



# Newsletter - 2nd July 2021

[Please remember to view the school calendar/website for further information](#)

## Our Catholic Mission

The parish newsletter and website [www.romancatholiclichfield.co.uk](http://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://htmp.st/StJosephsCatholicPrimary1>. The issue with selecting the free "deliver to school" option has been resolved and this choice remains open until **Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> July**. Alternatively, home delivery is available for £5 postage and packing.

If you need assistance please call 01736 751555 (option 5) or click on contact on the Tempest Photography home page.

## 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

## Attendance

Congratulations to Year 5 the class with the highest attendance this week of 99.7%.

## Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

**Pre-School:** Rosie H, Harrison & Aoife M

**Reception:** Harriet & Francesca

**Y1:** Reve & Nayan

**Y2:** Elizabeth & Marina

**Y3:** Thomas S & Sebastjan

**Y4:** Sabina & Rebekah

**Y5:** Luke & Jessica

**Y6:** Lucas & Oscar

**Headteacher's Award:** Georgia & Barney



## Water bottles

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

## 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.**

## 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!

## Summer Reading Challenge 2021

This year's Summer Reading Challenge launches on 10th July - please take a look at a video prepared by Staffordshire libraries telling children all about the challenge - <https://youtu.be/FFQwEDCP5ig>. Virtual library visits will be taking place in school next week.

## 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 'i' this week and will be moving on to the letter 'n' next week.
- If you have any old hats, fascinators, unwheeled suitcases, old notebooks and envelopes you would like to donate, we would be very grateful.

## Y1 and Y4 visits

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who came to assist Y1 and Y4 with their walks into Lichfield. The children were so excited to be out and about with each other again. Thanks also to the Garrick Theatre for the impromptu invitation to Year 1 to have a look around.

### 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.

### Delta Variant

Unfortunately, as you will be aware, numbers of cases in Lichfield and surrounding areas are on the increase.

Symptoms are slightly different and can include:

- Hayfever/mild cold like symptoms
- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- Headaches

Please note that it can take 8 days to show a positive result for the Delta variant on a LFT test. New guidance from Staffordshire Local Authority and Health and Safety service is that if a lateral flow test is positive, the child/parent and their close contacts should isolate until the results of the PCR test. If this returns negative, then the child can return to school. If this returns positive, the child/parent and close contacts should isolate for 10 days from the day the symptoms began.

Please understand that if your child is displaying these symptoms in school, we will contact you to collect them.

### Future events/ Easing of restrictions

We are again being advised not to invite visitors into school – thank goodness we were okay for Sports Day.

I know we are hoping to return to pre COVID days in school but as ever, we have to follow the guidance. We are expecting a further update in the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> July and will update you accordingly.

### Vaccines

The Local Authority has requested that we inform parents that over 18s are now eligible for vaccination and should be encouraged to book an appointment or attend a walk-in clinic. Also, the length of time between vaccinations has been reduced from 12 weeks to 8 weeks.

### 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, 9<sup>th</sup> 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/S1YFkOg0j>

### And Finally

The children have had a wonderful day in their new classes. I'm sure they will come home and tell you about the fun activities they have been involved in!



Every Blessing  
*Mrs McLeary*  
Headteacher