



Newsletter – 7th January 2022

[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.

The first Mass will be held in school on Tuesday, 1st February at 10 am. You are very welcome to attend.

St Vincent de Paul Society Fundraiser - Sponsored Christmas Dance-athon

Thank you so much to all the supporters and sponsors of our dance-athon - we have raised an incredible £962 so far! Amazing! The children had a wonderful time and really did dance non-stop, with great determination and enjoyment. If anyone would like to further donate sponsor money to our [Just Giving](#) page, please do so, the link will be open until the end of January when we will announce the final total!

Little Princess Trust

Congratulations to our very own Gabriela who bravely and selflessly donated 14" of her hair to the Little Princess Trust for children who have lost their hair through illness.

Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

Pre-School: Bonnie & Gabriel

Reception: Jesse & Grace

Y1: Seth & Harriet

Y2: Sophia M & Ameilia

Y3: Elizabeth & Nolan

Y4: Aoife & Ben Hu

Y5: Grace & Oliver

Y6: India & Gracjan

Headteacher's Award: Isla C, Gabriela & Henry J

Attendance

Congratulations to Y3, the class with the highest attendance this week of 99.1%!

Welcome

Please join us in welcoming Noah and his family to our school community.

INSET DAY - Friday 28th January

A reminder that school is closed to pupils on Friday 28th January as it is a staff training day.



IMPORTANT

Reception Class Admissions - September 2022 – Please take action NOW!

An urgent reminder that the closing date for Reception 2022-23 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.

You will **not** be allocated a place unless you have applied, this includes siblings of children already here at St Joseph's **AND** children who attend St Joseph's Pre-School. It is important that you select St Joseph's as your 1st Choice.

Final Open Day for prospective Parents – 10th January

If you have a child starting school in September 2022 and would like to come and visit the school, we are holding our final Open Day on Monday, 10th January at 9.30 am. Please call (01543 263505) or email the office (office@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk) if you would like to visit.

School Crossing Patrol

For week commencing 10th January 2022 and until further notice, due to Covid19 and sickness/absences there may not always be Relief School Crossing Patrol on our crossing. Please cross with care and caution whenever there is not a patrol on duty.

Flu Vaccine

A reminder that the rescheduled flu vaccination date is on Wednesday, 12th January 2022. Previous parental e-consent remains valid but if you have not yet provided consent, the portal is open until 9 am on Monday, 10th January. Instructions on how to access the link were emailed to you this afternoon.

Y6 Celebration Assembly

We look forward to welcoming parents to the Celebration Assembly next Friday, 14th January 2022. We ask that you wear a mask and take a precautionary lateral flow test within the 24 hours prior to the assembly.

Family Lunches

Due to the current uncertainty, and in an effort to minimise mixing and therefore possible transmission, we have made the difficult decision to again postpone Family Lunches for the foreseeable future. We will let you know the rescheduled dates as soon as we can.

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.

Young Voices Concert

Unfortunately the Young Voices Concert on 25th January has been postponed. We will advise you of the rescheduled concert date as soon as we can.

Inspire Workshops

We are delighted to be able to deliver parental workshops once more. 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 most of our Inspire Workshops will be writing. There will be an added focus of phonics in Reception and Key Stage 2 SATS in Year 6.

YR	Thursday, 13 th January (2.15 pm – 3.30 pm) or Friday, 14 th January (2.15 pm – 3.30 pm)
Y1	Wednesday, 19 th January (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y2	Thursday, 3 rd February (9.15 am – 3.30 pm)
Y3	Wednesday, 16 th February (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y4	Thursday, 10 th February (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y5	Monday, 24 th January (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y6	Thursday, 20 th January (9.15 am – 10.30 am)

Virtual Pentathlon

St Joseph's will be taking part in the School Games Virtual Pentathlon (Y1-Y6). During lunchtime, each class will be taking part in a different sports skill and the top 3 scores in each Key Stage will be sent off weekly to compete against other schools.

Pre-School

- Please can the children come to school with a labelled coat (and wellies to keep in school).
- If you have any envelopes (unused) you would like to donate, we would be very grateful.

L1/L2 Bikeability

The children had a wonderful time participating in bikeability and were a credit to the school judging on the positive feedback we received from the trainers. We sincerely thank the trainers that Bikeability could go ahead in the current circumstances and the inclement weather.

After School Clubs

After School clubs running this half-term 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].

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.

Absence

If your child is absent from school, please use the Absence Form on the school website or leave a message on the school answer service. Please ensure you tell us the nature of the absence so it can be recorded correctly.

Should the absence be planned please use the Leave of Absence Request Form on the school website. Absences that have not been notified will be recorded as Unauthorised.

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".

This 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. If you'd like to give it a go, we'll hold a social at the beginning of the year to handover and give you an idea of what's involved.

And Finally

Welcome back and a happy new year to all of our school community – children, parents, grandparents, staff and governors.

May God be with you

Mrs McLeary
Headteacher

