



Newsletter - 29th 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 contains information about masses and other church notices.

Whole School Mass

This week we are going to attend Mass celebrated by Fr Peter Weatherby in Cannock. You will need to click on the link <https://bit.ly/FamilyMass> and then choose the Mass for the 5th Sunday. All children in school will be attending at 9.30 am on Friday, 5th February 2021 and we would love as many children at home to attend at the same time. It is especially important at this time to continue to celebrate our Faith.

Parents Evenings

Thank you for participating in this week's virtual parents evenings. Apologies for the few technical hitches, but if your appointment was affected, your class teacher will contact you. Also, thank you for the feedback received regarding remote learning. If your child is currently learning from home, we would appreciate your time in completing the parent questionnaire available through the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/sjrepspring1>
The closing date for this is Friday, 5th February.

Remote Learning

We are constantly impressed by the enthusiasm and quality of work submitted by our children learning from home. In line with the government's announcement, we are hopeful that all children will be able to return to school shortly!

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.

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: Francesca & Spike

Y1: Reuben & Paula

Y2: Sara & Nolan

Y3: Daniel & Sebastjan

Y4: Lennon & Daniel

Y5: Madison & Samir

Y6: Lena & Oscar

Headteacher's Award: Eibhlin & Nadia



Children's Mental Health Week (1st-7th February)

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place next week. This year's theme is 'Express Yourself'. Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. Teachers will be reminding children that it is important to remember that being able to express yourself is not about being the best at something or putting on a performance for others. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself.

School Games Challenge

Well done to everyone who took part in the School Games Challenge this week. We came 5th in both the EYFS/KS1 category and in the UKS2 category. Keep sending in your results to your class teacher. This week's challenge will be on Google Classroom for you to try.

Huge thanks

We would like to thank G-Scapes and Tippers for the very kind donation and delivery of our golden gravel for our Reception Class digging area. The children are having a fabulous time working together, digging and building up their super strong muscles. Thank you so much for your kind donation!

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. 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
- Wicker baskets

School Jotter App Messages

This is our main method of communicating with you, therefore please ensure you remain logged in and have accepted notifications. [Instructions](#) are available on the school website.

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/S1YFkOg0jI>

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).

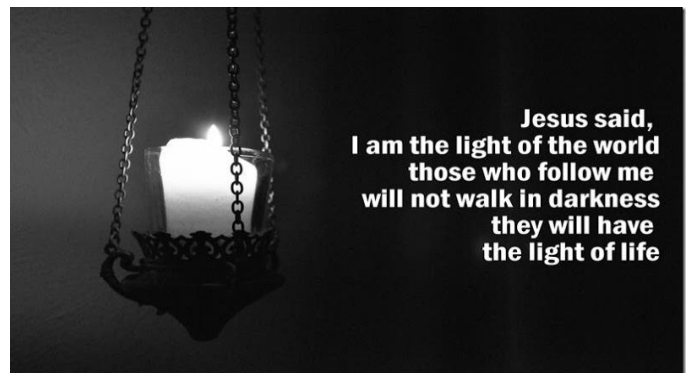
And Finally

A big thank you to the 10 parent volunteers who turned up at 7 am to last Monday morning to help Mr Ballinger clear the snow around school. It was very much appreciated and shows what a strong school community we have at St Joseph's. See you at the same time on Monday!

May God be with you

Mrs McLeary

Headteacher



**Jesus said,
I am the light of the world
those who follow me
will not walk in darkness
they will have
the light of life**