



Newsletter - 7th May 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.

Pope Francis has announced that this year is a special year in honour of St Joseph. As our patron, the year of St Joseph will be in our thoughts and preparations for celebrations when restrictions are eased.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

A huge well done to the children who made their First Holy Communion yesterday evening. They were very prayerful and reverent.

Please contact holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk if you have any queries.

FHC Thursday, 13th May 2021 (6 pm)

FHC Thursday, 20th May 2021 (6 pm)

FHC Thursday, 27th May 2021 (6 pm)

The church doors will open at 5 pm. The church stewards will direct you to your benches. Before the Mass Holy Communion, children should sit with their parents. Shortly before the Mass begins, they will be asked to go to the back of church before processing in to meet their families.

Please note that the Mass of Thanksgiving for First Holy Communion will now take place in school on Friday, 11th June 2021. This will be followed by the children's Celebration Day. Due to the continued restrictions, parents will be unable to come into school on that day.

You should have been notified by Holy Cross of the date of your Confirmation Mass. Please contact holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk if you have any queries.

Confirmation Thursday, 10th June 2021 (6 pm)

Confirmation Thursday, 17th June 2021 (6 pm)

Please note that the Mass of Thanksgiving for Confirmation will now take place in school on Monday, 21st June 2021. Due to the continued restrictions, parents will be unable to come into school on that day.

Whole School Mass

On Friday, 14th May our children will be virtually attending a Mass celebrated by Fr Peter Weatherby in Cannock. We will send you a link closer to the time if you wish to participate in the Mass from home.

Y3 Cafod COVID Fundraising Appeal

A large group of our Y3 pupils are completing a charity 5k/10k bike ride in Beacon Park on Saturday 19th June. The children have chosen to raise money for the Cafod COVID Appeal as they wanted to do something to help people who are struggling during these times. You can help the children achieve their fundraising target via [JustGiving](#).

Summer Term Dates

A revised list of summer term dates has been emailed to you with the changes marked in red. Although we always to get dates out to you in plenty of time, please understand, when dates may have to be changed, particularly at the current time.

Y6 Activity Days – Whitemoor Lakes

Although our Y6 are unable to do the normal residential trip, we are delighted that they are able to go on two activity days at Whitemoor Lakes. Details have been emailed to you earlier this week and we ask that the deposit is paid by Friday, 14th May. This feels like we are beginning to return to some sort of normality!

INSET Days

The remaining Inset days for this school year are:

- 18th June
- 21st July

Inset Day 2021-22

The Inset days for 2021-22 are:

- 1st September 2021
- 22nd October 2021
- 28th January 2022
- 21st March 2022
- 27th June 2022

Attendance

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

Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

Pre-School: Oliver & Sophie

Reception: Eve & Corben

Y1: Iyla & Ariella

Y2: Isabella E & Nadia

Y3: Ben Ho & Jack

Y4: Jude & Gabby

Y5: Louis & Tilly

Y6: Ruby & Ethan

Headteacher's Award: Edward, Lughaidh & Sienna



Parent communications to school

In order to ensure that your communications to school are dealt with as efficiently as possible, can we please request that you use the following systems when communicating with us:

- Absences – please use the absence form on the school website to report your child absent from school
- Leave of Absence requests – please email a completed form to office@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk clearly marked Leave of Absence Request.
- To ensure you receive messages, it is important that you download the school app (School Jotter) to your smartphone/tablet and create your login. If you have not yet set up your login you can do so by following the instructions on the school website [here](#).

Sock Donations!

Reception class have had lots of fun at the sewing table and love making sock puppets!!! If you have any donations of socks in assorted sizes and colours (we have totally run out!!!), they would be very gratefully received by the children. Many thanks.

After School Clubs

Please see the website or School Information board for after school clubs currently running. If your child attends an after school **sports** club, please can they come to school already dressed in their PE kit.

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.

Pre-School

Please can children come to school with a named sun hat and sun cream already applied.

If you are having a clear out, we would be most grateful for any donations of:

- dolls prams
- pants (girls and boys)
- astro turf/fake grass off cuts

Pre-School are fast running out of places available for the next academic year (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 as soon as possible.

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.

PTFA

This is the last weekend to get the children doing jobs! Please bring your filled smarties tubes in to school next week. Many thanks.

The PTFA have a collection of great pre-loved uniform, including lots of St Joseph's branded items, which we will have available for you to purchase for a small donation at the school gate on the last Friday of every month.

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.

Visit and support our easyfundraising page here:

<http://efraising.org/S1YFkOg0j>

And Finally

We welcome Emma and her family to our school community. As usual, our friendly and caring pupils have made Emma feel very welcome.

May God be with you

Mrs McLeary

Headteacher

We ask all of our school community to pray for our Y3 and Y4 children who will be making their First Holy Communion during the coming weeks.

