aldridge. The meeting will be held in St Joseph’s school hall on Thursday 7 June at 5pm.

**Online Safety training for parents**

Following on from our on-line safety training last week, parents may find the following resources very useful for helping to keep your children safe online. They are <http://www.newwaystolearn.com/parents> and one stop shop of help for controlling online safety @ home.

**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.

**Aston Villa – lunchtime letters**

Are now available on the website.

**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…***

Thank you so much for your understanding and co-operation over the postponement of Sports Day today. The rearranged Sports Day is Thursday 21 June and we look forward to welcoming our families to the day.

We wish you all a very happy and restful half term

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 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 | Sports Day – KS1 am. KS2 pm  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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