

# St. Ignatius' Catholic School

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Dear Parents

I hope you and your families continue to be well. All the staff have thoroughly enjoyed our Zoom sessions with each class this week. Look out for further invites to meetings next week. Seeing everyone for assembly this morning was great; what a fantastic way to start the day!

I know how difficult home-schooling is and appreciate that you are trying as hard as you can while juggling many other commitments. Please be kind to yourself and take time to re-charge this weekend.

Best wishes

Mr. Hough

## **This week's learning:**

EYFS have been talking to their friends about their teddy bears, learning the 'ch' and 'sh' sounds and beginning to tackle take away sums in maths.

Year 1 have been writing stories about the 'Magic Paint Brush' and learning how to tell the time in maths.

Year 2 have been finding fractions of amounts.

Year 3 have been writing their own versions of 'Stig of the Dump' and enjoying their science work on fossils.

Year 4 have been translating shapes in maths and learning about Andalucia.

Year 5 have completed reading the book 'Holes'. Why not watch the film this weekend?

Year 6 have been using speech marks in complex sentences. They have also started studying a contrasting locality in geography.

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

It's important to have good teachers. Parents are the first and foremost educators of their own children – other family members and friends can also teach about what really matters in life. But who can really teach us about the best way to live? Jesus stood out as a teacher because he taught with authority and power. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus demonstrates this through the amazing healing of the man in the synagogue. Jesus' teachings expose the things that weaken us – setting free all those who listen to him. The whole of Jesus' life was a continual teaching. His teaching is calm and wise, powerful but gentle, and enriches family life.

## **Parish News**

Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Church on Sunday at 11:15am. Please follow COVID protocols to keep everyone safe.

## **First Communions update from Fr. Millar:**

Given the new lockdown we will not be beginning the First Holy Communion classes as planned. When the restrictions begin to be lifted we will announce the dates for First Communions and the plan as to how we might teach the children this year.

## Technology

Do you need support with technology for home-schooling? If you do, please contact us at school as we may be able to help.

## School meal vouchers

Have your circumstances changed recently? Could you be eligible for Free School Meals? Get in touch and we can order vouchers if you fulfil the criteria.

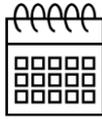
## Stars of the Week

<b>EYFS</b>	<b>Fatimah</b>	<b>Zaynab</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Tyler</b>	<b>Aliza</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Bobby</b>	<b>Abdul</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Abdulla</b>	<b>Chenal</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Jessica</b>	<b>Isabelle</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Muhammed</b>	<b>Izabele</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Uzair</b>	<b>Saarah</b>

## Music:

There are still a few ukuleles in the office for Year 4 pupils. These can be collected any day between 9.30am and 2.30am so you can keep practicing.

Congratulations to all the musicians who completed the Churanga challenges this week. Well done to Gabriella, Ziyana, Carla, Shawsawa and Amsah.



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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 <sup>nd</sup> October
Autumn Term 2	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 7 <sup>th</sup> 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