



Newsletter - 11 December 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.

Recently Holy Cross announced the 5 Christmas Masses which will go ahead over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. It is essential that you pre book these Masses. All details of Mass times and how to book are on the parish website: www.romancatholiclichfield.co.uk

On Friday, 18th December, Fr Anthony will be holding Mass in school with the Y5 bubble at 9.30 am. Y5 parents will be sent a Google Meet invite if they wish to join Mass virtually. All other classes will join Mass from their classrooms.

Virtual Panto

Whilst we were unable to visit the Garrick for our normal panto treat, Life Church Lichfield have kindly paid for a virtual 'panto', 'Hark', performed by the Saltmine Theatre Company.

YP-Y2 Christmas Plays/KS2 Carol Concert

We are excited to let you know that the links to the virtual nativities and the KS2 Carol Service will be sent out to families shortly. We ask that you do not share any of the recordings.

Helping Hands

We have been approached by a local charity to see if there are any families within our school community who require some help with Christmas. The charity is called 'Helping each other Lichfield and Surrounding areas'. They have been a huge presence in the community over lockdown. Their main aim is to supply Christmas food and brand new toys to those families who may be in need due to the current Covid-19 situation. If you as a family or if you know of a family who would benefit, please speak to Mrs Thomas in confidence.

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: Harriet & Artie

Y1: Sara & Issy

Y2: Hannah, Conor & Max

Y3: Cohen & Darcie

Y4: Ella & Lennon

Y5: Gracjan & Jessica

Y6: Ethan L & Connie

Headteacher's Award: Ioannis & Ivy



Attendance

Congratulations to Y6, the class with the highest attendance this week of 100%.

Goodbye & Good Luck

This week we said a fond farewell to Maxwell and his family and wish them all the very best for the future.

Termly Reports

Y1-Y6 termly reports will be emailed to you on Monday 14th December. YR parents will be invited to a virtual meeting during the first couple of weeks of the Spring term.

Monday 14th December

In view of the current restrictions, we ask that the children do not bring in any toys on Monday, 14th December as previously mentioned on the dates list. They will, however, be having a festive time throughout the week with many Christmas activities.

Last day of term – Friday 18th December

Please note the earlier collection times on the last day of term:

Y5	2 pm
Y1/Y2	2.10 pm
YR/Y3	2.20 pm
YP/Y4/Y6	2.30 pm

Christmas Jumper Day – 18th December

The children can come to school dressed in a Christmas/silly jumper for a £1 donation towards the PTFA.

What to do if - Positive Cases after School Closure

Please refer to the letter emailed to you earlier this week about the steps to be taken if your child develops symptoms and has a positive test within 48 hours of school closing.

Christmas Tree

Our beautiful Christmas tree from Lichfield Garden Centre has arrived and has pride of place in the hall. If anybody would like to take the tree when school closes for the holidays on 18th December, please contact the office.

Lost Property - 18th December

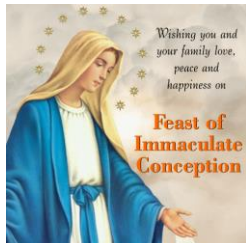
Lost property will be disposed of on **Friday 18th December**. Please ensure you have checked the box before this date and taken your belongings home with you.

Spring Term Dates

You will shortly receive dates for next term.

School Vacancies

There are a couple of vacancies within school – please take a look at the [website](#) for more details.



School Lunches – Spring Term 2021

From January 2021 all children will be able to eat their lunch in their class bubbles in the school hall. As a result of this, we are now able to update the lunch menu. The menu will be available on ParentPay shortly. If you have already booked lunches for the Spring Term, we ask that you check the bookings once the new menu has been launched. Please also remember that bookings need to be made by the Wednesday of the preceding week, therefore the deadline for the first week back at school is Wednesday 30th December.

Pre School

- Pre School have some places available for January starts. 15 and 30 hours funding accepted. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask them to call the school office or email pre-school@stjosephslichfield.org.uk.
- We would be most grateful for donations of:
 - Jigsaws
 - Prosecco and/or champagne corks

Reception Class Admissions - September 2021

On-line applications for primary school has now opened. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2020. The best way to apply is online at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Admissions>. If your child's 5th birthday is between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 then you will need to apply for a place at First, Infant or Primary School.

Please spread the word as the EYFS tour is available to view on the school website along with the school tour. Pre-School and potential Reception parents will be able to visit our school on 5th/6th/7th January at 4 pm. Bookings are essential and will be a max of 6 people per tour (we will be unable to accommodate any children). To reserve a place call 01543 263505 or email office@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk.

Easyfundraising

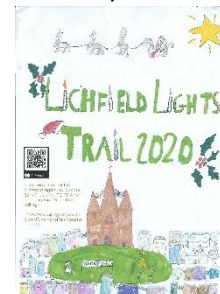
Remember to help collect the easyfundraising donations!

Using easyfundraising could not be easier. Simply search for your retailer on the easyfundraising App or website and shop as normal. Our school will then get a little "Thank you" donation from the retailer at no additional cost to you.

All your favourite retailers are giving donations, incl. eBay, Argos, Amazon, John Lewis, John Lewis, Just Eat, Currys, ao.com, JD Sports, Booking.com, ASOS, Not on the Highstreet, M&S, Boots, Etsy, Wayfair, EE and many more... Every donation, big or small, means a lot to us and we appreciate your help! Visit and support our easyfundraising page here: <http://efraising.org/S1YFkOg0ij>

🎄 PTFA 🎄

- Congratulations to the winning Lichfield Lights Trail design by Genevieve.
- Round Table Santa Sleigh - Father Christmas will still be doing the rounds this year and we are part of the team (although we are unable to go round with the sleigh collecting). All donations will be online and things will operate a little differently BUT you can still catch a glimpse. Go to www.lichfieldsanta.co.uk for full details of the route. You can make a donation on the website or by texting LICHFIELD to 70480 (£2 donation). It's great to be involved in this initiative even though we can't physically be there, so please do donate if you are able; not only do St Joseph's receive a share of the entire profits but some great local charities also benefit.
- Christmas cards – we're pleased to say that you should all now have received your Christmas cards. Big shout to Daisy P for sorting the huge pile out ready to be distributed to you. Congratulations to the winning design by Daniel O'Brien which the PTFA will be using to send their greetings this year.



And Finally

Thank you to Y2 for their Prayer Service this week on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

May God be with you

Mrs Thomas

Acting Deputy Headteacher