



# Newsletter – 17<sup>th</sup> September 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.

## Mass of Dedication – change in date

Father Anthony will now be in school to celebrate our annual Mass of Dedication at 10 am on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September. You are all very welcome. Apologies for any inconvenience.

## Secondary School Open Days

### [St Francis of Assisi Prospectus](#)



St Francis of Assisi is our nearest Catholic Secondary School and is a natural progression for children from St. Joseph's to continue their education in the Catholic faith.

Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> September (5.30 pm)	St Francis of Assisi
Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September (6.30 pm)	Friary School
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> September (6 pm)	King Edwards VI
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> October (6.30 pm)	Netherstowe

## Celebration Assembly – 24<sup>th</sup> September (9.10 am)

Next Friday's Celebration Assembly will be Y5 introducing Y1 class. Parents from both classes are welcome to attend.

## Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

**Pre-School:** Renee & Harry

**Reception:** Oliver & Orla

**Y1:** Ava & Aleksander

**Y2:** Max & Eibhlin

**Y3:** Isla & Hudson

**Y4:** Elsie & Jack

**Y5:** Jude & Evie

**Y6:** Keaton & Tilly

**Headteacher's Award:** Francesca Ha & Thomas S



## Attendance

Congratulations to Y2, the class with the highest attendance for the second week running of 100%!

## Y5 Alton Castle Parents meeting

The Alton Castle Residential parents meeting will take place in school on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> September at 5 pm.

## Monster Phonics Launch

We hope you took the opportunity to login in to the Monster Phonics training webinar last night and that you found it useful to help support your child with their phonics learning. Please see the Monster Phonics [introductory letter](#) and [further information](#) about Monster Phonics. The children have loved their Monster Phonics sessions this week.

## Family Lunch – Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September - Surnames 'C'

### Booking deadline: Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September

Come and enjoy a school meal with your children on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September at 12 pm. Please ensure your account is in credit by £2.76 for your lunch on ParentPay. Please email your choice to [lunches@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:lunches@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk). Unfortunately, we will be unable to take bookings after the deadline (21<sup>st</sup> September).

## Summer Reading Challenge 2021

Hurray, we did it! St Joseph's won the Summer Reading Challenge impressively with 47% of our children completing the challenge. This was significantly higher than any other local school and I would like to thank you for supporting your child to complete the challenge.

## Y5 Class Author

Y5 class author replied to us! The class are very excited!



**Vashti Hardy** @vashti\_hardy · 16 Sep  
Brilliant Brightstorm work going on at @StJoelsLichfield with the Y5 crew! Excellent Journalism and I just love the expressions in the role-play scene @scholasticuk @NYRBooks #Brightstorm

**St Joseph's Catholic PS** @StJoelsLichfield · 15 Sep  
What really happened to Ernest Brightstorm? Our Y5 journalists are determined to find out! @vashti\_hardy #Brightstorm #lovreading



## New School Year Housekeeping

Just a couple of polite reminders as we start the new school year:

- Please name all belongings
- Please do not enter the school car park at any time.
- Please email us at [absence@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:absence@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk) before 9 am if your child is going to be absent.

## Reception Class Homework

Homework in school is set through Google Classroom. The first Reception Class homework will be sent home on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September. Further details regarding Google Classroom and your child's school Google email address will be sent home in due course. Please note your child's Show & Tell day and details are on the back of their reading log book.

## Inspire Workshops

We are delighted to be able to deliver parental workshops once more. This is a great opportunity for you to come in and work alongside your child in school and find out ways in which you can support them at home. The focus of our Inspire Workshops will be writing.

YR	Thursday, 30 <sup>th</sup> September & Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> October (2.15 pm – 3.30 pm)
Y1	Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> November (2.15 pm – 3.30 pm)
Y2	Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> November (2.15 pm – 3.30 pm)
Y3	Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y4	Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> November (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y5	Wednesday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> November (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y6	Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> October (9.15 am – 10.30 am)

## House Captain Elections

### St Chad

**House Captain:** Zac & Katie

**Vice-Captain:** Gracjan & India

### St Clare

**House Captain:** Oscar & Neve

**Vice-Captain:** Oliver & Lily

### St Francis

**House Captain:** Keaton & Bree

**Vice-Captain:** James & Tess

### St Margaret

**House Captain:** Noah C & Nicole

**Vice-Captain:** Matthew & Connie

House Captains will be introduced to the children during assembly on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September. Parents are welcome to attend.

## Pre-School

- Please can the children come to school with a labelled coat (and wellies to keep in school).
- If you are able to help with the library trip on Wednesday afternoon, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, please let Mrs Cooper know.
- If you have any dolls prams/pushchairs, hats and waistcoats you would like to donate, we would be very grateful.

## Parent/Volunteer Induction

Thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting on Tuesday. If you missed this meeting but you feel that you can offer some time to volunteer in school, please let the office know and a further meeting will be organised.

## After School Clubs

Please see the [school website](#) for more details about After School Clubs [Parents/Extra Curricular and Wraparound Care] including football.

## Secondary School Admissions

On-line applications for secondary schools has now opened. The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. The best way to apply is online at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

## Pupil Premium/Free School Meals

Parents claiming some benefits can claim free school meals for any of their children who are registered at a Staffordshire school and who would normally be at school at lunch time. School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and you can save yourself time and money.

Even if you don't want your children to have the meals, claiming them helps their school. The more eligible parents who claim meals, the more funding the school receives. To apply online, please click [here](#)

## Rainbows

Rainbows provides a safe setting in school in which children can talk through their feelings with their peers who are experiencing similar situations. They are helped to articulate their feelings by a trained facilitator. If you feel your child would benefit from these sessions please speak to a member of staff.

## Lichfield Community Games

Lichfield Community Games is taking place at Beacon Park on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September. The two-day event will offer everyone the chance to try a wide variety of sports and leisure activities that are available across Lichfield District. Please click [here](#) for more details.

## PTFA

You are warmly invited to attend the PTFA AGM being held at school at 5.30 pm on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September. If you are unable to get to the meeting but would like to help or have special skills we could use, we would really like to hear from you. Find us on 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) or Facebook "St Joseph's School Lichfield PTFA".

## And Finally

Thank you to Y6 for introducing our new Reception class to the whole school in assembly this morning. It was lovely to see so many parents in school to celebrate this assembly with us.

May God be

with you

*Mrs McLeary*

Headteacher

*A child is the most  
beautiful gift of God, to  
a family, to a nation.*

Saint Teresa