



# Newsletter – 5<sup>th</sup> November 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.

The Harvest Mass will take place in school on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November at 10 am. You are all very welcome!

Children can bring in items of dried, tinned and packet foods to be shared amongst the needy. Harvest items can be dropped in to the school office **from Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> November** onwards. Many thanks for your ongoing generosity to others.

Y3's First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 11 am at Ss Peter & Paul's Church.

Y6's Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 6 pm at Ss Peter & Paul's Church.

Please note a change to the End of Term Mass as this will now take place in school on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 10 am.

## Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

**Pre-School:** Harrison & Molly

**Reception:** Khaleesi & Grace

**Y1:** Rosie & Joshua

**Y2:** Sara & Anna

**Y3:** Elizabeth & Daniel

**Y4:** Joanna & Joseph S

**Y5:** Lennon & Mason

**Y6:** India & Nicole

**Headteacher's Award:** Finlay & Sophia M



## Star Writers

Congratulations to our Star Writers this week:

**Reception:** Oliver, Oscar, Sophie & Nyla

**Y1:** Seth, Lachlan, Emily & Darcie

**Y2:** Oliver, Henry, Iyla & Ivy

**Y3:** Isabella E, Isabella N, Joseph & Daniel

**Y4:** Thomas D, Aoife, Elsie & Jack

**Y5:** Sabina, Lottie, Evie, Heber

**Y6:** Madison, Lily, Charlie & Oscar



## Attendance

Congratulations to Reception and Y1, the classes with the highest attendance for this week of 99.3%!

## Rescheduled School Events

Thankfully numbers of Covid cases in the local area have stabilised and are beginning to show a decrease. However, in an effort to maximise the chances of Christmas events going ahead face-to-face, we will continue to exercise caution for this half-term.

The rescheduled Y2 Celebration Assembly will be recorded and uploaded to Google Classroom on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November.

## Inspire Workshops

We have decided to also reschedule our parental writing workshops until after Christmas.

YR	Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> January (2.15 pm – 3.30 pm) & Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> January (2.15 pm – 3.30 pm). NB You only need to attend one of these dates.
Y1	Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> January (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y2	Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> February (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y3	Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y4	Thursday, 10 <sup>th</sup> February (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y5	Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> January (9.15 am – 10.30 am)
Y6	Thursday, 20 <sup>th</sup> January (9.15 am – 10.30 am)

## Family Lunches

The postponed Family Lunches will now take place after Christmas:

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> January (Surnames D-G)

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> January (Surnames H-K)

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> February (Surnames L-P)

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> February (Surnames Q-T)

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> February (Surnames U-Z)

## Open Days for prospective Parents – 10<sup>th</sup> November and 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 10<sup>th</sup> November and Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> December. Tours are available at 2 pm on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November and 9.30 am and 2 pm on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> December. Please call (01543 263505) or email the office ([office@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk)) with your preferred date/time slot.

### **Reception Class Admissions - September 2022**

On-line applications for primary school has now opened. The closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The best way to apply is online at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Admissions>. If your child's 5th birthday is between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 then you will need to apply for a place at First, Infant or Primary School.

### **Animals on premises**

Please can I politely remind you that family pets are not allowed on the school premises either on the lead or being carried.

### **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.

### **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.

### **After School Clubs**

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

Please note that Tuesday's football club will now finish at 4.30 pm due to the darker evenings.

### **School Lunches**

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.

### **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.

### **Email address**

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, please send an email through the school office email address ([office@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-josephs-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk)).

### **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.

[Unfortunately, the 11<sup>th</sup> November school disco has been postponed and will be rescheduled after Christmas.](#)

### **And Finally**

If you would like to support this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, poppies are available from the school for a donation.

Thank you to all children and families who have already donated.

May God be with you

*Mrs McLeary*  
Headteacher

