



Newsletter - 13 March 2020

[Please remember to view the school calendar/website for further information](#)

Our Catholic Mission

You are all most welcome to join us for the Feast of St Patrick Mass in school, which will be at 9.30 am on Tuesday 17th March.

Year 3 - Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation for Y3 will take place on [Tuesday 17 March at 6 pm at Holy Cross](#). The children do not need to wear school uniform. As the car park at Holy Cross is likely to be more congested than usual, it has been advised that you park in the adjacent roads and walk to Holy Cross.

Year 6 - Confirmation

We have received some exciting news that Archbishop Bernard Longley is coming to confirm our Year 6 pupils for this year's Confirmation.

You need to see Fr Anthony this weekend or next weekend to collect a form requesting Confirmation for your child. You can then hand this in at the Parent's meeting for Confirmation at 6pm on Thursday 26 March at Holy Cross. Alternatively you can hand it in at the Mass of Enrolment for Confirmation taking place on Sunday 29 March at 11 am at SS Peter and Paul.

Year 3 - Holy Communion

The Sacrament of the Eucharist - First Holy Communion - will be celebrated on Sunday 10 May 2020 at Ss Peter and Paul's Church at 11 am.

This information is also on the school calendar.

Father Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal

Collection boxes were sent home with the children earlier in the week. Children use their box to save the money they would normally spend on sweets and treats, thereby practising abstinence and almsgiving. We would be grateful if boxes could be returned to school by 24 April

Parish Mass/Children's Liturgy

The parish newsletter or website www.romancatholiclichfield.co.uk contains information about Masses and other church notices.
Mass Times: 6 pm Saturday @ SS Peter & Paul (with Children's Liturgy)
11am Sunday @ SS Peter & Paul (with Children's Liturgy)

Year 3 & 4 - Easter Story

Year 3 and 4 will be performing their retelling of the Easter story at 6 pm on Wednesday 1 April. You are all most welcome.

Stations of the Cross

Our annual Stations of the Cross service takes place on Thursday 2 April at 9.30 am in the school hall.

Attendance

Congratulations to Y5 the class with the highest attendance this week of 99%.

Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week:

Reception: Anna-Rose & George

Y1: Rose & Holly Q

Y2: Jackie & Genevieve

Y3: Gabriela & Jamie

Y4: Emily & Jedidiah

Y5: Annabella & Adin

Y6: Gabriel & Martin

Headteacher's Award: Evie M & Thomas Ro



Family Lunch - Wednesday 18 March 11.45 am SURNAMES U-Z (WEEK 1 MENU)

MENU CHOICE TO BE IN BY 12 NOON ON MONDAY 16 MARCH

Please ensure your account is in credit by at least £2.76 for your lunch on parent pay. Menu choices are available on the school website. Please email your choice to lunches@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk. Unfortunately, we will be unable to take bookings after the deadline.

PTFA Easter Bingo - CHANGE IN DATE

Please be aware that due to unforeseen circumstances, Easter Bingo will now take place on [Friday 20 March](#). This will be a non-uniform day - please can the children bring in Easter eggs or chocolate.

Y3 Swimming Lessons

Y3's swimming lessons start on Monday 20 April. If you are able to help take the children to/from Friary Grange, please let Mrs Allan know. The children will be leaving school at 9.45 am and should return by 11.15 am. If your child wishes to wear goggles, please

can you ensure that you have completed and returned the swimming goggles consent is also available on the school website.

Latest advice on Coronavirus

The Department for Education has launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows: Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

Updates regarding the school status in this matter will be sent via School Jotter - please ensure you have logged in and have full access to the app (unlocked padlock at the top right hand side of the screen).

In the event that school is forced to close we have put in place learning from home packages, how to access these will be communicated to you when the need arises.

Headlice - we have unwanted visitors reported!

We have been advised that there is headlice in school could you please take a moment to check your child's hair and treat if necessary. For more information <http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com>

Polite Reminders

- Parents are reminded that they should not be using the school car park as a thoroughfare to access the school premises. Please ensure you are teaching your child to enter through the main gate and using the footpaths around school to ensure their safety.
- As part of our school's environmental strategy, school is only using paper and envelopes where necessary and will only be purchasing the minimum amount needed to achieve this. Our aim is to ensure that any documents are available on the school website wherever possible and we would encourage you to send these by email. Due to our aim to reduce paper, please be aware that it may not be possible for school to print items or provide envelopes.

Pre School

- We will be focussing on listening skills next week
- Please ensure children wear old clothes and shoes - weather appropriate.

- Do you have any unwanted toy potato heads as Pre School would be grateful for any donations!
- From Monday 9 March, a new lunch booking system will be adopted - if your child requires a school lunch, please indicate this on the board situated in the Pre School playground before dropping your child off at the Pre School door.

Governing Board News

St Patrick's Barn Dance - cancelled - due to the current situation and after careful and difficult consideration, it was decided that it would be best for our school and wider community to cancel this event. Thank you for your understanding.

The Governing Board thank you for your support with the St Patrick's raffle which was drawn during assembly this morning - winners have been contacted. Thank you to all who donated a prize, to name just a few: Poppys in Alrewas, Drayton Manor, Arthur Price

PTFA News

- Please see the school website (<http://stjosephscatholicprimary.sites.schooljotter2.com/our-school/ptfa>) and calendar for more information. We hope to raise lots of funds for the school this year so do bring your children along to enjoy our events and we're always happy to have volunteers to run them, just speak to your class rep.

Forthcoming events include:

- Mother's Day Craft Market - 20 March - get your orders in asap
- Chocolate Bingo - 20 March (new date)

And finally

A huge thank you to Year 1 for their fabulous assembly all about St Patrick this morning. They certainly put a smile on everyone's face!



May God be with you
Mrs D McLeary
Headteacher