



Newsletter – 17th December 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.

Thank you to all who came to celebrate our End of Term Mass on Wednesday.

Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

Pre-School: Mrs Hollywood (chosen by the children!)

Reception: Thea & Aoife

Y1: Michelle & Sean

Y2: Eva & Beau

Y3: Josh, Maximilian & Rose

Y4: Daniel & Lughaidh

Y5: Isabella & Lucie

Y6: Katie & James

Headteacher's Award: Sara & Otis



Attendance

Congratulations to Y4, the class with the highest attendance for the second week running of 97.3%!

End of Term Reports

You should have received your end of term report for children from Y1 up to Y6 this week.

Thanks from the staff

We would like to thank you for your Christmas wishes, presents and cards - your generosity and kindness is appreciated.

Staff Changes

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Allen has been appointed as our new Y2 teacher from January 2022. Miss Brown will be remaining at St Joseph's in her new role as Teaching Assistant, also from January.

Christmas Lunch

What a lovely festive lunch we all had on Monday. Many thanks to Cook Judy and her team for the delicious food!

Reception Class Admissions - September 2022

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

Sponsored Christmas Dance-athon

The children took part in the Christmas Dance-athon yesterday and had a fantastic time. Please can you ensure that any pledged sponsor money is paid into the [JustGiving page](#) – to date we have raised £836 for the St Vincent de Paul Society!

Spring Term 2021/22 Dates List

Dates for the Spring term have been emailed to you.

Pre-School

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

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

Clubs on offer after Christmas are:

Tuesday	Y3-Y6	Multi-Sports
Wednesday	Y1-Y2	Multi-Sports
Thursday	Y3-Y6	Tri-Golf
	Y1-Y6	Art Club

Please see the [school website](#) for more details about these 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".

Thanks to everyone who helped with, donated to and attended the Christmas fayre last week. It was a great success and the children all had a wonderful time. Special mention to the Y5's who ran some brilliant games and together raised over £250! The raffle has now been drawn and prizes given out. If you were one of the lucky winners we hope you enjoy your prize.

Next term the current committee will be stepping down. In order for the great work of the PTFA to continue we will need some new volunteers for the roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Please do have a think over Christmas if you'd like to give it a go and we'll hold a social at the beginning of the year to handover and give you an idea of what's involved. Finally, well done to Hannah Clarke whose Christmas card design was chosen for the PTFA card this year.



And Finally

As always, it was lovely to welcome so many families and friends to our Christmas Plays this week. A special thank you must go to Pre-School, Reception, Y1 and Y2 for their delightful and magical Nativity plays.

The KS2 Carol Service was a wonderful, atmospheric celebration of the Christmas Story. The children were fantastic and so many people have commented positively. We would also like to thank the teachers for their hard work and commitment and also a big thanks to Miss Cooper for playing on the night! We are very proud of the effort that the children made and I cannot tell you how proud I was of each and every one of them.

If any parent or grandparent has a few spare minutes and would like to comment on any of the plays or Carol service, please drop us a letter or email. We keep this feedback as evidence of the Catholic life of the school. Many thanks.

May I wish you and your families, wherever you will be, a happy and holy Christmas.

May God be with you

Mrs McLeary

Headteacher

*Today a saviour has been
born to us.
He is Christ the Lord*

