



Newsletter – 13th 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.

The Mass of Thanksgiving for First Holy Communion will take place on Tuesday, 17th May 2022 at 10 am in the school hall.

First Holy Communion

A huge well done to the children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. I have had so much positive feedback about the Mass itself and how reverent the children were, from Fr Anthony, countless parents and members of staff. Well done, we are very proud of you.

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

Thank you to those parents who attended the very successful meeting about baptism at Holy Cross on Tuesday. We are delighted that three of our Reception children will be celebrating a joint baptism this summer. If anybody else is interested in their child being baptised, please contact school.

Attendance

Congratulations to Y6 the class with the highest attendance for the second week running of 98.0%!

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 dismantled 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.

Family Lunch – Wednesday, 25th May - Surnames 'D-G' **Booking deadline: Friday, 20th May**

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Wednesday, 25th 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.

Family Lunch (L-N) – change in date

This Family Lunch will not take place on Wednesday, 15th June as previously planned. We will let you know the revised date as soon as possible.

Sports Day – 27th May

A letter was emailed to you last week with details about Sports Day; the letter is also available on the [school website](#).

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.

PE Survey

As you will be aware, children have been coming to school wearing PE kits on their PE days. As we would like your feedback on this going forward, we would be grateful if you would take some time to complete a short [survey](#) by Friday 20th May.

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 large buttons, waistcoats, hats, unused envelopes or old greeting cards 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.

Enrichment Days

Next half term we will be taking part in a number of different Enrichment activities led by Accelerated Learning Services. We are very excited to be learning new skills such as archery, map work and circus skills. The children will need to come into school wearing their PE kits on their Enrichment day:

YR	7 th July	Playground Games
Y1	8 th July	Circus Skills
Y2	4 th July	Strictly Dancing
Y3	4 th July	Gym Wow
Y4	7 th July	Archery
Y5	13 th July	Olympics
Y6	13 th July	Map Quest

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].

Registration for Entrance Test

Registration is now open for parents of current Y5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for The Grammar Schools in Birmingham, for entry to Y7 in September 2023. Registration can be made [online](#). The closing date for registering is 4 pm on 30th June 2022. The test will take place on 17th September 2022.

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.

Create Streets survey

Lichfield District Council is seeking residents' opinions before approaching architects, designers and businesses to build detailed plans for the redevelopment of the Birmingham Road and Frog Lane areas of the city.

Please complete the 'Create Streets' [survey](#) when you can and share the link (the survey closes in three weeks) – your views are important and will be a great help when plans are drawn up for the redevelopment of these key areas of the city

PTFA

Find us on the school website

(<http://stjosephscatholicprimary.sites.schooljotter2.com/our-school/ptfa>) or don't hesitate to give the Chairs, Emma or Christina, a call or speak to your class rep (names are on the school website) or Facebook "St Joseph's School Lichfield PTFA".

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale – Friday, 20th May

The PTFA have a collection of great pre-loved uniform, including lots of St Joseph's branded items, which will be available for you to purchase for a small donation at the school gate

And Finally

A huge well done to Y6 who have worked so hard during the year and have finally finished their SATs. They have all done the very best that they can and we are extremely proud of them.

May God be with you

Mrs McLeary

Headteacher



During May, the month of Our Lady, we remember –

"Mary is our guide, our teacher and our mother."