

# St. Ignatius' Catholic School

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Friday 19th March 2021

Dear Parents

Thank-you for your generous donations today. The money will be given to CAFOD who are using donations to build wells in remote villages all over the world. In this time of Lent it has been wonderful for the children to take the time to reflect on how lucky we are in this country, even with the difficulties the last year has brought. We look forward to observing Holy Week in school next week.

Have a great weekend

Best wishes  
Mr. Hough

## **Gospel Reflection** - *Dom Henry Wansbrough*

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of the grain of wheat, which dies to produce a rich crop, to show us that his death was necessary if many were to receive eternal life.

Through this Gospel Jesus is also encouraging his disciples to follow him – to give him first place in their lives. This message is for each one of us too. Jesus wants us to make following him our most important priority. Choosing to follow Jesus is not always easy; it demands commitment. But it helps our families to keep growing in love and leads us to happiness in this life, and in the life to come.

## **Free School Meals & Easter Holiday Voucher Codes:**

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](#).

Parents of children who have received Edenred vouchers will receive a £30 voucher code via email on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. This is a one-off voucher for the Easter holiday period.

## **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](mailto: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.

**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 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.

**First Holy Communion Update From Father Millar**

Last year’s programme was interrupted by the lockdown. The children had done about half of their catechism and were just about to make their first confessions before we stopped. Some children finished their catechism and made their first holy communion individually last summer. If your child had started their first communion preparation last year, and you want them to make it this year, please pick up a form from the back of church and hand it in to the presbytery (not school) before 12th April. Once we know numbers we can make a plan for what might be possible this year. More information will be provided once we know how many children we will have. For those children who have not begun their preparation, and wish to make their first communion this year, will be asked to register in the autumn.

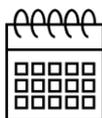
**Easter Holiday:**

School will close for the holidays next Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March at the normal time for each class. School re-opens on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 8.45am.

★★★★★★★★★ **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
<b>EYFS</b>	Eric	Lili
<b>Year 1</b>	Aayan	Yousef
<b>Year 2</b>	Farhan	Violet
<b>Year 3</b>	Corey	Ayona
<b>Year 4</b>	Tyler	Ellie-May
<b>Year 5</b>	Amina K	Sana
<b>Year 6</b>	Suleman	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 <sup>nd</sup> October
Autumn Term 2	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Thursday 17th December
Spring Term 1	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
Spring Term 2	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Summer 1	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April May day: Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May
Summer 2	Monday 7th June	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July

**Staff Training Days 2020-2021**

Tuesday 1st September 2020

Friday 23rd October 2020

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

