



Newsletter – 1st October 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.

Mass of Dedication

It was so lovely to celebrate Mass on Tuesday. Thank you to all parents and parishioners who attended and to the PTFA for providing refreshments after Mass.

Secondary School Open Days

[St Francis of Assisi Prospectus](#)

St Francis of Assisi is our nearest Catholic Secondary School and is a natural progression for children from St. Joseph's to continue their education in the Catholic faith.

Thursday, 7 th October (6.30 pm)	Netherstowe
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Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

Pre-School: Meghan & Rosie

Reception: Elias & Aubree

Y1: Darcie & Alby

Y2: Ariella & Harry

Y3: Madeleine & Nolan

Y4: Thomas D & Barney

Y5: Rebekah & Heber

Y6: Samir & Maisie

Headteacher's Award: Max D & Isabella E



Attendance

Congratulations to Y1, the class with the highest attendance for this week of 98.7%!

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

We thank Liz Leyshon from Lichfield Library for coming to our assembly on Monday and presenting us with the Summer Reading Challenge trophy. We all enjoyed a yummy ice cream!

Temporary Measures

Thank you for your understanding and support following our communication this week. I know you will understand when temporary measures have to be swiftly put into place to ensure as many of our children as possible can attend school which is vital for their wellbeing.

Car Park

Please enter school via the main gates at all times and do not walk through the school car park at any time. It is much safer to use the path way down the side of the school to get to Badgers.

Photographer – Monday 4th October

The school photographer will be here on Monday, 4th October to take individual and siblings who attend school. Unfortunately due to the current temporary restrictions we are now unable to allow siblings who do NOT attend our school in for photographs.

Please note Y3 do not need to come in PE kit on Monday, 4th October due to school photos being taken.

Parents Evenings – 11th & 12th October 2021

Bookings can now be made through the school website; bookings will close at 11.55 pm on Friday, 8th October. Please note, you will need your School Jotter login details to be able to book an appointment. The appointments will take place via Google Meet and an invite will be sent to your child's school Google Mail address nearer the time.

New School Year Housekeeping

Just a couple of polite reminders:

- Please name all belongings
- Please email us at absence@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk before 9 am if your child is going to be absent.

Inspire Workshops

After half term, we hope to be able to deliver our parental workshops as planned. This is a great opportunity for you to come in and work alongside your child in school and find out ways in which you can support them at home. The focus of our Inspire Workshops will be writing.

YR	TBC
Y1	Thursday, 11 th November (2.15 pm – 3.30 pm)
Y2	Monday, 8 th November (2.15 pm – 3.30 pm)
Y3	Thursday, 18 th November (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y4	Wednesday, 17 th November (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y5	Wednesday, 3 rd November (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y6	TBC

Pre-School

- Please can the children come to school with a labelled coat (and wellies to keep in school).
- Thank you to the volunteers who helped out on our St Michael's churchyard trip today.
- If you have any dolls prams/pushchairs, hats and waistcoats you would like to donate, we would be very grateful.

Communication with parents – School app login

Our main method of communication is via the School Jotter app. To ensure you get any 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 log-in you can do so by following the '[How to Download and Create a Password on School Jotter/Website](#)' instructions on the school website.

Open Days for prospective Parents – 10th November and 6th December

If you have a child starting school in September 2022 and would like to come and visit the school, we are holding Open Days on Wednesday, 10th November and Monday, 6th December. Tours will be available at 9.30 am and 2 pm on both days. Please call (01543 263505) or email the office (office@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk) with your preferred date/time slot.

After School Clubs

Please see the [school website](#) for more details about After School Clubs [Parents/Extra Curricular and Wraparound Care] including football.

Secondary School Admissions

On-line applications for secondary schools has now opened. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2021. The best way to apply is online at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions

ParentPay

Parents are reminded that school lunches need to be pre-booked on ParentPay before 8 am on the day required. If a meal has not been booked, it will be expected that children bring a packed lunch from home.

Rainbows

Rainbows provides a safe setting in school in which children can talk through their feelings with their peers who are experiencing similar situations. They are helped to articulate their feelings by a trained facilitator. If you feel your child would benefit from these sessions please speak to a member of staff.

Pupil Premium/Free School Meals

Parents claiming some benefits can claim free school meals for any of their children who are registered at a Staffordshire school and who would normally be at school at lunch time. School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and you can save yourself time and money.

Even if you don't want your children to have the meals, claiming them helps their school. The more eligible parents who claim meals, the more funding the school receives. To apply online, please click [here](#)

PTFA

Find us on 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) or Facebook "St Joseph's School Lichfield PTFA".



And Finally

Remember to have a look at our Twitter for fabulous photographs of all the lovely activities that have taken place this week during Topic Week.



St Joseph's Catholic PS
@StJoesLichfield

May God be with you

Mrs McLeary

Headteacher

