



Newsletter - 14 February 2020

Please remember to view the school calendar/website for further information

Our Catholic Mission

You are all most welcome to join us for our Ash Wednesday Service in school, which will be at 11.15 am on Wednesday 26 February.

The Sacrament of the Eucharist - First Holy Communion - will be celebrated on Sunday 10 May at Ss Peter and Paul's Church at 11 am.

Y6 Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 9 June at 7 pm at Ss Peter & Paul's.

This information is also on the school calendar.

Parish Mass/Children's Liturgy

The parish newsletter or website www.romancatholiclichfield.co.uk contains information about Masses and other church notices.

Mass Times: 6pm Saturday @ SS Peter & Paul (with Children's Liturgy)
11am Sunday @ SS Peter & Paul (with Children's Liturgy)

Attendance

Congratulations to Y5 the class with the highest attendance this week of 99.7%.

Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week:

Reception: Iyla & Rosie

Y1: Elizabeth & Nadia

Y2: Lily & Nikhil

Y3: Maxwell R & Rebekah

Y4: Bobby & Jess

Y5: Evie & Lucas

Y6: Boo & Harry Le

Headteacher's Award: Daniel U & Joseph Sh



Star Writers

Congratulations to our Star Writers this week:

Reception: Bella, Brendan, Ivy & Sara

Y1: Conor, Henry, Madeleine & Marina

Y2: Ben Ho, Joanna, Lughaidh & Polly

Y3: Claudia, Eloise, Lennon & Mason

Y4: Lily, Noah W, Tess & Zach

Y5: Alyssa, Ethan L, Jhowlyn & Thomas W

Y6: Harry La, Imogen, Kacper & Katherine



Goodbye & Good Luck

We will be saying a fond farewell to Miss Moseley in the Pre School on 25 February as she ventures on to pastures new. We wish the very best in her future endeavours and for her upcoming wedding.

Ash Wednesday - 26 February

Forward notice that the menu choice will change on this date (no meat), therefore the main meal will be Fish Fillet (not Roast Turkey).

World Book Day - 5 March

We're looking forward to seeing the children come to school dressed up as their favourite story character as this year's theme for World Book Day is 'Sharing a **Story** Together'.

Preschool & Reception Playground Appeal

Thank you to all those parents who have already contributed towards resources for the new playground. We feel that as most of our community would have some experience of our Early Years setting you would wish to help us improve it for future generations. If you could offer a donation towards this ongoing project we would be most grateful! Donations can be made through ParentPay.

Collection from School Arrangements

Please ensure you update your Collection Arrangements sheet if you require a new person to collect your child/ren. We will not release your child if we are not expecting the person to collect.

Driving Around Schools on Cherry Orchard

As you will be aware, there are major building works taking place opposite our school and this is contributing to an increased number of parking issues during school drop offs/collection. We can appreciate that it can be frustrating especially if you are running late, however we have had reports of inconsiderate driving and there is great concern for the safety of the children at all three schools on Cherry Orchard. We would greatly appreciate if it is at all possible for you to collect your children on foot, however if you do need to drive, please ensure you are careful and considerate all times and do not use school entrances/exits as turning points as this adds to a greater risk.

Attendance & Punctuality

Please be reminded that all children should be arriving at school between 8.50 am and 9 am ready for registration. Arrivals after the 9 am bell will be recorded as Late and will be subject to our Attendance & Punctuality Policy.

Parents are also reminded that "routine medical and dental appointments should be made out of school hours. The school will not authorise routine appointments."

Pupil Premium/Free School Meals

Parents claiming some benefits can claim free school meals for any of their children who are registered at a Staffordshire school and who would normally be at school at lunch time. School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and you can save yourself time and money.

Even if you don't want your children to have the meals, claiming them helps their school. The more eligible parents who claim meals, the more funding the school receives. Please take a moment to see if you qualify - [click here for more information](#)

After School Clubs

Please see the school website for more information.

Pre School

- The letter of the week is 'K'
- Please remember to send the children in old clothing that is appropriate for the weather/activities as we will be outside playing in mud/water on a daily basis whatever the weather!
- Any donations of wicker baskets and unused envelopes would be greatly appreciated.

Governing Board News

- St Patrick's Barn Dance - 13 March - All monies raised will go into the Building Fund for our children. *Tickets (£9 each) are now available from the school office - exact money preferred as no change available in the school office. Raffle tickets have been sent home with your child today (1 book per family). First prize is an overnight stay for 2 adults & 2 children at Drayton Manor with entrance to the theme park the following day. Any unused raffle tickets can be returned to school. Thank you.*
- Superstars!! Preschool - Y6 - 28/29 April.

PTFA News

- Please see the school website (<http://stjosephscatholicprimary.sites.schooljott er2.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.
- The St Joseph's Talent Show was amazing! What a fabulously talented bunch of children we have at our school. Thank you to everyone who took part, it was a wonderful evening. Well done to the winner, Theo Charters, who gave us the most incredible rendition of 'This Little Light of Mine'. Special thanks to Mrs Pattinson for her hard work and thank you all the members of our PTFA who See you next time!

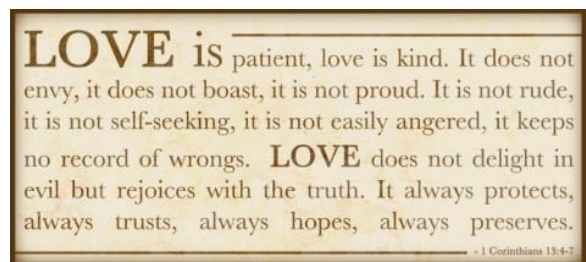
Forthcoming events include:

- Mother's Day Craft Market - 20 March
- Chocolate Bingo - 27 March

And finally

Thank you to Year 4 for their most entertaining assembly this morning. They had us in stitches!

Wishing you all a very enjoyable half term!



May God be with you

Mrs D McLeary
Headteacher