**Our Catholic Mission**

Y2/Y3/Y4 will be walking down to Holy Cross for Mass on Tuesday 3 December at 9.30 am. If you are able to help walk the children to/from Mass, please let the class teacher know.

Our next whole school Mass will be on Tuesday 10 December at 9.30 am in school – you are most welcome to join us.

**Family Mass**

Our first family Mass of the year will be celebrated on Sunday 1st December – the first Sunday of advent. You are very welcome to join us at 11.00 am at SS Peter and Paul’s church. The children will be doing some of the readings and we will be leading the music. All children are welcome to sing in the choir. Please email the office to let us know if your child is coming as we will pick readers etc out of these children.

**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: 6pm Saturday @ SS Peter & Paul

(with Children’s Liturgy)

8.30am Sunday @ Holy Cross
(with Children’s Liturgy)

11am Sunday @ SS Peter & Paul
(with Children’s Liturgy)

**Attendance**

Congratulations to Y4 the class with the highest attendance this week with 99.3% attendance.

**Star Workers**

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week:

**Reception**: Beau & Reuben

**Y1**: Sean & Sophie D

**Y2:** Max &Thanasis

**Y3:** Henry & Lucie

**Y4**: India & Oscar

**Y5:** James & Jhowlyn

**Y6**: Milly & Sunny

**Headteacher’s Award**: Harry Le & Claudia

**Children in Need 2019**

We raised an amazing £190.80 for Children in Need. Thanks to everyone for their generosity and to our School Council for organising the cake sale (we were overwhelmed by the number of cake donations).

**Lichfield Cathedral Illuminated 2019**

We took part in Lichfield Cathedral's Art project, 'In the Image and Likeness of God' this year.

Congratulations to Genevieve, Daisy, Jacob H, James W, Nicole, James P, Erin, Milly and Alice - these children were chosen to have their self-portraits displayed in the cathedral!

**‘Cinderella’ Pantomime – EARLY ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL REQUIRED**

As the pantomime starts at 9.30 am, we will need to leave school NO LATER than 8.40 am. Could you please ensure all children arrive at school by 8.30 am to allow for registration. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated. The dates are on the school calendar.

**School Guided Reading & Library Books**

Guided reading and library books that children take home to enjoy need to be returned on the date requested promptly, so others can also enjoy them. Unfortunately, any damaged or non-returned books will incur a £5 charge per book which will be payable on ParentPay. **Reception and Y1 are missing 25 books this week which delays the guided reading programme for everyone. Please, please return the books each Thursday – thank you.**

**Reading Workshops – dates for your diary**

Y2 Tuesday 26 November

Y3 Wednesday 27 November

Y4 Thursday 5 December

Full details can be found on the school website.

**Headlice**

Please regularly check your child’s hair for unwanted visitors and treat accordingly. For more information <http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com>

**Communication with parents – School app login**

The way that we communicate with you is changing from the start of the Spring Term (January 2020); we will no longer be using a text message system to send individual messages to parents. Therefore, it is important that you download the school app (School Jotter) to your smartphone/tablet and create your login before this date. If you have not yet set up your log-in you can do so by following the instructions on the school website [here](https://s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/jotter2.files/10839689?response-content-type=application%2Fpdf&response-content-disposition=inline%3Bfilename%3Dhow-to-dowload-and-create-a-password-on-the-app.pdf&X-Amz-Content-Sha256=UNSIGNED-PAYLOAD&X-Amz-Algorithm=AWS4-HMAC-SHA256&X-Amz-Credential=AKIAIH4MJHC24RK4EHAA%2F20191107%2Feu-west-1%2Fs3%2Faws4_request&X-Amz-Date=20191107T145703Z&X-Amz-SignedHeaders=host&X-Amz-Expires=3000&X-Amz-Signature=185914ff6cca3b95efd2625f277c215755e0d45cce08fabd7a9a16e0cc6478bb).

**Life to the Full**

As Relationship Education becomes statutory for all primary schools from September 2020 we are participating in a brand new programme for Catholic Primary schools titled ‘Life to the Full’. Full details and access to the online parent platform were sent via email to all parents last Friday.

**School Car Park**

Parents are kindly reminded NOT to access the school via the car park. As cars are constantly moving this makes it very unsafe for the children.

**Level 2 (27-28 November) & Level 1 Bikeability**

Please remember to bring your bike in on the relevant day next week!

**Family Lunch - Friday 29 November SURNAMES U-Z (WEEK 2 MENU)**

**MENU CHOICE TO BE IN BY 12 NOON ON 26 NOVEMBER 2019**

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Friday 29 November at 11.45am. Please ensure your account is in credit by at least £2.76 for your lunch on parent pay. Menu choices are available on the school website. Please email your choice to lunches@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk before 12 noon on Tuesday 26 November as places are limited. Unfortunately, we will be unable to take bookings after the deadline.

**Y4 ‘Christmas Journey’– Thursday 5 December**

As part of the 'Christmas Journey' Schools week, Y4 will be visiting Wade Street Church on Thursday 5 December.  If you are able to help walk the children to/from Wade Street, please let Mr Ashton or the school office know, they will be leaving school around 12.40 pm and returning by 3 pm. Thank you for your support.

**Additional date for Open Day for prospective Parents – 9 December**

If you have a child starting school in September 2020 and would like to come and visit the school, we are holding another Open Day on Monday 9 December at 9.30 am and 1.30 pm. Please call the office on 01543 263505 with your preferred time slot.

**Christmas Jumper Day – 13 December**

The children can come to school dressed in a Christmas/silly jumper for a £1 donation towards Save the Children.

**Christmas Lunch – 16 December**

This year’s Christmas lunch is on Monday 16 December. Please pre-book your child’s meal on ParentPay by **Monday 2 December** to ensure they are able to join in this lovely festive event. **Even if your child receives Universal Free School Meals, we still need you to book their place so we can ensure numbers are correct.**

**A Johnson Family Christmas – 30 November & 1 December**

Please feel free to visit the Christmas fair event (free of charge) being held at the Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum over the weekend with hands on activities and magical display of fairy automata, festive refreshments and crafts for sale.

**Pre School**

* We have been concentrating on the letter ‘n’ this week and will be moving on to the letter ‘m’ next week.
* As the weather has turned colder, please can you ensure all children have a coat and are encouraged to put it on independently.

**PTFA News**

* Please see the school website (<http://stjosephscatholicprimary.sites.schooljotter2.com/our-school/ptfa>) and calendar for more information. We hope to raise lots of funds for the school this year so do bring your children along to enjoy our events and we’re always happy to have volunteers to run them, just speak to your class rep.
* Please see the school calendar/PTFA Newsletter for Christmas Fayre donation/non-uniform days

***And finally***

Thank you to Reception for their fantastic assembly this morning. Brilliant speaking, singing, dancing and artwork - you are all superstars!

This year sees the launch of ‘The God who speaks’ in the Catholic Church.

**“And the word became flesh and dwelt among us”   John 1:14**

May God be with you.

Mrs D McLeary