

St. Ignatius' Catholic School

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Dear Parents

It has been wonderful to have all the children back in school this week. The attitude and behavior of all has been outstanding and they have fully engaged with all their learning including the extra excitement of British Science Week. Well done to all year groups for showing such enthusiasm for Science this week. Although we could not celebrate together in the hall with parents, we did listen to what each year group had been involved in during the week. Well done to all the boys and girls who presented on Zoom; it's never easy!

There are some great resources to look at online if your child is a budding Scientist.
<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/>.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes
Mr. Hough

Gospel Reflection - *Dom Henry Wansbrough*

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about the 'light' that has come into the world. Pope Francis reminds us, "Jesus is the light who brightens the darkness." Letting Jesus' light shine in our lives provides a secure foundation for our lives and for the lives of our children too. This Gospel also reminds us that God loves us so much that he gave his only Son for us. Jesus' great act of love, of self-giving, on the cross, has paved the way for us to share in the true richness of God's love in this life, and also in the life to come.

Coronavirus

Thank-you for following the systems that we have put in place to keep everyone safe. Please do not send your child to school if they or any of your family are displaying symptoms, and book a test. While reducing, the Covid infection rates in Preston are still higher than most of Lancashire and are significantly higher than the national average.

Parents of children at our school are now able to get a lateral flow COVID test themselves twice a week in order to lower community transmissions and help protect everyone. Test kits are **free** and can be collected from UCLAN's Berkley Street Car Park Testing Centre or they can be [ordered online](#) and posted to your address. The tests are simple to do and give you a result within 30 minutes. Staff at St Ignatius' have been using them recently. The tests are for parental use only, not for use on primary age children. We have had two cases of asymptomatic COVID identified by the use of these tests within our school community during the last few weeks. Some parents may already use such tests at their work place and many children at high schools across the UK will also be using them from next week.

Uniform

The children have all looked very smart on their return to school. If you do require any new uniform Top-One in the St. John's Shopping Centre are providing a click and collect service. You can contact them via email at toponeuniforms@gmail.com or by phone, on 01772 828616.

We appreciate many children will have grown out of shoes during lockdown and these make take time to replace. School shoes should be worn in school although trainers can be worn for playing on the yard. Shoes should be flat soled.

Earrings – Children are encouraged not to wear earrings for school. If ears have been recently pierced then studs should be worn.

Library Books

Please ensure that all library books are returned on Monday. These can then be quarantined before the children choose new books later in the week.

Octathlon

Year Six have begun training with Mr Whiteley for the first sports event of the year. With restrictions regarding inter-school sport still in place, Mr Brandwood from the Preston Sports Council will visit school next Friday to record our results in eight events. These will then be compared to other schools he will visit before Easter. Good luck team!

Morning and After-School Club

Bookings can now be taken for these clubs. Each club is charged a rate of two pounds per session. Children will be kept in class bubbles. Please book places a week in advance.

Parish News

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

Oral Health

Next week is Oral Health Week. We will be looking at how to keep our mouths healthy and free of germs.

Non-uniform Day

Next Friday, 19th March, will be a non-uniform day for our Cafod appeal. We are asking for a £1 donation which will go to the developing world to install wells in remote villages.

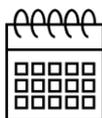
Free School meals:

Have your circumstances changed recently? Could you be eligible for Free School Meals? Get in touch with the Office if you feel you may [fulfil the criteria](#).

***** Stars of the Week *****

Well done to the following children who have been chosen by their teachers to be this week’s Stars of the Week:

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| EYFS | Uzair | Zayaan |
| Year 1 | Marya | David |
| Year 2 | Tanayah | Abdul |
| Year 3 | Dylan | Mona-Lisa |
| Year 4 | Mehak | Ibrahim |
| Year 5 | Malak | Rabia |
| Year 6 | Sriaditya | Waris |



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

