



Newsletter - 13 November 2020

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

Our Catholic Mission

A big thank you and well done to Y6 for the wonderful Remembrance Day prayer service they held on Tuesday this week. Y6 parents should have received a link to be able to watch this service.

The parish newsletter and website www.romancatholiclichfield.co.uk contains information about masses and other church notices. During this time we are encouraged to make a Spiritual Communion when we desire to be in union with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. A full list of parishes live-streaming Mass can be found here: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parisheswith-live-streams

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.

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: Oscar & Daisy

Y1: Henry & Eibhlin

Y2: Sara & Sophie

Y3: Thomas D & Nikhil

Y4: Jude & Isabella

Y5: Katie & Bobby

Y6: Ethan B & Thomas

Headteacher's Award: Lena and Gracjan



Attendance

Congratulations to Y3 and Y5 the classes with the highest attendance this week of 100%.

Remote Education Survey (20th November deadline)

If your child has been well but has had to isolate at home at any time since returning to school in September, we would be grateful for your feedback on the remote education provided. A link to the survey was emailed to you earlier this week,

Reception Class Admissions - September 2021

On-line applications for primary school has now opened. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2020. The best way to apply is online at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Admissions>. If your child's 5th birthday is between 1st September 2021 and 31st 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.

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.

Pre School

- Pre School have some places available for January starts. 15 and 30 hours funding accepted. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to call the school office or email pre-school@stjosephslichfield.org.uk for further information.
- Please remember to let Mrs Cooper know your child's Christmas meal choice by 27th November
- We would be most grateful for donations of: Boys/girls pants and trousers/leggings (**urgent**)

L1/L2 Bikeability – 16th-18th November

- Please remember your bike and helmet as children will not be able to borrow anything
- Wear warm, practical and waterproof clothing including gloves
- On arrival at school, we ask that the children take their bike round to the playground where a staff member will be there to guide them on where to leave it.

🎄 Christmas Lights Trail & Competition 🎄

This year, the PTFA want to make Christmas as special and magical as possible, whilst still being safe. So, we are setting a Christmas lights trail around Lichfield. During December, we're hoping to have a trail round Lichfield showing houses with amazing festive lights that you can follow and enjoy. First things first, we need some displays! If you, or someone you know, loves to go to town on their Christmas lights, please get in touch by emailing ptfa@stjosephslichfield.org.uk to be put on the Christmas lights trail. We won't include any names. We also want to get the children involved, so we're holding a competition to design a poster to advertise it. Entries in by next Friday (20th November) please. Hand your designs into the school office. Once we've drawn up the list and have a map, we'll share the details so you know how you can get your hands on it. We'd love to make it a community event so please spread the word and let's get in the Christmas spirit 🎄🎄🎄🎄

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.

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

Children have celebrated 'World Kindness Day' at school today learning that compassion for others is what binds us all together.

We would like to thank residents and staff at The Spires Care Home for the lovely bunch of flowers we received today as part of World Kindness Day.



May God be with you
Mrs Thomas
Acting Deputy Head