



Newsletter - 18th 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.

IMPORTANT: If you would like to attend one of 5 Christmas Masses taking place 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

Thank you to Fr Anthony for the Mass in school this morning with the Y5 bubble. Thanks also to the Y5 parents who joined in virtually from home; the other classes joined in virtually too.

St Francis's Virtual Carol Service

St Francis's virtual carol service is available to view: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHz4CGz9tPg>

YP-Y2 Christmas Plays/KS2 Carol Concert

We hope you have enjoyed the virtual nativities/KS2 Carol Service. We ask that you do not share any of the recordings. Thank you to all our staff for their hard work in producing these.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

We are pleased to advise the following dates:

Y4 FHC	Thursday, 6 th May 2021 (6 pm)
Y3 FHC	Thursday, 13 th May 2021 (6pm)
Y7 Confirmation	Thursday, 10 th June 2021 (6 pm)
Y6 Confirmation	Thursday, 17 th June 2021 (6 pm)

Thanks from the staff

We would like to thank you for your Christmas wishes, presents and cards - your generosity and kindness is appreciated.

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: Anna & Darcie

Y1: Iyla & Ameilia

Y2: Jonathan & Henry

Y3: Sophia J & Joseph McK

Y4: Claudia & Jacob H

Y5: Dolly & Noah W

Y6: Gram & Adin

Headteacher's Award: Matthew & Sophie D



Attendance

Congratulations to Y3, Y4 and Y6, the classes with the highest attendance this week of 98.6%

Goodbye & Good Luck

This week we are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Dunwoody who has been an extremely valued member of staff for 11 years and many more as a previous pupil. We thank her for all her dedicated years of service to our children and community. Pupils, staff and parents will miss her.

We also say a fond farewell to Niko and his family and we wish them all the very best for the future.

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.

Spring Term Dates

The dates for next term were emailed to you earlier this week.

Y2 Teacher – January 2021

We are delighted to inform you that we have appointed Miss Brown as the Year 2 teacher from January 2021.

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 is now available on ParentPay. 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.

Y5 Change in PE Day

Please can Y5 come to school in their PE kit on Fridays from January onwards.

Our Recovery Curriculum

If you wish to view the school's Recovery Curriculum Plan, you will find this on the school website (Coronavirus tab).

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 email pre-school@stjosephslichfield.org.uk.

- We would be most grateful for donations of jigsaws

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.

School Vacancies

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

Easyfundraising

Last minute Christmas shoppers – help us receive those free donations!

Over the years we have raised **£1688.55** through easyfundraising – every penny was donated by online shops, thanks to you!

You can help our school receive free donations from the retailers you are shopping with – at NO cost to you! **More than 4,000 online shops and websites will make a small “Thank you” donation to us**, every time you shop online and use easyfundraising – at NO extra cost to yourself!

All your favourite retailers are giving donations, incl.

Argos, Amazon, John Lewis, eBay Currys, ao.com, Photobox, Just Eat, Screwfix, Booking.com, M&S, Boots, Hobbycraft, Etsy, Wayfair, EE and many more...

Download the free **easyfundraising App** to shop and raise on the go or, click here to support us on the

easyfundraising website <http://efraising.org/S1YFkOg0jl>

Find us on the App as “St Joseph's RC Primary School PTFA – Lichfield”

PTFA

- St Joseph's Christmas lights trail. For a £5 donation, you can enjoy some of the best of Lichfield's Christmas lights. Full details on how to donate and where to access the map can be found here: <https://www.romancatholiclichfield.co.uk/schools.html>
- 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.

Governors Christmas Message

Please have a look at the [school website](#) for a Christmas message from St Joseph's governors.

And Finally

We have finally made it to the end of term and want to let the children know how amazing they have been at adapting to all the new routines. We are also grateful for your continued support throughout these strange times.

May I wish you and your families a peaceful and holy Christmas.

May God be with you

Mrs Thomas

Acting Deputy Headteacher

*Today a
saviour has
been born to us.
He is Christ the
Lord*



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