



Newsletter - 14th 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, 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. [If you have borrowed a school's red sash, please return this to school on Monday, 17th May in preparation for the next First Holy Communion. Thank you.](#)

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. Please can all Y3/Y4 children arrive at school from 8.40 am – 8.50 am to allow for the FHC group photographs to be taken. Any siblings can also be dropped off at school at this time for this day only.

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)

Children will be provided with a school pale blue tie/sash for the Mass, this will need to be returned in school after Confirmation.

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. The group photograph will be taken on Tuesday, 22nd June and we ask that all Y6 children arrive at school from 8.40 am – 8.50 am on Tuesday, 22nd June. Any siblings can also be **dropped off at school at this time for this day only.**

Whole School Mass

The children virtually attended a Mass celebrated by Fr Peter Weatherby in Cannock and particularly enjoyed the shout out to St Joseph's!

Summer Term Dates

A revised list of summer term dates was emailed to you last week 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.

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

Thank you

Thank you to a large number of our parents who always approach school directly when there are concerns about learning or behaviour. I ask all parents to take this approach as it is unhelpful when other parents get involved outside of school with issues that are not to do with their own child.

Please can you also ensure you arrive to collect your child at the allocated time and not any earlier to ensure we do not have groups congregating on the school site.

Attendance

Congratulations to Y1, the class with the highest attendance this week of 99.3%.

Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

Pre-School: William & Aubree

Reception: Maria & Ioannis

Y1: Beau & Mia

Y2: Sara & Hudson

Y3: Isaac & Sophia J

Y4: Francesca & Emma

Y5: Dolly & James

Y6: Evie & Gram

Headteacher's Award: Dorian & Anna-Rose

Social Media

Please closely monitor your child's usage and check your parental settings on any social media apps that your children are using. Fallouts to do with Roblox are spilling over into school and taking up valuable teaching time. Please see the online safety section in the Parents tab on the school website for helpful parental guides to social media apps.



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](#).

Class Vista Photographs

The recent Group photographs are now ready to view and purchase at <http://http.st/StJosephsCPSch>

There will be a “deliver to school” option open for approx. 14 days, otherwise home delivery is available for £5 postage and packing.

If you need assistance please call 01736 751555 (option 3) or click on contact us on the Tempest Photography home page.

Grammar School Entry to Year 7 in September 2022

Parents can now register their child for the optional entrance test by applying online before 4 pm on 30th June 2021. The test will take place on 11th September 2021. To register, parents need to visit www.birminghamgrammarschools.org

Reception Donations!

If anyone has any buttons they would be happy to donate so that the children can make their own sock puppets, we would be grateful. Also, any dolls and dolls’ accessories would be appreciated. Thank you.

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. Also, please can parents ensure that all children have at least one change of named clothes. Thank you.

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

- guttering
- astro turf/fake grass off cuts

Pre-School are still accepting applications for the next academic year (including 15 and 30 hours funding). If you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to email pre-school@stjosephslichfield.org.uk as soon as possible.

PTFA

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 Harry to our school community. As usual, our friendly and caring pupils have made Harry 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.

