



Newsletter – 15th 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.

Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

Pre-School: Rosie & Freddie

Reception: Evelyn & Frederick

Y1: Primrose & Eve

Y2: Isabella & Iyla

Y3: Hollie & Isabella

Y4: Cohen & Noah

Y5: Max & Eloise

Y6: Tess & Luke

Headteacher's Award: Daniel C & Marina



Attendance

Congratulations to Y2, the class with the highest attendance for this week of 97.9%!

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, 18th October 2021

The closing date for FREE postage and delivery to school for online orders is Monday, 18th October. To place an order please visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk using the details on your Tempest order form.

Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents who attended the online Parents Evening this week. We hope you found it informative and useful. I would also like to thank staff for their hard work in preparing for Parents Evening. Due to the disruptive circumstances of this week, understandably some parents missed their appointments. If you need to re-book an appointment, please let the class teacher know or alternatively email the school office.

Thursday 21st October

Please be aware that the school office will be closed from 4 pm on Thursday, 21st October due to governor meetings.

Inset Day – Friday, 22nd October

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

Secondary School Admissions

There are still some outstanding secondary school applications. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2021. The best way to apply is online at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions

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.

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).
- If you have any socks 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.

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.

School Lunch menu

There will be slight change to Thursday's lunch options after October half term which will be updated shortly on ParentPay.

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.

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](#)

After School Clubs

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

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 23rd 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, 11th November**. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help.

And Finally

I would like to say a genuine thank you to all our parents for their swift collection of their child from school in recent weeks in order to take them for precautionary PCR tests. Your support is much appreciated.

May God be with you

Mrs McLeary
Headteacher

