

St. Ignatius' Catholic School

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Dear Parents

This term has certainly been a challenge for us all. I would like to thank the school staff and governors, who have shown an unwavering resilience and team spirit to ensure there has been as little disruption as possible to the children's education.

I would also like to thank you for your continued support of the school. And last but certainly not least, a big thank must go to all our wonderful pupils who have adapted to the demands of a very different school.

School will close for Christmas at 3pm on Thursday 17th December and re-open on Monday 4th January.

This week in school

Early Years Foundation Stage have been learning about the Christmas story. They have retold the story using the crib and dressed up and acted out the story using their own stable.

Year 1 have really enjoyed their return to school after a period of isolation. During this time off, they have produced some wonderful work at home using Showbie. Mr Lickley and Mrs Haywood would like to say a big 'thank you' to the parents and carers of the Year 1 children, as the children have needed support with their isolation learning.

Year 2 have had great fun designing and making their finger puppets. They look fantastic and will be brought home next week.

Year 3 have been stitching their Christmas stockings and have really enjoyed putting them together.

Year 4 have been studying newspaper reports and calculating perimeters during Maths lessons.

Year 5 have been performing poetry in groups and have produced some excellent writing. Today they are preparing winter salads as part of their Design Technology curriculum.

Year 6 have been reading the Wizard of Oz, and they have been learning to convert and order fractions, decimals and percentages. They have also learned about Advent and the significance of the Advent Wreath while rehearsing for their part in the Christmas play.

Christmas in school

Final filming is taking place on Monday for our special Christmas nativity. We will be sending out details of how to access the recording on Wednesday.

Pantomime – This year it is not possible to go out and view a pantomime therefore we have brought it to the big screens in each class. The children will be watching Robin Hood and his socially distanced men in class next week.

Christmas dinner will be served on the 16th December. On this day everybody is welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers to help us get in to the festive spirit!

Parties- Each class will be having a Christmas party during the last week of term. Dates listed below. The children can wear their own clothes on their party day.

Early Years Foundation Stage – Thursday 17th December
Year 1- Thursday 17th December
Year 2 – Tuesday 15th December
Year 3 Tuesday 15th December
Year 4 – Wednesday 16th December
Year 5 - Thursday 17th December
Year 6 – Wednesday 16th December

COVID 19 Update

Please remember that children should not attend school if they are displaying any of the coronavirus symptoms of a continuous cough, fever or loss of taste or smell. Families awaiting test results must isolate until the results are known. **If you book a test for your child or any family member please inform the school.** The quickest way to book an appointment is to call 119.

[Please click on the link to see the letter that was sent on Thursday regarding Covid protocols during the holiday period.](#)

Mr Delaney

After over ten years of loyal service to the school, Mr Delaney has decided it is time for a new challenge. We would like to thank him for all his hard work and dedication and wish him every happiness for the future.

Primary online admissions are now open. www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

The deadline for applying for a school place for Primary admissions is 15/1/2021. Please note that you still need to complete the school supplementary form in addition to the [online application](#).

Parish News

Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday at 11.15am. Please follow Covid protocols to keep everyone safe.

CHRISTMAS MASSES THIS YEAR

- There will be three Christmas Masses:
Christmas Eve: 5.30pm English Martyrs, 7.30pm St Joseph's
Christmas Day: 10am St Joseph's
- If you wish to attend one of these Masses please book in advance. When we run out of space on the bookings you may have to attend a different Mass.
- Please book your Christmas Mass now. There will be booking slips at the back of church. Please give the Mass you wish to attend, a contact name, phone number and number of people from the same household or bubble who will be attending with you. Place your booking in the container in the porch once completed. Alternatively, please telephone or email the presbytery and leave a message with the same information.

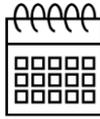
Wishing you all a happy and holy Christmas and good wishes for the new-year.

Mr. C.J. Hough

Headteacher

Stars of the Week

	Super Worker	Star Member
Year 1	For all of Year 1 for working so hard during their isolation period	
Year 2	Abbas	Sara
Year 3	Nadia	Mollie
Year 4	Mehak	Mariam
Year 5	Daisy	Hajra
Year 6	Hriday	Iva



St. Ignatius' Catholic Primary School

Holiday list 2020-2021

	First day open for pupils	Last day open for pupils
Autumn Term 1	Wednesday 2nd September	Thursday 22 nd October
Autumn Term 2	Monday 2 nd November	Thursday 17 th December
Spring Term 1	Monday 4 th January	Friday 12 th February
Spring Term 2	Monday 22 nd February	Friday 26 th March
Summer 1	Monday 12 th April May day: Monday 3 rd May	Friday 28 th May
Summer 2	Monday 7 th June	Friday 16 th July

Staff Training Days 2020-2021

Tuesday 1st September 2020

Friday 23rd October 2020

Friday 18th December 2020

Monday 19th July 2021

Tuesday 20th July 2021

Adjusted dates due to Covid-19