



Newsletter - 27 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.

Attendance

Congratulations to Y1 and Y6 the classes with the highest attendance this week of 100%.

Star Workers & Star Writers

Congratulations to our Star Workers & Star Writers 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: Eilena & Seth

Y1: Max & Sophie E

Y2: Hollie H & Aika

Y3: Oscar & Lughaidh

Y4: Daisy & Jamie

Y5: Luke & Nicole

Y6: Georgia and Daniel

Headteacher's Award: Ava & Isla Boo



Star Writers

Congratulations to our Star Writers this week:

Reception: Sean, Eve, Yiannis & Otis

Y1: Leo, Sophia M, George & Ameilia

Y2: Sara, Madeleine, Isla, Maximilian & Joseph

Y3: Jackie, Sophia C, Barney & Darcie

Y4: Sabina, Claudia, Mark & Jacob H

Y5: Madison, Samir, Keaton & Neve

Y6: Olivia G, Sam, Connie, James



Teacher Update

Mrs Dunwoody will be leaving St Joseph's at end of this term for pastures new. Plans for Y2 from January are currently being reviewed and you will be informed as soon as these plans are finalised. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Dunwoody all the best for the future.

Y2 Phonics Screening

A reminder that the National Phonics Screening Check will be taking place next week.

Colder weather

As you are aware, in line with our Covid-19 school risk assessment, classes have to be kept well ventilated at all times and, as the weather has turned colder, the children are welcome to wear fleeces/layers if they are feeling cold.

Christmas Jumper Day – 18th December

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

Earlier collection – Friday 18th December

Please note the earlier collection times on the last day of term:

Pre School	2.30 pm
YR	2.20 pm
Y1	2.10 pm
Y2	2.10 pm
Y3	2.20 pm
Y4	2.30 pm
Y5	2 pm
Y6	2.30 pm

Christmas Performances

We have been carefully considering how we can still provide Christmas performances with the Covid-19 restrictions. This year will be different as we are unable to invite you in to watch the performances and the bubbles are unable to mix. Instead, we will be recording the performances within the class bubbles and sending a link home of this recording.

- Pre School – A Christmas Movie
- YR – The Nativity
- Y1/Y2 – Not Such a Silent Night
- Y3-Y6 – Christmas Carol Service

Christmas Cards

Children are welcome to bring in cards to their class bubbles – these will be stored in a box over a weekend and distributed the following week. The last day cards can be 'posted' is Friday, 11th December.

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.

Headlice

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

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.

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.

Please spread the word as the EYFS tour is now available to view on the school website along with the school tour. We also warmly invite Pre-School and Reception parents in to visit our school. Bookings are essential and will be a maximum of 6 people per tour (we will be unable to accommodate any children). Tours will take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 4 pm – reserve a place on 01543 263505 or email office@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk.

Easyfundraising

Calling all online shoppers!

We need a little help. It's been hard to fundraise in person this year, but you can still support our school from the comfort of your home. Over 4,000 online shops and websites will make a small **"Thank you" donation** to our school, every time you shop online and use **easyfundraising** – at NO extra cost to yourself!

Most of your favourite retailers will give us a donation, incl. eBay, Argos, Amazon, John Lewis, Just Eat, Screwfix, Booking.com, M&S, Boots, Etsy, Wayfair, Not on the Highstreet and many more... Using easyfundraising is FREE, easy and quick. You can register here and help us receive these free donations: <http://efraising.org/S1YFkOg0jI>

PTFA

Despite lockdown, we have been busy and are starting to feel very festive!

- Christmas lights trail - the Christmas lights trail around Lichfield is shaping up to be a wonderful activity for families to enjoy the best of Lichfield's festive lights. The trail will be available from Monday 6th December for a small donation. Details of where to get your hands on it will be shared next week. There's still time to add houses to the trail, but get in touch with the PTFA quickly if you want to be included!
- Round Table Santa Sleigh - Father Christmas will still be doing the rounds this year and we are part of the team (although we are unable to go round with the sleigh collecting). All donations will be online and things will operate a little differently BUT you can still catch a glimpse. Go to www.lichfieldsanta.co.uk for full details of the route. The St Joseph's leg is Wednesday 2nd December, when Santa will be in Boley Park and Quarry Hills Lane. You can make a donation on the website or by texting LICHFIELD to 70480 (£2 donation). It's great to be involved in this initiative even though we can't physically be there, so please do donate if you are able; not only do St Joseph's receive a share of the entire profits but some great local charities also benefit.
- Christmas cards - your personalised Christmas card designs will be ready next week and we hope to have them sorted and coming home with children by the end of the week.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to when we can get back to normal activities. Until then, enjoy the festive fun!

And Finally

A big thank you and well done to Y1 for the wonderful prayer service celebrating the Feast of Christ the King they held on Tuesday this week. Y1 parents should have received a link to be able to watch this service.



May God be with you
Mrs Thomas
Acting Deputy Head