



# Newsletter – 21<sup>st</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 Mass of Enrolment for First Holy Communion children will be held at 11 am on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at Ss Peter & Paul's Church. This is also a Family Mass so children from all year groups are welcome. It would be great to have a good turnout.

Please make every effort to attend the Enrolment Mass but if you are unable to, please speak to Fr Anthony.

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

## Job Opportunity: Parish Secretary for Holy Cross & Ss Peter & Paul's

10hrs per week (to be reviewed) spread over 3 mornings. Please contact the Parish Office for job spec and salary. CVs and covering letter to be handed to Fr Anthony by 24th January. [holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk)

## 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 £1002! 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

Now that we are able to hold Celebration Assemblies in school again, we will revert to choosing Star Workers and presenting the certificates during these assemblies.

## Attendance

Congratulations to Y1, the class with the highest attendance this week of 98.7%!

## Welcome

We welcome Jacob and his family to the St Joseph's community.

## Baptismal Certificates?

If you have applied for a 2022-23 Reception place and your child is baptised Catholic, please ensure that school has a copy of their baptismal certificate as soon as possible.

## 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.

## Y5 Alton Castle Residential

Please ensure you have returned a completed Medical Form to school by Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> January.

Please regularly check Google Classroom for up-to-date information on the forthcoming residential.

## 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.

## Free 'One Minute Maths' App

Please click [here](#) for links to our White Rose Maths scheme.



## Family Lunches

Come and enjoy a school lunch with your child. The rescheduled dates are as follows:

SURNAMES STARTING WITH	DATE
D-G	Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> February
H-K	Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> February
L-P	Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> February
Q-T	Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> March
U-Z	Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> March

### 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.

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)

Thank you to all those parents who attended the YR, Y1 and Y6 Workshops, the turnout has been great. Thank you also for all the positive and helpful comments on the parent evaluations.

### Virtual Pentathlon

The second round of the Virtual Pentathlon has taken place – speed bounce jump. Results are as follows:

	Y1/Y2	Y3/Y4	Y5/Y6
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sophie E (Y2)	Lily (Y4)	Finlay (Y6)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Leo (Y2)	Conor (Y3)	Matthew (Y6)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Scarlett (Y2)	Daniel (Y3)	Dolly (Y6) & Oscar (Y6)

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](http://www.stjosephslichfield.org.uk) 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".

Thank you to all those who attended the PTFA Social last night. We are looking for a new committee to ensure the great events can continue so please do think about how you can help and contact Mary Strong if you are interested.

Forthcoming PTFA events include:

- Disco – Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February
- Mother's Day Craft Market – Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March

### And Finally

Thank you to our House Captains and Vice-Captains for leading their first House Assemblies since they were voted in, which seems a long time ago. Children and staff enjoyed the opportunity to meet in their Houses to join in a special time of prayer together.

May God be with you

*Mrs McLeary*  
Headteacher

