



Newsletter – 12th 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 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, 16th 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, 11th November** onwards. Many thanks for your ongoing generosity to others.

Advent Family Mass will now take place at 11 am on **Sunday, 5th December** at Ss Peter & Paul's and not 28th November as previously advertised. All are welcome.

The date of the KS2 Carol Concert is confirmed as **Monday, 13th December** (6 pm) at Ss Peter & Paul's.

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

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

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

Star Workers

Congratulations to our Star Workers this week!

Pre-School: Freddie & Harlow

Reception: Hugo & Ava

Y1: Artie & Spike

Y2: Eryn-Reve & Mia

Y3: Jonathan & Isabella E

Y4: Darcie & Rory

Y5: Shahn & Claudia

Y6: Connie & Oliver

Headteacher's Award: Sophie E & Artie



Attendance

Congratulations to Y6 and Y2, the classes with the highest attendance for this week of 99%!

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, 19th November.

Inspire Workshops

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

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

Family Lunches

The postponed Family Lunches will now take place after Christmas:

Friday, 14th January (Surnames D-G)

Friday, 21st January (Surnames H-K)

Friday, 4th February (Surnames L-P)

Friday, 11th February (Surnames Q-T)

Friday, 18th February (Surnames U-Z)

Open Days for prospective Parents – 6th December

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

Reception Class Admissions - September 2022

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

Panto

Due to restrictions last year, we were unable to have our annual visit to The Garrick Theatre to watch the pantomime. This year the children will again have the opportunity to share the excitement throughout the whole school. All children from Reception to Y6 will be going to The Garrick on Wednesday, 8th December to watch Peter Pan. The cost of the trip is £15 and includes a drink and a snack during the interval. All consents and payments (via Parent Pay) must be made by 26th November.

Reception Class Monster Phonics fun

Reception Class are collecting items for the children so that they can dress up and get into character during our fun Monster Phonics activities!! If you have any of the following that you could donate we would be very grateful: sunglasses (for Cool Blue); witches hats (for Tricky Witch); cat ears (for the black cats). Thank you!

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

- If you wish to speak to Mrs Cooper about your child is progressing in the prime areas, Google Meet catch-up slots are now available to be booked via the school website.
- Please can the children come to school with a labelled coat (and wellies to keep in school).
- If you have any old rolls of wallpaper or paper 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.

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.

Governor News

At the full Governing Board meeting on Wednesday, 10th November, Mrs Rowe was re-elected as Chair of Governors and Mr O'Brien as Vice-Chair for a further 12 months. Governors said goodbye to Mrs Thackaberry and thanked her for her service to our school community during the last 4 years. The Governors page on the school website will be updated shortly.

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".

In preparation for the PTFA Christmas Fayre, non-uniform days are as detailed below:

- Friday, 26th November – bottle donations
- Friday, 3rd December – chocolate donations
- Friday, 10th December* – cake donations

* On Friday, 10th December the children can come to school dressed in a Christmas/silly jumper for a £1 donation towards Save the Children.

And Finally

Y6 did a tremendous job showing prospective Reception parents around our school on Wednesday. Many of the visitors commented on how confident, articulate and knowledgeable the children were. Thank you, Y6!

May God be with you

Mrs McLeary

Headteacher

