



Newsletter - 8th January 2021

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

Welcome Back

It was so lovely to see all the children smiling and happy to be back at school on Monday even if only for a very brief time!

First of all, thank you for your support and understanding this week whilst school staff made plans with regard to the Government's announcement.

Our Catholic Mission

The parish newsletter and website www.romancatholiclichfield.co.uk contains information about masses and other church notices.

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)

Remote Learning

Whilst it may be disappointing for our children learning from home, we know you will engage with this remote learning and do your very best. If you have any queries whatsoever, please contact your child's class teacher using the class email address.

Thank you to all our parents for supporting your children during this home learning period as we know everybody's circumstances are different and this can prove a challenge.

Here is the link to our [Remote Education Plan](#) on the school website.

You will today have received a summary of the parent feedback from Autumn term's remote learning questionnaire. Thank you to all who responded and your feedback has been taken into consideration. We will be sending out another questionnaire in the near future to gather further views.

Covid-19 Risk Assessment

This is a reminder that this document is regularly updated and is available to view on the school website.

Please check your emails to find details of a Covid-19 scam we have been made aware of.

Online Safety

Please remember to talk regularly to your children about online safety and appropriate use of social media at home.

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: Eve, Sean & Murilo

Y1: Oliver & Mia

Y2: Jonathan & Daniel

Y3: Genevieve & Sophie

Y4: Lottie & Daisy

Y5: Lily & Zach

Y6: Annabella & Erin

Headteacher's Award: Jacob H & Nayan



Welcome

Please join us in welcoming Mia, Caison and their families to our school community. We also welcome Miss Brown as our Year 2 teacher.

VERY IMPORTANT!

Reception Class Admissions - September 2021 – Please take action NOW!

The closing date for online applications for a place in our Reception Class is **15th January 2021**. The best way to apply is online at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions

If your child's (or someone's child you know) has their 5th birthday between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 then you will need to apply for a place at First, Infant or Primary School.

You will **not** be allocated a place unless you have applied, this includes siblings of children already here at St Joseph's **AND** children who attend St Joseph's Pre-School. It is important that you select St Joseph's as your **1st Choice**.

School Lunches – Spring Term 2021

All Key Worker children attending school will be able to eat lunch in their class bubbles in the school hall. Please remember to book your child's lunch on ParentPay by the Wednesday of the preceding week.

Key Stage 2 Break Snacks

As there is a staggered rota for lunches and some children are eating lunch later, we encourage your child to bring in a piece of fruit for a breaktime snack.

Change in PE Day for Key Worker children

From next week, your child's PE days are as follows:

YR	Friday
Y1	Wednesday
Y2	Wednesday
Y3	Tuesday
Y4	Wednesday
Y5	Tuesday
Y6	Tuesday

Please can the children come to school in their PE kit on these days.

Pre School

Pre School have some places available for Summer term 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
- Prosecco and/or champagne corks

School Vacancies

There is a Lunchtime Supervisor vacancy within school – please take a look at the [website](#) for more details.

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 High Street, 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/S1YFkOg0jl>

PTFA

If you would like to know more about the PTFA and being a part of the committee, please see the school website

(<http://stjosephscatholicprimary.sites.schooljotter2.com/our-school/ptfa>) or don't hesitate to give the Chair, Mary, a call or speak to your class rep (names are on the school website).

Governors Christmas Message

If you have not managed to see the lovely Christmas message from the governors, please have a look on the school website before it is taken off.

And Finally

I am delighted to be back at school finally even though it is very tiring, thanks Boris! It has been lovely to see all the children and parents this week and I wish you all a happy and healthy new year.

May God be with you

Mrs Mcleary

Headteacher

