



# Newsletter – 8<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

## Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

**Pre-School:** Lucy & Darcey

**Reception:** Joseph & Nyla

**Y1:** Leo & Corben

**Y2:** Henry & Rosie

**Y3:** Sean & Patryk

**Y4:** Sophia J & Joseph M

**Y5:** Emma & Jamie

**Y6:** Matthew & Neve

**Headteacher's Award:** Hannah & Benjamin Ho



## Attendance

Congratulations to Y2, the class with the highest attendance for this week of 98.0%!

## Goodbye & Welcome

Sadly, today we say goodbye to Daniel and Anna and wish them all the best in their new school.

Please join us in welcoming Grace and her family to our school community.

## 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.

## Tempest Photographs Order Deadline – Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021

The closing date for FREE postage and delivery to school for online orders is Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October. To place an order please visit [www.tempest-orders.co.uk](http://www.tempest-orders.co.uk) using the details on your Tempest order form.

## Parents Evenings – 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Google Meet invitations will be sent shortly to your child's school Google Mail address.

## Housekeeping

Just a couple of polite reminders:

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

## Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Please be aware that the school office will be closed from 4 pm on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October due to governor meetings.

## Inset Day – Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October

A reminder that Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October is an INSET Day and school will be closed to the children.

## 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 <sup>th</sup> November (2.15 pm – 3.30 pm)
Y2	Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> November (2.15 pm – 3.30 pm)
Y3	Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y4	Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> November (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y5	Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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).
- If you have any typewriters, rectangles of fabric and pieces of ribbon 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 – 10<sup>th</sup> November and 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 10<sup>th</sup> November and Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. The best way to apply is online at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://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".

Thanks to all who attended the AGM on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. We are excited about getting back to all our usual activities this year. Please see the annual report which details what we've been doing and what we have planned. **We are looking for a new Treasurer and Chair** so if you're interested then please speak to your class rep or one of the existing committee – there is plenty of support to take on the roles and it's a great opportunity to support the school and meet other parents.

Owing to the recent move to class bubbles, the **school disco has been postponed until Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> November**. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help.

We will be holding the next pre-loved uniform sale on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> October. Do come and check out some great quality uniform available for a small donation.

### **And Finally**

Thank you to Y3 for their lovely assembly based on our values and virtues of being eloquent and truthful. A recording of the assembly has been uploaded to Google Classroom for Y3 parents to view.

May God be with you

*Mrs McLeary*

Headteacher

