



Newsletter – 6th May 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.

Our next whole school Mass will be the Mass of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion on Tuesday, 17th May at 10 am.

First Holy Communion

The big day has finally arrived! Y3 First Holy Communion will be celebrated this Sunday, **8th May 2022** at 11 am at Ss Peter & Paul's Church. [Please can children arrive at church at 10.45 am and gather at the main entrance.](#) All other children are very welcome to attend and Mrs McLeary would be really happy if they would join her in the choir. A group photograph will be taken following the Mass and families are then welcome to have any individual/family shots if you wish.

Confirmation

From **Sunday, 10th 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.

Baptism

For those of you who have expressed an interest in baptism, Fr Anthony will be holding a meeting for parents at Holy Cross at 6 pm on Tuesday, 10th May. Even if you have not previously expressed an interest, you are more than welcome at this meeting.

Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

Pre-School: Aoife & Freddie

Reception: Albert & Aubree

Y1: Primrose & Otis

Y2: Scarlett & Brendan

Y3: Josh & Nolan

Y4: Barney & Sophia J

Y5: Denyque & Jude

Y6: Maisie & Neve

Headteacher's Award: Eva & Louis O



Attendance

Congratulations to Y6 the class with the highest attendance this week of 98.3%!

Welcome

Please join us in welcoming Denyque and her family to the St Joseph's community along with Ms Leung, our new Lunchtime Supervisor.

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 before 9 am if your child is going to be absent.

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.

Y6 SATS

Please think about Y6 and remember them in your prayers this weekend as they are set to sit their SATS next week. They have worked really hard and are mentally prepared. Y6, please make sure you get plenty of rest and a good breakfast each morning next week so that you are also physically prepared.

Y2 Teddy Bear's Picnic – 12th May

On Thursday, 12th May, please can Y2 bring in their favourite teddy along with a packed lunch. Alternatively, please order a sandwich via ParentPay.

Family Lunch – Wednesday, 18th May - Surnames 'C'

Booking deadline: Friday, 13th May

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Wednesday, 18th May at 11.45 am. Please ensure ParentPay payment item 'Family Lunch' is in credit by £2.90 for each ordered meal. Please email your choice to lunches@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk. Unfortunately, we will be unable to take bookings after the deadline. Payment will be taken for all ordered meals on the Family Lunch day

Whilst we enjoy having you in for Family Lunch, please be aware that taking photos is not permitted as you will not be aware of other parents photo preferences for their child who could inadvertently be in the photo. Thank you for your co-operation.

Sports Day – 27th May

A letter was emailed to you earlier today with details about Sports Day.

Y4/Y5 Vocations Workshops

We thank Debbie, Clara and Leah from St Francis of Assisi Technology College who came to deliver Vocations workshops to Y4/Y5 this week. The children really enjoyed it.

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, 3rd 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.

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 30th April to 12 June. Please visit the [website](#) for more details.

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].

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

Thank you to Y5 who gave us a lot to think about in their assembly this morning, their delivery, acting and singing was superb!

May God be with you

Mrs McLeary

Headteacher

