



Newsletter - 5th March 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 at putting on an extra Mass at 10 am on Friday, 19th March for the feast of St Joseph. There is no booking needed for this Mass.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

We are pleased to advise the following provisional 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)

We are currently in discussions with Fr Anthony and Holy Cross about plans for First Holy Communion and Confirmation and will let you have any relevant information as soon as we have it.

Father Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal

As you know, we usually take part in the Good Shepherd Appeal during Lent to raise money for those who are less fortunate than us. This Lent many things are different for people all over the Archdiocese, however we are still going to take part in this appeal via ParentPay. Please check your ParentPay account and donate what you can. Thank you for your support.

Whole School Mass

On Friday, 12th March, we will be attending a Mass celebrated by Fr Peter Weatherby in Cannock. If you wish to attend from home, you will need to click on the link for the 4th Sunday of Lent, which we will send you nearer the time.

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: Eilena & Otis

Y1: Leo & Rosie

Y2: Isla Boo & Patryk

Y3: Jack & Joseph S

Y4: Shahn & Claudia

Y5: India & Bobby

Y6: Thea & Thomas

Headteacher's Award: Oliver G & Sophie W



Polite Reminders

As we all return on Monday, 8th March, parents are politely reminded:

- Attendance by all children is **compulsory**. Any non-attendance will be recorded as absent and treated in line with the School Attendance & Punctuality Policy.
- As numbers of children and parents on site will significantly increase from Monday onwards, we must **insist** on the use of the one-way system when dropping off and collecting your child. Please do not be offended if you are asked to go back and use the one-way system. Please also limit the number of adults accompanying children to one where at all possible.
- Snacks brought from home for break time should only be fruit, toast or crumpet. You are now able to order morning snacks on ParentPay up until 8 am on the day. Please do not send your child with chocolate, crisps or breakfast bars for break time snack. If these items have been included in your child's packed lunch, please remind them that they should not be eating these items at break time.
- In line with the School Uniform Policy, please note that long hair should be tied up, with plain ribbons, bobbles. No large colourful hair adornments. No extreme haircuts ie, shaved head, tramlines.
- We require all children to wear appropriate black school shoes. Boots, trainers or high-heeled shoes are not considered appropriate footwear for school. However, we do understand that children may have grown out of their school shoes and it is difficult to get new ones with shops closed. Until non-essential shops re-open, please do not worry if your child needs to attend in school in alternative footwear.

Thank you for your co-operation.

PE Enrichment Workshops

To help the children settle back into school, each class will be taking part in a PE enrichment workshop during the first week back. These will be delivered by an external provider and paid for by school. The themes will vary for each class. Look out for updates on Twitter. Thank you to Miss Dawson for organising this.

Please note that this has resulted in a change in PE day for the following year groups:

YR Thursday, 11th March & Friday 12th March

Y3 Tuesday, 9th March

Y4 Thursday, 11th March

Y5 Thursday, 11th March

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

Guided Reading/Grappling Books

If any YR/Y1/Y2 children have a guided reading or grappling book at home, please can you ensure they are brought back in to school on Monday, 8th March so they can be properly sanitised before re-issuing later on in the week. It is **essential** that these books are returned so that our guided reading programme can recommence on time.

World Book Day – Friday, 26th March

As all children will be back at school from 8th March, we will celebrate World Book Day in school on Friday, 26th March 2021. Children are welcome to take part in the traditional dressing up as a book character or wear a colour to fit in with the whole school text, 'The Colour Monster'.

Y3/Y4 Easter Story

We have been carefully considering how we can still provide the Easter message with the Covid-19 restrictions. This year will be different with our Y3/Y4 children presenting Stations of the Cross with readings, music and singing. As we are unable to invite you in to watch the service, we will be recording this within the class bubbles and sending a link home of the recording.

British Science Week Poster Competition

The theme this year is 'Innovating for the future'. For homework, can you create your own poster for the competition - the top 5 entries will be sent away to the national competition. To be in with a chance of winning, please send your posters to Mrs Dolphin by Friday, 23rd April. Good luck!

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.

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.

Rainbows

Rainbows provides a safe setting in school in which children can talk through their feelings with their peers who are experiencing similar situations. If you feel your child would benefit from these sessions, please speak to a member of staff.

School Vacancies

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

Pre-School

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

- outdoor bench cushions
- shower curtains
- cork tiles
- microphone (do not have to be working!)
- picture frames (without glass)

Pre-School have some places available for September 2021, 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/S1YFkOg0jl>

And Finally

I'm looking forward to seeing all our children and families back at St Joseph's on Monday. Yippee!

May God be with you

Mrs McLeary

Headteacher

