



Newsletter - 30th 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.

Whole School Mass

This morning, children attended a Mass celebrated by Fr Peter Weatherby in Cannock and particularly enjoyed the shout out to St Joseph's!

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)

The church doors will open at 5 pm. The church stewards will direct you to your benches. Before the Mass Holy Communion, children should sit with their parents. Shortly before the Mass begins, they will be asked to go to the back of church before processing in to meet their families.

You should have been notified by Holy Cross of the date of your Confirmation Mass. Please contact holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk if you have any queries.

- 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 Y1 the class with the highest attendance this week of 100%.

Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

Pre-School: Elias & Rosie T

Reception: Leo & Anna

Y1: Anna & Nayan

Y2: Marina & Conor

Y3: Barney & Darcie

Y4: Mark & Sofia

Y5: Tess & Oliver

Y6: Oliver & Erin

Headteacher's Award: Sophie E, Jacob F & Aleksander



Welcome

We welcome back Max and Noah to our school. Their classmates are very happy to see them!

Class Photos

Once we have received the information from Tempest, we will forward links to you to view your child's class photograph and details on how to order online.

PE Lessons

Classes are now having both 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).

Science Poster Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered this year's British Science Week competition. Congratulations to the five winning posters which have been entered into the National competition. The winners are:

Marina, Sophie D, Elsie, Tilly, Katie, Lily B,
Maisie, Jessica & Dolly

Homes of the Future Competition

Congratulations to the winner of the Homes of the Future competition who were recently chosen by David Wilson Homes. The winners are:

Mia S, Sabina & Skye

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.

Reception Chicks

You will be pleased to know that the ten fluffy chicks are settling to their new home. What a lovely time Reception have had looking after them.

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:

- dolls prams
- plastic 'pop' bottles
- pants (girls and boys)

Pre-School are fast running out of places available for the next academic year (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

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.

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

Enjoy the Bank holiday weekend – I hope the weather smiles upon us!

May God be with you

Mrs McLeary

Headteacher

We ask all of our school community to pray for our Y3 and Y4 children who will be making their First Holy Communion during the coming weeks.

