



# Newsletter - 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

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

## Our Catholic Mission

The parish newsletter and website [www.romancatholiclichfield.co.uk](http://www.romancatholiclichfield.co.uk) contains information about masses and other church notices.

## Whole School Mass

I hope all children learning from home had the opportunity to join in with the whole school Mass online this morning. You will be sent another link in a couple of weeks' time to join in another whole school Mass. It is important that our children continue to participate in the celebration of Mass and to pray for all those in need.

## First Holy Communion & Confirmation

We are pleased to advise the following dates:

- Y4 FHC Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (6 pm)
- Y3 FHC Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (6pm)
- Y7 Confirmation Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (6 pm)
- Y6 Confirmation Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (6 pm)

## Parents Evening – 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January

A reminder that Parents Evening has been brought forward to Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Please book an appointment via the school website using the orange button on the Home page. The booking system will close at 3.30 pm on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> January. You will receive a Google Meet invite via your child's school G-Mail account before your appointment.

## Remote Learning

Well done to all the children and families who are continuing to engage with home learning. If you have any queries whatsoever, please contact your child's class teacher using the class email address.

## Online Safety

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

## Laptops for Lichfield Campaign

You may have seen this in the local media but Councillor Pullen recently launched a 'Laptops for Lichfield Campaign, to get people to turn over their unwanted laptops for children to use if they are struggling to access a device at home. If you are a parent with multiple school-aged children, it can be hard to share devices in your home.

Please email the office if you believe you would benefit from an additional device in your home.

## INSET DAY - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January

Just to remind you that the planned Inset Day next Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021, is now not going ahead. We will advise you in due course of the revised date which will be held during the Summer term.

## 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:** Michelle & Aleksander

**Y1:** Sophia M & Eibhlin

**Y2:** Joseph & Henry

**Y3:** Ben Hu & Nikhil

**Y4:** Heber & Eloise

**Y5:** Esmée & James

**Y6:** Ethan L & Olivia T

**Headteacher's Award:** Theo, Maria & Tilly



## Topic Week

The children have been very excited this week about their class topics, here is what they have been learning about this week:

Reception – The Gingerbread Man

Y1 – Meerkats in Antarctica (Exploring Hot & Cold Places)

Y2 – Great Explorers

Y3 – Romans

Y4 – Anglo Saxons

Y5 – Vikings

Y6 – World War 2

### School Games Challenge

Following on from the success of the competitions during the first schools closure, School Games Competition are running weekly events. Similar to the first lockdown, your class teacher will send out each challenge at the start of the week and ask for your results to be sent in. The top 3 results for each year group will be entered into the School Games competition competing against other Lichfield and Burntwood schools; scores will be sent off with just the initial of the child's first name. Results from the competition will be announced on the school newsletter. This competition will be run for both the children who are currently at home and for those in school.

This week, we came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall for KS1 and 1<sup>st</sup> overall for Upper KS2 – congratulations to all who took part!

### School Vacancies

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

### Break Snacks

We have now been informed that the fruit delivery for YR-Y2 classes will resume going forward. Can we please remind KS2 children to bring in a piece of fruit for a break time snack.

### Baptismal Certificates?

If you have applied for a 2021-22 Reception place and your child is baptised Catholic, please ensure that school has a copy of their baptismal certificate as soon as possible.

### 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](mailto:pre-school@stjosephslichfield.org.uk). We would be most grateful for any donations of the following:

- Swimming noodles
- Waterproof coats, trousers or waterproof all-in-ones ages 2-3 and 3-4
- Wooden salad bowls and plates

- Wooden dolls house
- Pieces of ribbon or strips of fabric for weaving

### 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).

### And Finally

We hope the children have enjoyed Topic Week, we have had some lovely pieces of work handed in by them.

May God be with you

*Mrs McLeary*

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