



Newsletter - 6 November 2020

[Please remember to view the school calendar/website for further information](#)

Our Catholic Mission

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

Reminder

A reminder to continue to adhere to the staggered arrival and collection times. Particularly in light of recent government updates, please also remember one adult only when dropping off and collecting your child and to follow the one-way system around school maintaining social distancing at all times. Parents also have the option to drop their child off at the main school gates.

Please can we also ask parents to ensure that their child/ren do not touch or use any outdoor play equipment/seating as this is cleaned and used by individual bubbles only.

Thank you for your support.

Attendance

Congratulations to Y2 and Y4, the classes with the highest attendance this week of 98.3%.

Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week! Unfortunately, we cannot invite parents into school to celebrate with us at this time, however the children will be bringing their certificates home to share with you.

Reception: Darcie & Aleksander

Y1: George & Rosie

Y2: Isabella E & Felix

Y3: Rory & Sophie W

Y4: Daniel & Evie

Y5: Skye & Oliver

Y6: Ruby & Dorian

Headteacher's Award: Mark Y4 and Connie Y6



Welcome

Please join us in welcoming Oliver and his family to our school community. We also welcome Miss Griffin as one of our lunchtime supervisors along with Mrs Haynes as a member of our support staff.

Message from Mrs Meakin

"I was overwhelmed by the good wishes, messages and generous gifts from parents on my recent retirement – thank you all so much. Special thanks to all the wonderful children who made my last day so memorable, from the beautiful goodbye cards, the singing from Y4 and YR, to the lovely words they said to me – I both laughed and cried! I will truly miss them all."

Christmas Lunch – 15th & 16th December

In light of the current restrictions, this year's Christmas lunch will be taking place over two days and each bubble has been allocated a set day:

- Tuesday 15th Pre School/YR/Y3/Y4
- Wednesday 16th Y1/Y2/Y5/Y6

If it is not your child's Christmas lunch day, they will be able to order a Christmas Party Box.

Please pre-book your child's Christmas meal on ParentPay by Friday, 27th November 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.**

Christmas Jumper Day – 18th December

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

Pre School – urgent plea

We would be most grateful for donations of:

- Boys/girls pants and trousers/leggings (urgent)
- Plastic ball pit balls
- Dolls pram or pushchair

As the weather has turned colder:

- Please can you ensure all children wear appropriate clothing for the weather and outside play;
- Children are able to have a hot dinner ordered on the day if they wish

Remote Education Plan

You should have received an email containing our detailed remote education plan. You will also find this on our school website.

Email address

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, please send an email through the school office email address (office@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk). Class email addresses will only be monitored during a school closure or a class bubble closure.

Reception Class Admissions - September 2021

On-line applications for primary school has now opened. The closing date for applications is 15 January 2020. The best way to apply is online at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Admissions>. If your child's 5th birthday is between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 then you will need to apply for a place at First, Infant or Primary School.

As we are unable to accommodate school tours for potential Pre School and Reception parents, please spread the word and direct to our school website where they will find the school tour video and, coming soon, the EYFS video tour.

Google Classroom

Please speak to your class teacher if you are experiencing any difficulties using this learning platform to complete homework tasks.

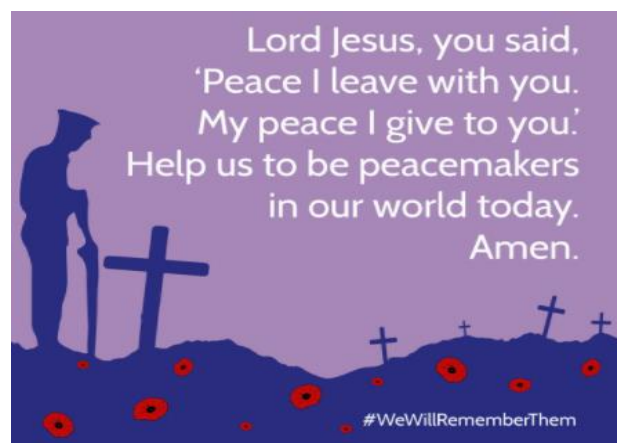
Class Pupil Numbers

If you know anyone who is looking for a school place for their child/ren we have a limited number of spaces throughout school.

PTFA News

If you would like to know more about the PTFA and being a part of the committee, please see the school website (<http://stjosephscatholicprimary.sites.schooljotter2.com/our-school/ptfa>) or don't hesitate to give the Chair, Mary, a call or speak to your class rep (names are on the school website).

And Finally



May God be with you

Mrs Thomas

Acting Deputy Head