



Newsletter - 12th 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.

Holy Cross will be having two Masses for Ash Wednesday, 17th February:

10 am Holy Cross
7 pm Ss Peter & Pauls

Booking is essential for both these Masses.

Information on how to book is available on the parish website. www.romancatholiclichfield.co.uk

Whole School Mass

On Friday, 26th February, we will be attending a Mass celebrated by Fr Peter Weatherby in Cannock. You will need to click on the link for the 2nd Sunday of Lent which we will send you nearer the time. All children in school will be attending at 9.30 am 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.

Remote Learning

We are so proud of all of our children this half term, you have all worked so hard in difficult circumstances.

Lichfield Window Wanderland 2021

This special event is coming to Lichfield and with your help, the streets could be transformed into a magical outdoor gallery for everyone to enjoy! For more information, please visit the [Window Wanderland website](#).

Safer Internet Day – 9th February

This week children have been exploring online safety through various discussions and activities. Please continue to talk to your children.

Online Safety Reminder

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.

Thank you

Huge thanks to Mrs Hingorani for her contribution to St Joseph's since September. We know Year 3 and their families will miss her but we know she will be checking in to see how the children are getting on.

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: Oscar & Alby

Y1: Sophia & Ameilia

Y2: Hannah & Joshua

Y3: Joanna & Lily

Y4: Mason & Evie

Y5: Emily & Skye

Y6: Edward & Dorian

Headteacher's Award: Spike & Thomas D



School Games Challenge

It has been another great week with the results for the School Games Challenge!

EYFS & KS1 2nd place overall

Individual 3rd place - Oliver (Y1)

Well done to everyone who submitted their scores. Don't forget this week's School Games Challenge is open until Tuesday, 23rd February so keep sending in your scores for the challenge.

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

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.

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).

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>

And Finally

Next week is half term. Take the time to have a well-deserved break, maybe go for a walk with your family, watch a movie or do some baking. Hopefully it won't be too much longer before we're all back together at St Joseph's. I can't wait to see you all!

May God be with you

Mrs Mcleary

Headteacher

