



# Newsletter – 14<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

The first Mass will be held in school on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 now raised an incredible £992! 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!

## Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

**Pre-School:** Carla & James

**Reception:** Mary & Francesca

**Y1:** Aurelio & Lupo

**Y2:** Sophia & Paula

**Y3:** Henry & Cora

**Y4:** Isaac & Genevieve

**Y5:** Daisy & Eloise

**Y6:** Louis & Dolly

**Headteacher's Award:** Every child at St Joseph's

## OFSTED

As you are aware, this week we have welcomed visitors from Ofsted who have inspected the quality of education at St. Joseph's. I would like to thank the staff team and our governors for their unfailing dedication and hard work to do their very best for our children, as always. The inspectors spoke with many of the children and they were most impressed with their enthusiastic and excellent attitudes to their learning – they described the children as exceptionally well-behaved. They also noted the friendly ethos of the school and the children's care for each other and respect for all. Many parents completed parentview and took the time to add further comments, demonstrating an overwhelmingly positive view of St. Joseph's – I would like to thank all those who took the time to do this. The letter to parents from Ofsted should be with us in approximately 3 weeks, and will be sent out to you as soon as it is received.



## Attendance

Congratulations to Y4, the class with the highest attendance this week of 99.7%!

## Covid-19 Self-Isolation Changes

From 17<sup>th</sup> January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

## INSET DAY - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January

A reminder that school is closed to pupils on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 tomorrow, 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.

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 **1<sup>st</sup> Choice**.

### Flu Vaccine

A reminder that the rescheduled flu vaccination date is now on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Previous parental e-consent remains valid but if you have not yet provided consent, the portal is open until 7.30 am on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

If your child has received their vaccination since giving consent, please submit another form for NON-CONSENT to vaccination.

### 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.

### 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.

Y1	Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y2	Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> February (9.15 am – 3.30 pm)
Y3	Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y4	Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> February (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y5	Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> January (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y6	Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup> January (9.15 am – 10.30 am)

### Virtual Pentathlon

The first round of the Virtual Pentathlon has taken place – standing long jump. Results are as follows:

	Y1/Y2	Y3/Y4	Y5/Y6
1 <sup>st</sup>	Henry (Y2)	Max (Y4) & Noah (Y4)	Noah C (Y6)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oliver (Y2)	Henry (Y3)	Matthew (Y6)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sara (Y2)	Sean (Y3)	Mark (Y5)

Well done everyone for taking part!

### 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.
- Pre-School are now taking applications for September 2022, but places are filling fast. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to email [pre-school@stjosephslichfield.org.uk](mailto:pre-school@stjosephslichfield.org.uk).

### 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".

The PTFA will be holding a social at The Owl pub in Lichfield on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January from 7.45 pm. Please do come along and say hi and find out more about what the PTFA do and how you can be involved. We are looking for a new committee to ensure the great events can continue so please do think about how you can help and we look forward to seeing you.

### And Finally

It was so lovely to see parents back in school at Y6's Celebration Assembly this morning. Thank you to Y6 for being exceptional role models to all our younger children.

May God be with you

*Mrs McLeary*

Headteacher

