



# Newsletter - 17<sup>th</sup> 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](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

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, 25<sup>th</sup> 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

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.

## Y3 Cafod COVID Fundraising Appeal

Good luck to all our Y3 children taking part in the charity cycle ride in Beacon Park on Saturday. They have already raised over £1700 for the charity, Cafod! Thanks to all donated.

## Attendance

Congratulations to Y2, the class with the highest attendance this week of 99.1%!

## Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

**Pre-School:** Ava & Emma

**Reception:** Michelle & Lachlan

**Y1:** Paula & Ameilia

**Y2:** Isla & Nolan

**Y3:** Daniel & Athanasios

**Y4:** Shahn & Hayden

**Y5:** Samir & Neve

**Y6:** Lena & Harry

**Headteacher's Award:** Martha & Sebastjan



## 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.

## Y6 - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June

As there will not be a PE lesson on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, please can ALL Y6 children come to school in uniform. Confirmation children will also need to wear the blue Confirmation sash and tie.

## Y6 - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Please note that due to a change in the Confirmation group photograph time, Y6 children should now arrive at their normal time on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June. The Confirmation sash/tie will be handed out on the day for the group photograph.

## 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

Following the change in government guidelines earlier this week, only one spectator per child will be allowed to attend Sports Day due to the rule around the size of outdoor gatherings. Please note that there will be no toilet facilities available to visitors. You will receive further details early next week. I appreciate this may be disappointing, thank you for your continued support and understanding.

## Future Events

Due to the government's announcement this week of the delay in relaxing restrictions, there are likely to be changes to our plans for other events during the remainder of this term. You will receive further details in due course.

## Secondary School Transitions

The Friary – Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June

King Edward VI – Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June

We have received information from both of these schools that there will only be one transition day instead of the two previously planned. Our children will remain in their bubble during the day. We will keep you updated as we receive any further information.

St Francis will be providing remote transition activities and Mr Salkeld, the Headteacher, will be visiting St Joseph's to speak to any of our Y6 children who will be joining St Francis in September.



**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 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)

### **Animal Man visit**

Huge thank you to the Varley-Griffin family for booking in the Animal lady in Reception Class. We had a fabulous time learning about lots of different animals.

### **South Staffs Water Workshops**

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the Souths Staffs Water virtual workshops this week and have gained many tips on how to save water! South Staffs Water were very impressed with the children's behaviour and good manners.

### **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.

### **Headlice**

Please regularly check your child's hair for unwanted visitors and treat accordingly. For more information <http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com>

### **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.

### **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 't' this week and will be moving on to the letter 'p' next week.

- If you have any wooden blocks and doll's prams you would like to donate, we would be very grateful.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in a Pre-School place in the next academic year (including 15 and 30 hours funding), please ask them to email [pre-school@stjosephslichfield.org.uk](mailto:pre-school@stjosephslichfield.org.uk).

### **Channel Relay Swim – Mrs Ray**

Following a last minute call to swim on 12<sup>th</sup> June, I became extremely sea sick on the boat and dehydrated despite taking all the necessary precautions. Sadly, this resulted in me being unable to participate in the Channel Relay swim with my team who completed the swim in 14 hrs 55 mins – I am so proud of them.

However, on 16<sup>th</sup> June I was invited to join a team still waiting to complete the Channel Relay Harbour Challenge (same distance but without the boat). We swam 3 x 1 hr slots in pairs as a relay with my original team as the support crew on the beach. Between us we covered 25 miles in 17 hrs 21 mins.

I raised £3800 for Staffordshire Search & Rescue and Pathways – thank you so much for your support.

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

### **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**

Please pray for our Y6 children who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this evening.

***Come Holy Spirit***

May God be with you

*Mrs McLeary*

Headteacher

