



Newsletter – 19th 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.

Thank you to all our visitors who came to celebrate the Harvest Mass and for all your generous donations of food, which will be passed on to Lichfield FoodBank.

The next Mass will take place in school on **Tuesday, 30th November** at 10 am. YR/Y1/Y2 and Y6 classes will be attending. You are all very welcome!

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: Catherine & James

Reception: Zara & Nelly

Y1: Lukas & Emily

Y2: Brendan & George

Y3: Sara & Nadia

Y4: Theo & Genevieve

Y5: Ella & Charlie

Y6: Dolly & Bobby

Headteacher's Award: Isaac & Elizabeth



Attendance

Congratulations to YR and Y2, the classes with the highest attendance for this week of 98.3%!

Welcome

Please join us in welcoming Nicole, Aurelio, Lupo and their families to our school community.

'One Kind Word' Anti-Bullying Day

The children have taken part in a variety of activities today learning about kindness and how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of people around us.

Online Safety – Squid Game

We have observed some of our children playing games relating to Squid Game. This programme has a 15 year old rating and connected apps have a 12 year old rating, therefore not age appropriate for any of our children. Please take time to read the advice on [National Online Safety](#) website.

Y6 Junior Cadets

Y6 have been taking part in the Junior Cadets programme with our local PCSOs, Andrea and Rachel. They have been learning about respect and being good citizens. This week they have been learning to be budding forensic experts!



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.

'Peter Pan' Panto

PLEASE NOTE LATER COLLECTION FROM 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. Thank you for all the offers of help, all helper tickets have now been allocated.

The children should arrive back at school by 4 pm for collection. For safeguarding reasons, children can only be collected from school and not The Garrick.

Non-Uniform Day – 10th December

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

Young Voices

Choir children are busy learning all the songs for the Young Voices concert on 25th January 2022. Thanks to parents for all your swift responses.

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!

Lost Property

Lost property will be disposed of on **Friday, 17th December**. Please ensure you have checked the box before this date and taken your belongings home with you.

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 stop on Tuesday, 23rd November 2021 and resume again in Spring 2022.

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

And Finally

A huge thank you to Y2 for their informative and entertaining Celebration assembly this morning all about 'The Harvest'. The recording will be uploaded onto the Y2 Google Classroom for Y2 parents to view. Their singing was amazing!

May God be with you

Mrs McLeary

Headteacher



"And the word became flesh and dwelt among us" John 1:14