



Newsletter – 21st October 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.

Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

Pre-School: Bonnie & James

Reception: Louis & Ava N

Y1: Harry & Murilo

Y2: Sophie E & Henry

Y3: Sienna & Henry

Y4: Aoife & Thomas S

Y5: Aoife & Jacob F

Y6: Madison & Noah C

Headteacher's Award: Madeleine & Seth



Attendance

Congratulations to Y5 the class with the highest attendance for this week of 99.5%!

Car Park

Please enter school via the main gates at all times and do not walk through the school car park at any time. It is much safer to use the path way down the side of the school to get to Badgers.

Inset Day – Friday, 22nd October

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday, 22nd October is an INSET Day and school will be closed to the children.

Secondary School Admissions

There are still some outstanding secondary school applications. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2021. The best way to apply is online at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Pre-School

- Please can the children come to school with a labelled coat (and wellies to keep in school).
- If you have any socks or girls pants you would like to donate, we would be very grateful.

School Events after half term

Upon returning from the October half term, advice will be sought from the Local Outbreak team regarding the local Covid-19 situation. With this in mind, the following events will be postponed until we have a clearer picture:

Y5 Inspire Workshop	Wednesday, 3 rd November
Family Lunch (L-M)	Friday, 5 th November 2021

The Y1 Celebration Assembly will go ahead but unless we inform you otherwise it will be recorded and uploaded to Google Classroom.

Inspire Workshops

After half term, we hope to be able to deliver our parental workshops as planned. 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	TBC
Y1	Thursday, 11 th November (2.15 pm – 3.30 pm)
Y2	Monday, 8 th November (2.15 pm – 3.30 pm)
Y3	Thursday, 18 th November (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y4	Wednesday, 17 th November (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y5	TBC
Y6	TBC

Open Days for prospective Parents – 10th November and 6th December

If you have a child starting school in September 2022 and would like to come and visit the school, we are holding Open Days on Wednesday, 10th November and Monday, 6th December. Tours will be available at 9.30 am and 2 pm on both days. Please call (01543 263505) or email the office (office@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk) with your preferred date/time slot.

After School Clubs

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

PE Kit

As promised, we will be reviewing the wearing of the correct PE kit at the end of the Autumn term.

Please can you ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct PE kit:

- Purple St Joseph's polo shirt
- Black shorts/joggers
- Plain black hoodie
- Plain black trainers

There are still some items of sports kit being worn that is not the correct uniform.

Communication with parents – School app login

Our main method of communication is via the School Jotter app. To ensure you get any 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 log-in you can do so by following the '[How to Download and Create a Password on School Jotter/Website](#)' instructions on the school website.

ParentPay – new school lunch menu

The school menu has been updated and is now available on ParentPay. [As a new menu has been launched – please note that any lunch bookings for 1st November onwards will need to be rebooked.](#)

Parents are reminded that school lunches need to be pre-booked on ParentPay before 8 am on the day required. If a meal has not been booked, it will be expected that children bring a packed lunch from home.

Housekeeping

Just a couple of polite reminders:

- Please name all belongings
- Please email us at absence@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk before 9 am if your child is going to be absent.

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.

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](#)

PTFA

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".

We are looking for a new Treasurer and Chair so if you're interested then please speak to your class rep or one of the existing committee – there is plenty of support to take on the roles and it's a great opportunity to support the school and meet other parents.

Owing to the recent move to class bubbles, the **school disco has been postponed until Thursday, 11th November**. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help.

And Finally

After an eventful half term, I wish you all a relaxing and peaceful break.

May God be with you

Mrs

McLeary

Headteacher

