

St. Ignatius' Catholic School

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Friday 4th December 2020

Dear Parents

This week we have celebrated the beginning of the season of Advent; a season of preparation and hope culminating in the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Early Years Foundation Stage This week the children in EYFS have been reading the story, 'This is the bear and the scary night'.

Please could parents in EYFS remember to return children's red phonic book to school, then we can add our new sounds. Thank-you.

Year 1 have been working from home this week, as the class needs to isolate. Mr Lickley and Mrs Haywood have been so impressed with the work that is being completed each day; it has been really good to see photographs of writing and drawing, and the children have even been reading to the teachers by leaving voice notes on the phonics comics that are on Showbie. The children have been looking at the value of coins and comparing lengths in maths, and they have been mapping out a story with a problem in English.

Year 2 have enjoyed planning and writing a traditional tale with a twist this week - The Three Little Elephants and the Big Bad Mouse! They created a story map to re-tell the story and have written some fantastic stories using 'when' to show progression of time. Well done Year 2!

Year 3 have been making clay sculptures following on from their work based on the artist Claes Oldenburg! They have been making food sculptures and will be painting them next week.

Year 4 After studying the works of Paul Cezanne this week in class, Year 4 had great fun using their artistic talents to paint still life pictures of fruit. The children worked in particular on trying to produce 3D effects by recreating areas of light and dark. Some fantastic pieces of work were produced!

Year 5 have been studying a range of poetry including the hilarious and topical 'Talking Turkey' by B Zephaniah and a loved classic, 'The Jabberwocky' by L Carroll in preparation for writing their own poems next week.

Year 6 have been learning about how we get ready and prepare spiritually for Christmas during advent. They are reading the Wizard of Oz in their English lessons and studying the characters.

Christmas in school

The sounds of the nativity story can be heard around the school as the children prepare to record our special version of the nativity. We look forward to sharing this with you via the school website in the last week of term.

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 over the next two weeks.

Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday 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; further details will follow next week.

COVID 19 Update

The school is open as normal.

Lancashire moved in to Tier 3 of the national system on Wednesday 2nd December. [Please visit the school website to check what this means for you and your family over the next two weeks.](#)

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.

Parental contact

At this time we cannot allow visitors in to the school; however, if you would like to discuss any issues regarding your child with the class teacher or pastoral team, then please do not hesitate to contact us either by email or phone.

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

The deadline for applying for a school place for Primary admissions is 15/01/2021.

Please note that you still need to complete the school supplementary form in addition to the online application.

A message from Fr. Millar

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

We are now in the season of Advent, the time of spiritual preparation for Christmas. This year, owing to the COVID pandemic, we need to be a little more prepared practically for Christmas Mass. Most years Mass attendance at Christmas is greater than normal. As we have a limited capacity in church at the moment this will need careful planning. Therefore the following system will be in place this Christmas:

- *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.*

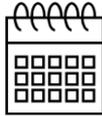
Have a great weekend and stay safe

Mr. C.J. Hough

Headteacher

Stars of the Week

	Super Worker	Star Member
Year 2	Aaminah	Jakub
Year 3	Eesa	Kristian
Year 4	Situki	Mohammed
Year 5	David	Rhulla
Year 6	Dylan	Orpita Radwa



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Holiday list 2020-2021

	First day open for pupils	Last day open for pupils
Autumn Term 1	Wednesday 2nd September (see <i>Stay and Play dates above</i>)	Thursday 22 nd October
Autumn Term 2	Monday 2 nd November	Friday 18 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	Tuesday 8 th June	Friday 16 th July

Staff Training Days 2020-2021

Tuesday 1st September 2020

Friday 23rd October 2020

Monday 7th June 2021

Monday 19th July 2021

Tuesday 20th July 2021