



Newsletter - 19th 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.

Pope Francis has announced that this year is a special year in honour of St Joseph. As our patron, the year of St Joseph will be in our thoughts and preparations for celebrations when restrictions are eased.

Y6 led a prayer service to celebrate the feast of St Joseph and all other classes attended virtually. The prayer service has been shared to your child's Google Classroom account.

Y3 Cavod COVID Fundraising Appeal

I am so proud to hear that a large group of Year 3 pupils are completing a charity 5k/10k bike ride in Beacon Park on Saturday 19th June. The children have chosen to raise money for the Cafod COVID appeal as they wanted to do something to help people who are struggling during these times. You can help the children achieve their fundraising target via [JustGiving](#).

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Details were emailed to you earlier this week. Please contact holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk if you have any queries.

FHC	Thursday, 6 th May 2021 (6 pm)
FHC	Thursday, 13 th May 2021 (6pm)
FHC	Thursday, 20 th May 2021 (6 pm)

You will be notified by Holy Cross of the date on which your child is celebrating the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Confirmation	Thursday, 10 th June 2021 (6 pm)
Confirmation	Thursday, 17 th June 2021 (6 pm)

Father Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal

We are taking part in the Good Shepherd Appeal during Lent to raise money for those who are less fortunate than us. 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 Thursday, 25th March, children will be attending a Mass celebrated by Fr Peter Weatherby in Cannock. We will send you a link closer to the time if you wish to participate in the Mass from home.

INSET Days

The remaining Inset days for this school year are:
18th June
21st July

Attendance

Congratulations to Reception, Y2, Y3 and Y4, the classes with the highest attendance this week of 99.3%.

Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

Reception: Lukas & Daisy

Y1: Sara & Martha

Y2: Hollie & Maximilian

Y3: Aoife & Benjamin Ho

Y4: Ella & Hayden

Y5: Keaton & Bree

Y6: Olivia G & James

Headteacher's Award: Sophia J & Hudson



Polite Reminders

- There are still a small number of parents not using the one-way system when dropping off and collecting children. Please follow the signs around school.
- We ask that you do not gather on the one-way system and children do not play on any of the playground equipment as this will have been sanitised.

World Book Day – Friday, 26th March

We will be celebrating 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.

Y3 Parents

Apologies, as we will be recording Y3 and Y4's Easter Story, please can the children come to school in their uniform on Tuesday, 23rd March and their PE kit on Wednesday, 24th March. Y3 PE will be back to Mondays from 29th March.

British Science Week

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 (not email) your posters to Mrs Dolphin by Friday, 23rd April. Good luck!

After School Clubs

JC Academy will be starting a couple of clubs after the Easter holidays – please see the school website for more details (Parents/Extra Curricular)

Contact Tracing over the Easter holidays

Staff, students., parents/carers only need to inform school of a positive case if symptoms are developed within 48 hours of being in school.

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.

Lego Boards

If you have any large lego boards you would like to donate, Reception would be grateful!

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 are now open via the school website and will close at 3.30 pm on 23rd March.

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

- outdoor bench cushions
- embroidery thread & big buttons

Pre-School are fast running out of 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 as soon as possible.

PTFA

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents who have contributed in any way to PTFA funds (eg summer fayres, discos, Christmas cards etc); hopefully, we will be able to start these up again soon. PTFA are paying for a total refurbishment of the school library and this exciting project will be taking place during the Easter holidays.

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.

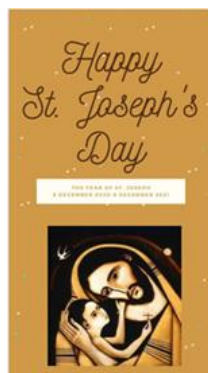
Simply search for your retailer on the easyfundraising App or website and shop as normal.

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/S1YFkOg0j>

And Finally



Wishing you a happy feast day!

May God be with you

Mrs McLeary

Headteacher