



Newsletter - 26th 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

I am pleased to inform you that our Y3/Y4 children will be making their First Confession in school on Wednesday, 21st April. We are really sorry but due to Covid restrictions, parents are unable to attend, however we will record the prayer service and upload it to Google Classroom. During the Easter holidays, please prepare your child with the words and prayers, which will be sent home by the teachers.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Details were emailed to you last 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.

Y3 Cafod 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](https://www.justgiving.com).

Whole School Mass

On Thursday, 25th March children attended a Mass celebrated by Fr Peter Weatherby in Cannock and particularly enjoyed the shout out to St Joseph's!

INSET Days

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

Y1-Y6 Termly Reports

Your child's termly report will be emailed to you next week.

Attendance

Congratulations to Y1, Y3 and Y4, the classes with the highest attendance this week of 99.3%.

Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

Reception: Artie & Mia

Y1: Sophie G & Nayan

Y2: Elizabeth & Felix

Y3: Theo & Daniel

Y4: Sabina & Jamie

Y5: Katie & Luke

Y6: Harry & Connie

Headteacher's Award: Brendan & Neve



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

The children and staff arrived in character, everyone looked wonderful and talked about their favourite book characters. Thank you for your costume efforts! It was a fabulous day and has introduced lots of new books for the children to explore. Please see Twitter for some great photographs. Please note World Book Day tokens are valid until 28th March 2021.

Y3/Y4 Easter Story

The recording of the Stations of the Cross Service led by Y3/Y4 children is now complete and will be uploaded to Google Classroom next week. Please take time to watch this with your children during Holy Week as this is ideal preparation for Easter Sunday.

Last day of term – Thursday, 1st April

Please note the earlier collection times on Thursday, 1st April, the last day of term:

Y5	2 pm
Y1/Y2	2.10 pm
YR/Y3	2.20 pm
YP/Y4/Y6	2.30 pm

Lego Boards & Cycling Helmets

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

Governor News

We welcome Mr Jonathan Baker as Local Authority Governor on to the Board of Governors.

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.

Pre-School

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

PTFA are paying for a total refurbishment of the school library and this exciting project will be taking place during the Easter holidays. If you are able to help remove all the books from the library on Monday, 29th March (9.30 am- 11.30 am) or (1.30 pm – 3.30 pm), please email the school office or get in touch with Mary Strong.

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

I can hardly believe that it is Palm Sunday on Sunday. This term has gone so quickly yet it is brilliant to have all of our children back in school. Please take some time to talk about the events of Holy Week with your children next week.

May God be with you

Mrs McLeary

Headteacher

