



# Newsletter – 26<sup>th</sup> November 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.

Lichfield Foodbank have advised that your generous Harvest donations have provided 424 meals to local people in crisis. Thank you.

The next Mass will take place in school on **Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November** at 10 am. YR/Y1/Y2 and Y6 classes will be attending. You are all very welcome!

Advent Family Mass will now take place at 11 am on **Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> December** at Ss Peter & Paul's and not 28<sup>th</sup> November as previously advertised. All are welcome. It would be lovely to see as many families as possible at this Mass. [Please let your child's class teacher know if you are planning to attend so we can pick the children who are going to read.](#)

The date of the KS2 Carol Concert is confirmed as **Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> December** (6 pm) at Ss Peter & Paul's.

Please note a change to the End of Term Mass as this will now take place in school on **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December** 2021 at 10 am.

## Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

**Pre-School:** Meghan & Harrison

**Reception:** Albert & Sia

**Y1:** Eilena & Georgina

**Y2:** Scarlett & Ivy

**Y3:** Maeve & Joseph

**Y4:** Jackie & Nikhil

**Y5:** Sabina & Gabriela

**Y6:** Lily & Noah W

**Headteacher's Award:** Maximilian & Darcie



## Attendance

Congratulations to Y6, the class with the highest attendance for this week of 99.7%!

## Topic Week

The children have had a fabulous week learning history, geography, art and design & technology skills. Check out Twitter to see them in action.

## Open Days for prospective Parents – 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 another Open Day on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> December. Tours are available at 9.30 am and 2 pm. 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 time slot.

## Reception Class Admissions - September 2022

On-line applications for primary school has now opened. The closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The best way to apply is online at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Admissions>. If your child's 5th birthday is between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 then you will need to apply for a place at First, Infant or Primary School.

## PE Kit

As you know we have been trialling the wearing of PE kits on PE days instead of uniform and this trial is due for review at the end of this term. A growing number of children are arriving at school in tracksuits, hoodies and trainers which are not plain black. Unfortunately, if every child does not come in school PE uniform, we may have to take the decision to revert to school uniform and bringing in PE bags for PE days.

## 'Peter Pan' Panto – 8<sup>th</sup> December

All children from Reception to Y6 will be going to The Garrick on **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December** to watch Peter Pan. The cost of the trip is £15 and includes a drink and a snack during the interval. All consents and payments (via Parent Pay) must be made by 26<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for all the offers of help, all helper tickets have now been allocated.

## Please note:

- As the children will be having an early lunch, breaktime snacks will not be available.
- The children should arrive back at school by 4 pm for collection. For safeguarding reasons, children can only be collected from school and not The Garrick.
- If collection arrangements are different to normal, please let the class teacher or school office know.
- Y5/Y6 walkers will need to be collected from school.

## Y6 Junior Cadets

Y6 have been having great fun working with our PCSOs, Andrea and Rachel, developing their skills using the NATO alphabet to communicate with each other via walkie talkies!

### Non-Uniform Days

- 3<sup>rd</sup> December – chocolate donations for the PTFA Christmas Fayre
- 10<sup>th</sup> December - the children can come to school dressed in a Christmas/silly jumper for a £1 donation towards Save the Children. Cake donations gratefully accepted for the PTFA Christmas Fayre.

### Christmas Lunch – 13<sup>th</sup> December

This year's Christmas lunch is on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure you have pre-booked your child's meal on ParentPay by **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December** to ensure they are able to join in this lovely festive event. **Even if your child receives Universal Free School Meals, we still need you to book their place so we can ensure numbers are correct.**

### Pre-School

- Please can the children come to school with a labelled coat (and wellies to keep in school).
- If you have any dolls cots, dolls clothes or empty carex pump bottles you would like to donate, we would be very grateful.

### Helping our Planet

Following COP26, Y6 have been writing persuasive letters to Michael Fabricant MP on the subject of our polluted oceans. In school we are aiming to reduce our use of single use plastics, teachers will be laminating less and we will be asking the children for further ideas about how we can protect our environment. Please talk about this with your child if you have any further ideas.

### Lost Property

Lost property will be disposed of on **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> December**. Please ensure you have checked the box before this date and taken your belongings home with you.

### Lunch Boxes

Please ensure that your child has an additional drink to their class water bottle in their lunchbox. Some children are trying to collect their water bottle unsupervised from their classroom during lunchtime and this is obviously unsafe. Also, a polite reminder that lunch boxes should only contain one treat and try to avoid the use of single-use plastics.

### 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.

### After School Clubs

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

### 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

Y4 would like to say a huge thank you to Wade Street Church for their interactive visit yesterday about the Christmas story.



May God be with you

*Mrs McLeary*

Headteacher

