



Newsletter - 11th June 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.

First Holy Communion

Our Y3/Y4 children celebrated their Mass of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion this morning. They have amazed us with their mature and reverent approach throughout the preparation for the Sacrament and today they are going to PARTY!

All First Holy Communion proofs from Tempest have now been distributed. Please order online - there will be a "deliver to school" option open until Friday, 25th June 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.

Confirmation

Y6 will be celebrating their Confirmation at our last Confirmation Mass on Thursday, 17th 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.

Fr Anthony and Fr John will be in school on Tuesday, 15th June to hear the confessions of the Confirmandi in preparation for their Mass.

Please note that the Mass of Thanksgiving for Confirmation will now take place in school on Monday, 21st 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, 22nd June and we ask that all Y6 children arrive at school from 8.40 am – 8.50 am on Tuesday, 22nd June. Any siblings can also be dropped off at school at this time for this day only.

Friday, 18th June 2021

A reminder that Friday, 18th June is an INSET day and school will be closed to all pupils.

Y3 Cafod COVID Fundraising Appeal

A final push for Y3's [CAFOD appeal](#) as the children will be completing a 5k/10k charity ride in Beacon Park next weekend, Saturday, 19th June. Let's see if we can help them achieve their fundraising target!

Welcome

We welcome Scarlett and her family to St Joseph's and a warm welcome back to Oscar.

Attendance

Congratulations to Y2, the class with the highest attendance this week of 100%!

Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

Pre-School: Evelyn & Orla

Reception: Lukas & Maria

Y1: Scarlett & Brendan

Y2: Hannah & Patryk

Y3: Ben Hu & Joanna

Y4: Jacob H & Mason

Y5: Oscar & Nicole

Y6: Daniel & Alyssa

Headteacher's Award: Eilena & Conor



Social Media

Please closely monitor your child's usage and check your parental settings on any social media apps that your children are using. Please see the online safety section in the Parents tab on the school website for helpful parental guides to social media apps.

Water bottles

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

Class Vista Photographs

Orders have been sent home with your child today.

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 th June	Y3/Y4	YP/YR
Friday, 25 th 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. Please note that there will be no toilet facilities available to visitors. Although we are really looking forward to parents attending this event, please understand that this is subject to change depending on whether the government roadmap is able to go ahead as planned. Further details will be sent to you closer to the date.



Twitter (@StJoesLichfield) School staff put a lot of effort into taking photos of exciting activities happening in school to post on Twitter. This is the place where you will get to see first-hand what your child is doing at school. Please check Twitter regularly and PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE like our posts!

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 30th June 2021. The test will take place on 11th September 2021. To register, parents need to visit 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.

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.

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.

Channel Relay Swim – Mrs Ray

Next week Mrs Ray is doing a Channel Relay Swim with a fabulous team of women called the Channel Belles raising money for local charities (Pathway Project and Staffordshire Search and Rescue). Please click on this link to donate to these amazing charities.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/clareraychannelrelay>

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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.

- We have learnt the letter ‘a’ this week and will be moving on to the letter ‘t’ next week.

Good luck to our very own Mrs Hollywood who has been nominated for an Apprentice of the Year national competition by her training company.

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 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/S1YFkOg0jI>

And Finally

Last night, 15 of our former pupils

(now in Y7) celebrated their Confirmation at Ss Peter & Paul’s.

We were extremely proud of them for showing their strong commitment to attend extra lessons at church in their own

time to reaffirm their faith. We

know that they will continue to be great ambassadors of St Joseph’s School in their journey through life.

Come Holy Spirit

May God be with you

Mrs McLeary

Headteacher

