



Newsletter - 26th February 2021

[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.

We are currently in discussions with Fr Anthony and Holy Cross about plans for First Holy Communion and Confirmation and will be sending out some information shortly.

Father Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal

As you know, we usually take part in the Good Shepherd Appeal during Lent to raise money for those who are less fortunate than us. This Lent many things are different for people all over the Archdiocese, however we are still going to take part in this appeal. Further details will be on next week's newsletter.

Whole School Mass

I hope all children learning from home had the opportunity to join in with the whole school Mass online this morning. The children in school particularly enjoy hearing Fr Peter welcoming St Joseph's to the Mass. We will attend whole school Mass again on 12th March and you will be sent another link closer to the time.

Lichfield Window Wanderland 2021

This special event is coming to Lichfield this weekend and with your help, the streets could be transformed into a magical outdoor gallery for everyone to enjoy! For more information, please visit the [Window Wanderland website](#). We have been told there are some lovely window displays, including Holy Cross Church, and it's well worth a look.

Online Safety Reminder

As a result of school closure, our children are having to use technology more than ever to access school work remotely. Internet services have enabled us to support home learning but these technologies are not without risk. Please take a look at the [school website](#) where you will find information websites and guides (on games and apps) to help you and your children to be safe and considerate digital citizens.

'Laptops for Lichfield Campaign'

Thank you to Councillor Pullen and the 'Laptops for Lichfield Campaign' for the laptop donations. This has made life a lot easier for some of our families learning from home.

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: Maria & Georgina

Y1: Max & Sophie E

Y2: Isla & Sean

Y3: Thomas S & Rory

Y4: Aoife & Max

Y5: Matthew & Neve

Y6: Lucas & Amelia

Headteacher's Award: Daniel H & Aika



Welcome & Good Luck

The children may have told you that they have seen Ms Briers in and around school, this week and we know you will join us in welcoming her back.

We recently said a fond farewell to Ethan B and his family and wish them all the very best for the future.

World Book Day – Friday, 26th March

As all children will be back at school from 8th March, we will celebrate World Book Day in school on Friday, 26th March 2021. Children are welcome to take part in the traditional dressing up as a book character or wear a colour to fit in with the whole school text, 'The Colour Monster'.

British Science Week Poster Competition

The theme this year is 'Innovating for the future'. For homework, can you create your own poster for the competition - the top 5 entries will be sent away to the national competition. To be in with a chance of winning, please send your posters to Mrs Dolphin by Friday, 23rd April. Good luck!

Staff Lateral Flow Testing

The start of Lateral Flow Testing for staff in primary schools means there is the chance, at short notice, of disruption to remote learning and bubble (class) closures. Please do have a plan in place for care of your child if bubbles have to close at short notice. We appreciate your understanding in this matter. Thank you.

Rainbows

Rainbows provides a safe setting in school in which children can talk through their feelings with their peers who are experiencing similar situations. If you feel your child would benefit from these sessions, please speak to a member of staff.

School Vacancies

There is a Lunchtime Supervisor vacancy within school – please take a look at the [website](#) for more details.

Baptismal Certificates?

If you have applied for a 2021-22 Reception place and your child is baptised Catholic, please ensure that school has a copy of their baptismal certificate as soon as possible.

Polite Reminders

As we all return on Monday, 8th March, parents are politely reminded:

- Snacks brought from home for break time should only be fruit, toast or crumpet. You will soon be able to order morning snacks on ParentPay up until 8 am on the day. Please do not send your child with chocolate, crisps or breakfast bars for break time snack. If these items have been included in your child's packed lunch, please remind them that they should not be eating these items at break time.
- In line with the School Uniform Policy, please note that long hair should be tied up, with plain ribbons, bobbles. No large colourful hair adornments. No extreme haircuts ie, shaved head, tramlines.
- We require all children to wear appropriate black school shoes. Boots, trainers or high-heeled shoes are not considered appropriate footwear for school. However, we do understand that children may have grown out of their school shoes and it is difficult to get new ones with shops closed. Until non-essential shops re-open, please do not worry if your child needs to attend in school in alternative footwear.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Pre-School

If you are having a clearout, we would be most grateful for any donations of outdoor bench cushions.

Pre-School have some places available for September 2021, 15 and 30 hours funding accepted. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to email pre-school@stjosephslichfield.org.uk.

PTFA

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).

Easyfundraising

Remember to help collect the easyfundraising donations!

Using easyfundraising could not be easier.

Simply search for your retailer on the easyfundraising App or website and shop as normal.

Our school will then get a little **"Thank you"** donation from the retailer at no additional cost to you.

All your favourite retailers are giving donations, incl. eBay, Argos, Amazon, John Lewis, John Lewis, Just Eat, Currys, ao.com, JD Sports, Booking.com, ASOS, Not on the High Street, M&S, Boots, Etsy, Wayfair, EE and many more...

Every donation, big or small, means a lot to us and we appreciate your help! Visit and support our easyfundraising page here:

<http://efraising.org/S1YFkOg0jl>

And Finally

I was delighted on Monday to hear the great news that all children can return to school on Monday, 8th March. I cannot wait to see all of our wonderful children back together at St Joseph's.

May God be with you

Mrs McLeary

Headteacher

"During this Lent,
let us all ask the Lord:
Make our hearts like yours."

-Pope Francis

