



Newsletter - 12th 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.

Year 6 will be leading a prayer service to celebrate the feast of St Joseph and all other classes will be able to attend virtually. The recorded prayer service will be uploaded to Google Classroom for Year 6 parents to view.

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; this item will close on 31st March. Thank you to everyone who has supported to date.

Whole School Mass

On Friday, 12th March, children attended a Mass celebrated by Fr Peter Weatherby in Cannock and particularly enjoyed the shout out to St Joseph's!

Staff Update

Welcome to Mrs Westwood who has joined our catering team.

Miss Teague will be leaving St Joseph's at the end of this term as she has secured a promotion. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Miss Teague and wishing her all the best for the future.

Thanks

I am sure the children will tell you all about the visit from the lambs today. I would like to thank the Martin family for making this happen.

Attendance

Congratulations to Y2 and Y6, the classes with the highest attendance this week of 100%.

Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

Reception: Rosie & Joshua

Y1: Harry & Ivy

Y2: Sophie & Holly Q

Y3: Cohen & Elsie

Y4: Ria & Oliver

Y5: Tilly & Noah W

Y6: Evie & Oliver

Headteacher's Award: Beau & Alby



Polite Reminders

- 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.
- 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.

Collection Arrangements

As home time arrangements may have changed, we ask that you complete a return an up-to-date collection arrangement form – this has been emailed to you today. Please could you email the completed form to your child's class teacher by Friday, 19th March 2021. Thank you for your co-operation.

PE Enrichment Workshops

All children will have taken part in a PE enrichment workshop this week delivered by Accelerate Learning Training & Resource Learning Ltd. They had a brilliant time, which I am sure you will have heard all about. Please take a look at the photos on Twitter.

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

I have seen some wonderful science experiments and learning going on throughout school this week. The theme this year has been '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!

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.

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus testing can help reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice weekly:

- By collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- By ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

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.

Pre-School

You will be able to book a 10 minute Google Meet with Mrs Cooper on either Monday 29th March or Tuesday 30th March. Bookings open via the school website from 8 am on 15th March and will close at 3.30 pm on 26th March.

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

Pre-loved uniform: have your children outgrown their uniform? If so, please bring it into the school office and the PTFA will collect it to sort and sell to other families in the school. Thank you for your support.

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.

Visit and support our easyfundraising page here:

<http://efraising.org/S1YFkOg0jl>

And Finally

How wonderful it has been to see all the happy, smiling faces of our children back at school this week. They have settled remarkably well and the whole school has been bustling and very loud!

May God be with you

Mrs McLeary

Headteacher

