



Newsletter – 12th April 2024

[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.

You are all welcome to attend our next Mass, which will be celebrated in school at 10 am on **Tuesday, 16th April**. Y4 will lead this Mass.

First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of The Eucharist will be celebrated at 11 am on **Sunday, 19th May** at Ss Peter & Paul's Church for those children in Y3 who are making their First Holy Communion this year.

If you wish your child to have a commemorative First Holy Communion tie, please order via ParentPay by **19th April 2024**.

Confirmation

The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is 7 pm on **Monday, 10th June 2024 at Ss Peter & Paul**. The celebrant will be Canon Paul McNally.

Interest in Baptism Meeting

A meeting will be held in school at 4 pm on **Wednesday, 24th April** for all those who are considering Baptism for their child.

Attendance

Congratulations to Y5, the class with the highest attendance this week of 100%!

Welcome

Please join us in welcoming Cameron and his family to our school community.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Hughes and Mrs Mortimer to the St Joseph's staff team as Pupil Welfare Support Classroom Assistants.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our very own Mrs Dolphin who married Matt on 3rd April. We look forward to welcoming her back as Mrs Hird in September. I know you will want to join us in wishing them God's blessings and every happiness for their future life together.



Foundation Stage Parent Drop-Ins – 17th April

The booking system is now closed. We look forward to seeing you at your appointment time on Wednesday, 17th April.

Tempest Photographs – 22nd April

Tempest will be in school on Monday, 22nd April to take class vista photographs.

Bank Holiday – 6th May

A reminder that school is closed on Monday, 6th May for the bank holiday.

Y2 Black County Living Museum trip – 24th May

Details of this trip were emailed to you today. Please make payment via ParentPay by 3rd May. Thank you.

Y4 Think Tank trip – 7th June

Details of this trip were emailed to you today. Please make payment via ParentPay by 3rd May. Thank you.

Pre-School

- We would be delighted for donations of any old flower seeds. Thank you!
- Please can you remember to check ParentPay regularly for any items which may require attention.

Autism Acceptance Week

As part of our ongoing work around supporting children with neurodiversity, this week classes have taken part in sessions focusing on autism acceptance.

Polite Reminders

Just a few polite reminders:

- Please remember to remove your child's earrings on PE days. If you are planning to have your child's ears pierced, please get this done at the beginning of the summer holidays, as they will not be able to take them out for 6 weeks. Children cannot take part in some aspects of PE with earrings in and this impacts on their learning in the PE curriculum.
- Children's school shoes should be black 'proper' shoes and not trainers, eg Nike.
- Hairstyles – please ensure hairstyles 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.

Volunteers

Would you like to volunteer to help in school? Parents who come and read with children or help with changing library books are hugely appreciated. We ask that parent volunteers only volunteer for classes, which their own child is not in please.

After School Clubs

Please see the [school website](#) for more details about 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 pathway down the side of the school to get to Badgers.

Online Safety

We would like to make you aware of 'online safety' advice, guidance and support page called '[Wake Up Wednesday - what parents / carers need to know](#)'.

For parents, 'Wake up Wednesday' is a way to get more involved with what their children are learning – and to increase their own awareness and understanding of topics they may know little about.

PTFA

You are automatically a PTFA member, but we would be grateful if you could spare some time in becoming an active member. Please don't hesitate to get in touch (ptfa@stjosephslichfield.org.uk), speak to your class rep or Facebook "*St Joseph's School Lichfield PTFA*".

And Finally

A huge thank you to Mr O'Toole and the Cadent team for their voluntary work over the Easter holidays. I think you will all agree, the outdoor school site is looking refreshed and tidy after all their hard work.

May God be with you

Mrs McLeary

Headteacher

