



Newsletter - 2 October 2020

[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.

Next week Y4 will be leading our Harvest Service in school. All classes will take part in this service via Google Meet. We would usually ask that children bring in donations of food for those in need. However due to the current situation, for this year we would like to suggest that you donate via the COVID friendly food banks in supermarkets such as Tesco's. Please talk to your child about why these donations are being made. Thank you.

Attendance

Congratulations to Y2 and Y6, the classes with the highest attendance this week of 100%.

Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week! Unfortunately, we cannot invite parents into school to celebrate with us at this time, however the children will be bringing their certificates home to share with you.

Reception: Ioannis & Georgina

Y1: Eryn-Reve & Nayan

Y2: Maeve & Joseph

Y3: Daniel & Aoife

Y4: Maxwell R & Eloise

Y5: India & Zachary

Y6: Lowry & Ethan L

Headteacher's Award: Cohen Y3 and Harriet YR



Parents Evenings – 19th & 20th October

Details about parents evening were emailed to you earlier this week. You will be able to book your child's appointment through the school website from 8 am on Monday 5th October; bookings will close at 11.55 pm on Wednesday 7th October.

Remote Education

I would like to thank you for all your support and understanding over the past few weeks. It's a challenging time for us all with many new procedures to follow. Since returning to school I am aware that a number of children are coming down with various illnesses, which is probably due to the fact that their immune systems are potentially lower as a result of their limited social interaction since March. However, schools have been given clear guidance from the Government in terms of what symptoms are COVID-19 related. These include a high temperature, a continuous cough and loss of taste or smell. If your child is isolating due to these symptoms but is well enough to complete school work then activities linked to their current learning will be posted on Google Classroom.

Photographer – Monday 5th October

The school photographer will be here on Monday to take **individual** photographs of your child. Unfortunately, under the current circumstances, it will not be possible to take photographs of children with their siblings. **Your child will not be required to wear or bring a PE kit on this day.**

Year 5 Parents

We would be grateful if Y5 could bring in old newspaper next week in preparation for our Topic week art activity. Thank you.

Flu Vaccination – Thursday 5th November

The School Age Immunisation Team will be visiting school on 5th November to administer the flu vaccine. Consent forms will be sent out electronically in due course. Please note this will be the only opportunity for your child to receive the vaccine at school.

School Communication

Please ensure you have downloaded the School Jotter app as this is one of the main ways that we communicate with you. Instructions are available on the school website to help you!

Twitter

If you haven't already done so, please request to join the school's Twitter account (@StJoesLichfield) we regularly update class activities, including some lovely photos taken of the children. Your request will have to be approved so it would be helpful if your account is easily identifiable as a parent of one of our children or could you email us with your Twitter name and your child's name to confirm.

Vacancies

We still have a couple of vacancies for Lunchtime Supervisors, if you or anyone you know would be interested in applying for this position please see [here](#) for more information.

Class Pupil Numbers

If you know anyone who is looking for a school place for their child/ren we have a limited number of spaces throughout school.

Coloured Overlays

If your child has a coloured overlay at home from their previous class then please could this be returned to school.

Superhero figures/squishies donations

Reception Class would be grateful for any donations of any superhero figures or squishies please.

Pre School

If you are having an autumn clear out, we would be most appreciative of donations of:

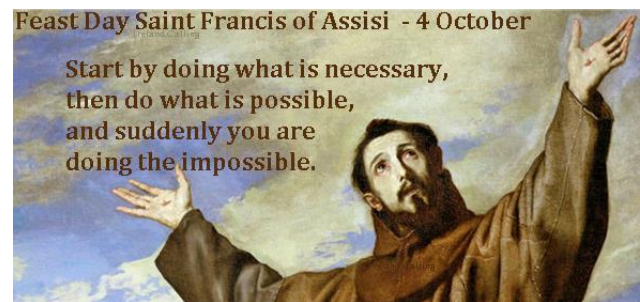
- Boys' clothes
- Plastic/Wooden Tea Set
- Plastic/Wooden Food
- Girls pants and trousers
- Decorating paint brushes
- Plastic Buckets

PTFA News

If you would like to know more about the PTFA and being a part of the committee, please don't hesitate to give me a call (Chair - Mary 07932 654723) or speak to your class rep (names are on the school website).

And Finally

Prayer to St. Francis of Assisi: *Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*



May God be with you
Mrs Thomas
Acting Deputy Head