



# Newsletter - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

[Please remember to view the school calendar/website for further information](#)

## Our Catholic Mission

The parish newsletter and website [www.romancatholiclichfield.co.uk](http://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, 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any queries.

FHC Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (6 pm)

FHC Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (6pm)

FHC Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (6 pm)

Confirmation Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (6 pm)

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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).

## INSET Days

The remaining Inset days for this school year are:

18<sup>th</sup> June & 21<sup>st</sup> July

## Y1-Y6 Termly Reports

All parents have received their child's termly report earlier this week via email.

## Attendance

Congratulations to Y6, the class with the highest attendance this week of 100%.

## Star Writers

Congratulations to our Star Writers this week:

**Reception:** Lukas, Eilena, Leo & Anna

**Y1:** Sophia B, Max, Oliver and Izzy

**Y2:** Sophie, Marina, Sean & Hudson

**Y3:** Isaac, Sophia J, Nikhil & Thomas S

**Y4:** Francesca, Jacob F, Gabby & Oliver

**Y5:** Noah C, Skye, Matthew & Bree

**Y6:** Lena, Dorian, Amelia & Olivia T



## Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

**Reception:** Seth & Murilo

**Y1:** Isabella & George

**Y2:** Maeve & Aika

**Y3:** Ben Hu & Genevieve

**Y4:** Shahn & Jacob H

**Y5:** Maisie & Jessica

**Y6:** Adin & Alyssa



**Headteacher's Award:** Madeleine & Jackie

## Goodbye and Good Luck!

Today we wish a fond farewell to Miss Teague and thank her for all her dedication to St. Joseph's over the last 5 years. We also say goodbye to Caison and Aika and wish them all the very best.

## 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.

## 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. Please take time to watch this with your children during Holy Week as this is ideal preparation for Easter Sunday.

## Ordnance Survey Maps

Does anyone have any Ordnance Survey maps of the local area that they no longer use/need? If so, please donate to Y6 via Miss Briers or Mrs Thomas! Thank you.

## 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, 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Good luck!

### After School Clubs

JC Academy will be starting some clubs after the Easter holidays – please see the school website for more details (Parents/Extra Curricular). If your child attends an after school club, please can they come to school already dressed in their PE kit.

### 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 over Easter, we would be most grateful for any donations of:

- 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](mailto:pre-school@stjosephslichfield.org.uk) as soon as possible.

### PTFA

The PTFA would like to wish you all a very happy and relaxing Easter. Every child should have come home with a tube of smarties to enjoy. They come with a fundraising incentive - can your child fill it with coins in exchange for odd jobs around the home or for neighbours? After the Easter holidays, please return your filled tubes to school.

We are delighted that over the Easter holidays the library will be being fully refurbished and the children have been involved in creating some art for the new space. We look forward to unveiling it for the children to enjoy after Easter. Many thanks to you all for your donations and help which mean we are able to do this for the school. 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 all a happy and Holy Easter

May God be with you  
Mrs McLeary  
Headteacher

