



# *Newsletter – 29<sup>th</sup> April 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.

Unfortunately, the whole school Mass due to be held on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May has been cancelled as Fr Anthony is away. Our next whole school Mass will be the Mass of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May at 10 am.

## **First Holy Communion**

Y3's First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 11 am at Ss Peter & Paul's Church.

## **Confirmation**

From **Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> April**, application forms for Y6 children who are making the Sacrament of Confirmation will be available to collect from Holy Cross Church or St Peter & Paul's Church following any weekend Mass. These are then to be completed and handed back to Fr Anthony.

## **Walk Against Hunger for CAFOD!**

Thanks to all who donated to our Lenten charity and the CAFOD 'Walk Against Hunger' appeal. The children were dedicated to their lunchtime laps of the field during Lent and we have raised a grand total of £170

## **Father Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal**

As you know, we usually take part in the Good Shepherd Appeal during Lent to raise money for those who are less fortunate than us. This weekend will be the past chance to donate. We raised £474.69 for the Good Shepherd Appeal during the two year period of 2020 and 2021. Thank you for your outstanding generosity.

## **Bank Holiday – 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

A reminder that school is closed on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May for the bank holiday.

## **Attendance**

Congratulations to Y3 the class with the highest attendance this week of 100%!

## **Polite Reminders**

Just a few polite reminders:

- Please remember to remove your child's earrings on PE days.
- Children's school shoes should be black 'proper' shoes and not trainers, eg Nike.
- Hair styles – please ensure hair styles are suitable for school, long hair is tied back and extreme hair styles/adornments are saved for the weekend!
- Dogs are not allowed on the school site (either on a lead or being carried).

- Please ensure that all scooters and bikes are dismounted before entering the school site.
- When attending a school event, please ensure that photos are for your own use and not uploaded on to social media as you do not have other parents' permission for this.
- Please email us at [absence@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:absence@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk) before 9 am if your child is going to be absent.

## **Y4/Y5 Vocations Workshops – 5<sup>th</sup> May**

We look forward to welcoming Debbie Ferris and some students from St Francis of Assisi Technology College on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May who will be delivering workshops about vocations to Y4 and Y5.

## **Y6 Residential Parents Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> May**

Y6 parents are invited in to school for 5 pm on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May to find out more information about the Y6 residential trip.

## **Tempest – 6<sup>th</sup> May**

Tempest will be in school next Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May to take class vista photographs.

## **Goodbye**

Sadly, we said goodbye to a couple of our Lunchtime Supervisors, Sharron Whitehouse and Sally Clatworthy today. We thank them both for their support and wish them well for the future.

## **Calling all Nans, Grandads, Mums & Dads**

We are in desperate need of Lunchtime Supervisors. If you or anyone you know would be interested in applying for either of these positions please see [here](#) for more information.

## **Stafford Litfest Competition Winners**

Congratulations to Sebastjan and Sophia in Y4 who have had their poem 'Tsunami' placed in the Stafford Litfest competition. They have been invited to a 'Results and Prize Giving' Ceremony on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 from 3.30pm – 5.30pm at The Piano Bar, Stafford Gatehouse Theatre. Their poem, along with Isaac and Joanna's poem 'Rubbish in the Sea' have been selected for publication as the Laureate's Choice poems in *Stafford Litfest: The Anthology 2022* by Dream Well Writing Ltd.

### **Y5/Y6 Voices for Equality Workshops**

Thank you to James from the Anne Frank Trust for delivering Voices for Equality Workshops to Y5/Y6. They thoroughly enjoyed the activities.

### **Y3 Digiwall**

What a great time Y3 had using the interactive Digiwall at Lichfield Cathedral today. They also enjoyed a tour of the Cathedral, had lots of interesting questions to ask and were a credit to the school.

### **Big Battery Hunt**

St Joseph's will be taking part in the Big Battery Hunt this year. Children in Y4-Y6 have been given a box to collect any old batteries. Please write their name and how many batteries you have collected. Bring the filled box in to your class teachers to be recycled. All boxes must be returned by Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Thank you.

### **Pre-School**

- On sunny days, please ensure that children come to Pre-School with sun cream already applied.
- Please ensure you pack at least one change of clothes for your child.
- If you have any waistcoats, hats/fascinators and rolls of old wallpaper 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**

Clubs on offer this half-term will be:

Monday	Y4-Y6	Dance Club
Tuesday	Y3-Y6	Multi –Sports
	Y1-Y6	Football (with Paul Agnew)
Wednesday	Y1-Y2	Multi –Sports
Thursday	Y3-Y6	Cricket
	Y1-Y2	Art Club

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

### **Parent Governor Result**

Following results of the election, we welcome Mr Daniel Woods as Parent elect on to the Board of Governors.

### **Pupil Premium/Free School Meals**

Parents claiming some benefits can claim free school meals for any of their children who are registered at a Staffordshire school and who would normally be at school at lunch time. School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and you can save yourself time and money.

Even if you don't want your children to have the meals, claiming them helps their school. The more eligible parents who claim meals, the more funding the school receives. To apply online, please click [here](#)

### **Platinum Jubilee Story-Trail in Lichfield**

As part of local plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Visit Lichfield are running a free story-trail from 30<sup>th</sup> April to 12 June. Please visit the [website](#) for more details.

### **Woodland Wanderers**

Please see the school noticeboard for details about an online course providing a variety of nature based activities to support children's development. All families will be invited to an end of course celebration event, will receive a certificate of achievement and a free plant to support wildlife in their garden.

### **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".

We are delighted to tell you that the PTFA has a new committee:

Co-Chairs: Emma Cochrane & Christina Mulenga  
Co-Secretaries: Liz Felton & Jen Edwards  
Treasurer: Anna Heinrich

### **And Finally**

Enjoy the Bank holiday weekend – I hope the weather smiles upon us!

May God be with you

*Mrs McLeary*

Headteacher

