

St. Ignatius' Catholic School

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Friday 14th May 2021

Dear Parents

We have had a wonderful day in school today, enjoying lots of stories together while wearing our pyjamas! Thank-you for your kind donations which will be shared with the National Literacy Foundation.

As part of mental health awareness week the school has been decorated with blue tulips. The children have enjoyed extra time being outdoors and spending time with nature, particularly the mini-beasts.

In EYFS the children tell me they have loved the story of the Very Lazy Ladybird. They are still waiting for the caterpillars to hatch.

Year 1 have been busy using fractions of amounts. They have thoroughly enjoyed the newly delivered outdoor resources and have converted the new playhouse into the St Ignatius' drive through restaurant!

Year 2 tell me they have enjoyed writing stories based on the Wind in the Willows, and they have been investigating micro-habitats.

Year 3 have missed Miss Park this week but report that Mrs Knight has done an excellent job. They have thoroughly enjoyed reading The Twits, learning about money in maths and painting Roman mosaics.

Year 4 tell me they had great fun searching for mini-beasts. These were all safely placed back in their habitats. This linked with their science work and their geography work on rivers.

Year 5 tell me they have been learning how to write non-chronological reports. They have designed a mythical beast and learned more about Islam.

Year 6 report they have enjoyed learning about Macbeth and Romeo and Juliet this week. They have been using formulas in Maths and have been learning more about Eid during RE.

Have a great weekend, fingers crossed for some sunshine!

Best wishes
Mr. Hough

Gospel Reflection - *Dom Henry Wansbrough*

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is praying with his disciples after the last supper. Very soon, Jesus will be arrested. So before leaving them he is preparing his disciples for the difficult time to come. Jesus has cared for his followers and now he is asking God to care for them. Jesus wants us to be united with one another and with God. We show that we are united and part of God's family when we care for each other - living and working

in unity. Pope Francis reminds us, "It is Jesus himself who continues to care for his Church. Small gestures of tenderness and care, make people feel that the Lord is with us.

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 PCR test. Current infection rates have come down significantly, which is great news but we know how quickly this can change and therefore still need to be very cautious.

Hair Cuts and Jewelry

Now that the hairdressers are open it is a good time to remind all that extreme hair styles are not part of the school uniform. Lines in hair are not permitted, and hair must be one colour. jewelry should not be worn for school with the exception of one or a pair of stud earrings. These should be removed at home for PE lessons. With this in mind, we urge parents considering getting their child's ears pierced to wait until the summer holidays.

Class Photographs

These will be sent home today. If you wish to order please return to school by Friday 28th May.

Attendance

It is expected by the Government that ALL children attend school unless they are displaying signs of Covid-19, are unwell in other ways or have been advised by a medical professional not to attend because of underlying health issues. [Next year's holiday list is on the website.](#) Please do not book holidays during term time, these cannot be authorized unless there are exceptional circumstances. For safeguarding reasons, if your child is absent from school due to illness, you must call the school before 8.30am and leave a message.

Parent Governor

There is a vacancy for a parent governor. For more details please see Mr. Hough or Mr. Lickley before or after school.

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 English Martyrs' Church at 5.30pm on Saturday and at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday at 11.15am. Mass during the week is at 9am at St. Joseph's. Please follow COVID protocols to keep everyone safe.

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.](#)

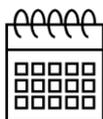
Team Points

	Weekly Total	Termly Total
St. Andrew's	119	2224
St. David's	106	2172
St. George's	124	2037
St. Patrick's	129	2151

★★★★★★★★★ 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:

	Star Worker	Star Member of the St Ignatius' Family
EYFS	Lili	Brooke
Year 1	Olivia	Mythraye
Year 2	Ziyana	Jakub
Year 3	Nico	Maya
Year 4	Winnie	Aurora
Year 5	Oliwia	David
Year 6	Yusuf	Thomas



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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

