



Newsletter - 5th February 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

I hope all children learning from home had the opportunity to join in with the whole school Mass online this morning. How lovely was it to hear Fr Peter Weatherby welcome St Joseph's to the Mass? You will be sent another link after half term 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.

Remote Learning

We continue to be proud of our children learning from home. We understand each family is in a different situation and is juggling other responsibilities alongside home learning. Please do not put yourself under any extra pressure if children are not focused on one particular day. One more week and then all children can have a well-deserved rest (parents too)!

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

As a result of school closure, our children are having to use technology more than ever to access school work remotely. Internet services have enabled us to support home learning but these technologies are not without risk. Please take a look at the [school website](#) where you will find information websites and guides (on games and apps) to help you and your children to be safe and considerate digital citizens.

Safer Internet Day – 9th February

This year in the UK, Safer Internet Day explores reliability online. The internet has an amazing range of information and opportunities online, but how do we separate fact from fiction? Safer Internet Day will be celebrated globally with the slogan: "Together for a better internet".

Next week children will be participating in discussions and activities around this theme.

Year 3 Staffing

Mrs Hingorani will be finishing at St Joseph's on Friday, 12th February. I know you will join me in thanking Mrs Hingorani for her contribution to Year 3 since September. We know she will be missed by the children. After half term, Mrs Allan will continue to teach on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Thomas will be teaching Year 3 on Thursday and Friday.

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: Primrose & Emily

Y1: Eryn-Reve & Brendan

Y2: Madeleine & Sienna

Y3: Thanasis & Joseph Mck

Y4: Charlie & Gabby

Y5: Daniel & Nicole

Y6: Ethan B & Lowry

Headteacher's Award: Mia S, Jonathan and Heber



School Games Challenge

Well done to all of the children who took part in the School Games Competition this week. EYFS and KS1 came 3rd overall and Upper KS2 (UKS2) came 6th overall. Keep sending your scores in to your teacher to compete in the Lichfield and Burntwood School Games Challenges.

Children's Mental Health Week

The children have enjoyed taking part in Children's Mental Health Week this week and expressing themselves through various activities.

Staff Lateral Flow Testing

The start of Lateral Flow Testing for staff in primary schools means there is the chance, at short notice, of disruption to remote learning and bubble (class) closures. Please do have a plan in place for care of your child if bubbles have to close at short notice. We appreciate your understanding in this matter. Thank you.

School Vacancies

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

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.

World Book Day

The traditional dressing up and celebration of World Book Day will be postponed until all children are able to return to school.

Pre-School

We have been enjoying learning about the story, 'Rumble in the Jungle', making jumble crumble, moving like animals and discussing animal sounds and habitats.

If you are having a clearout, we would be most grateful for any donations of the following:

- Outdoor bench cushions
- Wicker baskets
- Wooden dolls' house

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.

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

We pray for all our children and their families, staff, governors and all members of our school and parish community at this time. Every family will have it's own individual challenges to deal with. Please contact us if you need support and we will do our best to help.

May God be with you

Mrs Mcleary
Headteacher

