



Newsletter - 25th June 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

The recent First Holy Communion group photographs are now ready to view and purchase at

<http://http.st/StJosephsCatholicPrimary1>

There will be a "deliver to school" option open for approx. 7 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 on the Tempest Photography home page.

Y3 Cafod COVID Fundraising Appeal

The children did us all proud last weekend and cycled 10.12 km raising £2,255 for the CAFOD Covid appeal to date. They were so polite to other park users and really well behaved. Lots of people came to cheer them on which was really uplifting (and lovely to see Mrs Allan). There were a couple of minor injuries but the kids who were hurt got back on their bikes and kept going. It was a very special afternoon and so good to see the children coming together to have fun and raise money for those less fortunate than themselves.

Staffing

Staffing for September is as follows:

Pre-School	Mrs Cooper
Reception	Miss Cartwright
Year 1	Miss Dawson
Year 2	Miss Brown
Year 3	Miss Briers/Mrs Thomas
Year 4	Mrs Dolphin
Year 5	Mrs Allan/Mrs Thomas
Year 6	Mr Ashton

Transition Day – 2nd July

As detailed in Monday's letter, children from YR-Y5 will go to their new classroom entrance at their usual arrival/end times. Y6 will use the front entrance as usual at their normal time. They will all need to bring their own pencil case for the day.

Attendance

Congratulations to Y5, the class with the highest attendance this week of 99.4%!

Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

Pre-School: Hugo & Thea

Reception: Ava & Spike

Y1: Sophia B & George

Y2: Maddie & Hollie H

Y3: Thomas D & Lily

Y4: Aoife & Max

Y5: Connie & Esmee

Y6: Edward & Harley

Headteacher's Award: Lukas, Cora & Darcie S

Water bottles

Please remember to send your child to school with a named water bottle filled with water only (no juice).

Sports Day

Overall results as follows:

1st St Margaret

2nd St Francis

3rd St Chads

4th St Clare

Thank you also for your overwhelming support with the amended arrangements this year – it felt a bit more like normal to have parents in cheering for the children and the rain held off (just about)!

Future Events

Due to the government's announcement this week of the delay in relaxing restrictions, there are likely to be changes to our plans for other events during the remainder of this term. You will receive further details in due course.

Secondary School Transitions

The Friary – Wednesday, 30th June (morning*)

King Edward VI – Wednesday, 30th June (all day)

We have received information from both of these schools that there will only be one transition morning/day instead of the two previously planned. Our children will remain in their bubble during the day. We will keep you updated as we receive any further information.

* Please can The Friary children come back to school in their PE kit.

St Francis will be providing remote transition activities and Mr Salkeld, the Headteacher, will be visiting St Joseph's to speak to any of our Y6 children who will be joining St Francis in September.



Y1 Lichfield trip

As part of Topic Week, on Thursday, 1st July, Y1 will be walking around Lichfield to identify key areas of our city. The children will need to bring a backpack, a packed lunch, water bottle and waterproof coat as they will be out of school for most of the day. We will also hopefully be walking to and sketching the Cathedral (weather permitting).

Y5/Y6 End of Year Performance

- As Y5 will be the choir for the performance, can they please wear dark trousers, skirt or shorts with a green or brown top to create a forest theme.
- Y6 will need costumes according to the character they have been assigned - your child will be able to tell you about this!

Can all children please bring their outfits into school on 5th July as filming will take place from 6th July onwards.

Goodbye

We thank Mrs Haynes for being a part of our special team here at St Joseph's; she is leaving for a role with less hours at the end of this term.

Mrs Hunt has left her position as Bursar after 7 years at St Joseph's at the end of May and has asked us to pass on her very best wishes to all of the pupils, parents and staff.

Vacancies

There are a number of vacancies within our school. If you or anyone you know would be interested in applying for any of these positions, please see the [school website](#) for more information.



Twitter (@StJoesLichfield) School staff put a lot of effort into taking photos of exciting activities happening in school to post on

Twitter. This is the place where you will get to see first-hand what your child is doing at school. Please check Twitter regularly and PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE like our posts!

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

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.

- We have learnt the letter 'p' this week and will be moving on to the letter 'i' next week.
- If you have any wooden blocks and doll's prams you would like to donate, we would be very grateful.

Headlice

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

Covid-19

Your child should not attend school if they have one of the three main Covid-19 symptoms:

- A temperature
- A persistent cough
- A loss or change in taste or smell.

In the event that anyone in the household has one of these symptoms, the whole household should isolate until a negative PCR test result is obtained. Lateral flow tests are only for asymptomatic testing and not used in the event that someone has any of these symptoms.

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. **The final pre-loved uniform sale before the end of term will be on Friday, 9th July.**

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/S1YFkOg0il>

And Finally

Our Y6 children celebrated their Mass of Thanksgiving for Confirmation on Monday. Fr Anthony was very impressed with their maturity and reverence during Mass.

May God be with you

Mrs McLeary

Headteacher

