



# Newsletter – 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Y6 Leavers Mass

Fr John Hancock is going to be saying Mass for our Y6 leavers on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30 am. Unfortunately, we are still unable to invite parents into school, but the Mass will be live streamed and also recorded if you are unable to join us at 9.30 am.

## Attendance

Congratulations to Y3, the class with the highest attendance this week of 99.6%!

## Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

**Pre-School:** Meghan & Aoife B

**Reception:** Seth & Emily

**Y1:** Isabella & Izzy

**Y2:** Jonathan & Nadia

**Y3:** Theo & Sophie

**Y4:** Ria & Heber

**Y5:** Skye & Zach

**Y6:** Olivia G & Connie

**Headteacher's Award:** Jack & Emma



## End of Year Reports

Due to the isolation of some staff members and issues with our printers, reports will not be sent home on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> July as originally stated but you will have them by the end of next week. We will send a message out on the day they are coming home.

## Y6 Whitemoor Lakes trip

Y6 are really looking forward to their two days of outdoor adventurous activities at Whitemoor Lakes on Thursday and Friday next week. We are so pleased that they are able to have this opportunity.

There will be no PE lesson on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> July due to the Whitemoor Lakes trip later in the week, therefore please can Y6 come to school in their uniform on Monday.

## Non-Uniform Day – Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> July

The PTFA will be holding a non-uniform day next Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> July for donations of any pre-loved uniform or a suggested donation of £1.

## Y6 Parents

If your family are leaving St Joseph's at the end of this term and you have any uniform you wish to donate, the PTFA would be extremely grateful!

## Snacks

There will be no snacks available on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July.

## Last day of term – Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July

Please note the earlier collection times on the last day of term:

Y5	2 pm
Y1/Y2	2.10 pm
YR/Y3	2.20 pm
YP/Y4/Y6	2.30 pm

## Summer Reading Challenge 2021

This year's Summer Reading Challenge launches on 10<sup>th</sup> July - please take a look at a video prepared by Staffordshire libraries telling children all about the challenge - <https://youtu.be/FFQwEDCP5ig>. The children all attended a virtual library visit earlier this week and should be able to tell you all the Summer Reading Challenge now. I urge as many children to take part as possible as it's a couple of years since we won the challenge and we would like to bring it home this year!

## Water bottles

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

## 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.

## 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.

## Hair

A polite reminder of our policy on hair as stated in our Uniform Policy:

Long hair should be tied up, with plain ribbons, bobbles. No large colourful hair adornments. No extreme haircuts ie, shaved head, tramlines, colour.

## School Dinner Menu

The menu will be changing for the new academic year in September. Details will be on ParentPay in due course. Remember you can book your child's lunch/snack before 8 am on the day required.



**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!

## 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.

## 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. We will let you know future uniform sale dates in due course.

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/S1YFkOg0jI>

## And Finally

Whoever you are with and wherever you are on Sunday evening at 8 pm, enjoy yourselves.

It's coming home!

May God be with you

*Mrs McLeary*

Headteacher

