



Newsletter - 23rd 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 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

On Wednesday, our Catholic Y3/Y4 children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time. They were reverent and respectful and Fr Anthony commented on how well prepared they were. We are really proud of them.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Holy Cross will have emailed you this week with details of the Holy Communion Mass that you will be attending. Please contact holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk if you have any queries.

- FHC Thursday, 6th May 2021 (6 pm)
- FHC Thursday, 13th May 2021 (6pm)
- FHC Thursday, 20th May 2021 (6 pm)
- FHC Thursday, 27th May 2021 (6 pm)

If you wish your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, you have until Monday, 26th April to email Holy Cross (holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk). You will then be notified by Holy Cross of the date of your Mass.

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

INSET Days

The remaining Inset days for this school year are:

- 18th June
- 21st July

Attendance

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

Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

Pre-School: Joseph & Jack

Reception: Sean & Harriet

Y1: Henry & Izzy

Y2: Isabella E & Rose

Y3: Lughaidh & Joseph M

Y4: Jacob & Isabella

Y5: Gracjan & Keaton

Y6: Georgia & Sam

Headteacher's Award: Hayden, Nikhil & Holly



Photographer – Monday 26th April

The school photographer will be here on Monday to take class vista photographs.

PE Lessons from 26th April

From next week onwards, classes will be having outdoor and indoor PE lessons during the week:

	Outdoor	Indoor
YR	Friday	Monday
Y1	Tuesday	Friday
Y2	Tuesday	Thursday
Y3	Monday	Friday
Y4	Wednesday	Friday
Y5	Friday	Monday
Y6	Wednesday	Monday

Please can children arrive at school in PE kits on these days. PE kit comprises a St Joseph's purple polo t-shirt, black shorts (indoor PE) and black shorts/tracksuit bottoms (outdoor PE). **As the photographer is here on Monday, 26th April, your child will not be required to wear PE kit on this day, however please can Reception/Y3/Y5 classes bring trainers in a bag for PE. Y6 will not be having PE on Monday, 26th April as the photographer will be using the hall during the Y6 slot.**

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.

After School Clubs

JC Academy are now running some after school clubs – 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.

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.

Pre-School

Please can children come to school with a named sun hat and sun cream already applied.

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

- embroidery thread & big buttons
- pants (girls and boys)

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 hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The library is looking fantastic - Kenny Burgess and his team from BB Carpentry have done a brilliant job over the Easter holidays and it's nearly ready for the children to use and enjoy. This would not have been possible without your generous contributions to PTFA events and fundraising campaigns. A huge thank you also to our parents who came to empty the library of books and refill it after the refurbishment.

You have a few more weeks to fill your smarties tubes. When you have, please bring them into the school office.

The PTFA have a collection of great pre-loved uniform, including lots of St Joseph's branded items, which we will have available for you to purchase for a small donation at the school gate on the last Friday of every month. We'll be there next Friday (30th April) so come and take a look.

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

Welcome back for the summer term. It is so wonderful to see all our children coming in to school happy and smiling, I can't wait for the lifting of all restrictions so they can all come in together. In the hope of increased normality in school, we will be sending out the dates for this term. I hope we are not being over confident and the events planned are able to go ahead. Please understand if we have to change things at the last minute.

May God be with you

Mrs Mcleary

Headteacher

