



# Newsletter - 21<sup>st</sup> May 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.

## First Holy Communion & Confirmation

A huge well done to the children who made their First Holy Communion yesterday evening. They were very prayerful and reverent.

Please contact [holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:holycross.lichfield@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any queries.

FHC Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (6 pm)

The church doors will open at 5 pm. The church stewards will direct you to your benches. Before the Holy Communion Mass, 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. [If you have borrowed a school's red sash, please return this to school on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> May in preparation for the next First Holy Communion. Thank you.](#)

Please note that the Mass of Thanksgiving for First Holy Communion will now take place in school on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021. This will be followed by the children's Celebration Day. Due to the continued restrictions, parents will be unable to come into school on that day. Please can all Y3/Y4 children arrive at school from 8.40 am – 8.50 am to allow for the FHC group photographs to be taken. Any siblings can also be dropped off at school at this time for this day only.

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

Confirmation Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (6 pm)

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

Children will be provided with a school pale blue tie/sash for the Mass, this will need to be returned in school after Confirmation.

Please note that the Mass of Thanksgiving for Confirmation will now take place in school on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021. Due to the continued restrictions, parents will be unable to come into school on that day. The group photograph will be taken on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June and we ask that all Y6 children arrive at school from 8.40 am – 8.50 am on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Any siblings can also be dropped off at school at this time for this day only.

## Y3 Cafod COVID Fundraising Appeal

Please read the 'Pedal against Poverty' [article](#) on the CAFOD website about a large group of our Y3 pupils who are completing a charity 5k/10k bike ride in Beacon Park on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

## Attendance

Congratulations to Y1, the class with the highest attendance for the second week running of 99.3%.

## Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

**Pre-School:** George & Oonagh

**Reception:** Lachlan & Ava

**Y1:** Eva & Oliver

**Y2:** Sophie & Maximilian

**Y3:** Jackie & Sophia C

**Y4:** Eloise & Jamie

**Y5:** Charlie & Bree

**Y6:** Lowry & Thomas

**Headteacher's Award:** Nolan & Genevieve



## Social Media

Please closely monitor your child's usage and check your parental settings on any social media apps that your children are using. Fallouts to do with Roblox are spilling over into school and taking up valuable teaching time. Please see the online safety section in the Parents tab on the school website for helpful parental guides to social media apps.

## Covid-19

Your child should not attend school if they have one of the three main Covid-19 symptoms:

- A temperature
- A persistent cough
- A loss or change in taste or smell.

In the event that anyone in the household has one of these symptoms, the whole household should isolate until a negative PCR test result is obtained. Lateral flow tests are only for asymptomatic testing and not used in the event that someone has any of these symptoms.

## Royal Mail Stamp Competition

All children from Y1-Y6 have taken part in designing a new stamp for the Royal Mail. The theme is 'Our Heroes during the Pandemic'. We will send off all the entries in time for the closing date next week. We are so proud of their beautiful designs. Watch this space to hear if we have any winners!

## Water bottles

Please remember to send your child to school with a named water bottle filled with water only (no juice). Thank you

## Sports Day

We are delighted to be able to go ahead with Sports Day but following guidance from the Local Authority, we are changing our plans to minimise mixing of class bubbles:

	10 am	2 pm
Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3/Y4	YP/YR
Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/Y6	Y1/Y2

Parents are warmly invited to attend but we ask that you keep your party numbers to a minimum. Unfortunately, parents will be unable to remain on the school premises for lunch as in previous years. Further details will be sent to you closer to the date.

## Parent communications to school

In order to ensure that your communications to school are dealt with as efficiently as possible, can we please request that you use the following systems when communicating with us:

- Absences – please use the absence form on the school website to report your child absent from school
- Leave of Absence requests – please email a completed form to [office@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk) clearly marked Leave of Absence Request.
- To ensure you receive messages, it is important that you download the school app (School Jotter) to your smartphone/tablet and create your login. If you have not yet set up your login you can do so by following the instructions on the school website [here](#).

## Class Vista Photographs

The recent Group photographs are now ready to view and purchase at <http://htmp.st/StJosephsCPSch>. There will be a “deliver to school” option open until Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May otherwise home delivery is available for £5 postage and packing.

If you need assistance please call 01736 751555 (option 3) or click on contact on the Tempest Photography home page.

## Grammar School Entry to Year 7 in September 2022

Parents can now register their child for the optional entrance test by applying online before 4 pm on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The test will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021. To register, parents need to visit [www.birminghamgrammarschools.org](http://www.birminghamgrammarschools.org)

## After School Clubs

Please see the website or School Information board for after school clubs currently running. If your child attends an after school **sports** club, please can they come to school already dressed in their PE kit. If your child is interested in attending Art Club, please see the website/noticeboard for details.

## 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.

## Pre-School

Please can children come to school with a named sun hat and sun cream already applied. Also, please can parents ensure that all children have at least one change of named clothes. Thank you.

Pre-School are still accepting applications for the next academic year (including 15 and 30 hours funding). 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 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/S1YFkOg0j>

## And Finally

During May, the month of Our Lady, we remember –  
“*Mary is our guide, our teacher and our mother.*” Don Bosco

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.

