**St. Ignatius News**

**‘Safe in God’s hands, we share our PEARL values’** 26th April 2019

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to the summer term – the year is flying by!

We hope you had a holy and happy Easter break and enjoyed spending time with your family. What a fantastic end to the break it was with all the sunshine. We have a busy Summer Term ahead and of course, it is the final one for our Year 6 children, who are currently preparing for their SATs.

**Trips**

Our first week got underway with the Y4 trip to the Science Museum. The children were learning about the early days of steam engines and they produced some great art work from their days out.

The Year 6 girls and boys also went out last Friday for a Tag Rugby tournament, they did exceptionally well with the girls coming second and the boys coming fourth overall- well done children!.

Future trips include both reception classes visiting the farm and Year 5 ......

**Family Learning Conferences and Parent Pupil surveys**

Thank you to all those who attended their child’s/children’s FLC conferences before the Easter break. It is always a great opportunity to discuss your child’s achievements and next steps. We would like to also thank those parents who took the time to complete our parent survey, we had many positive comments about the school, it is always great to get feedback so that we can keep on moving forward.

**Friday 3rd May 2019**

Some of you may have an old Term date diary where this coming Friday was set as a training day.

Please note – Friday 3rd May is NOT a training day and there will be school as normal.

**Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Events**

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| Thursday 2nd May 2019 | Y5 | Family Learning Conference Day |
| Friday 3rd May | Parents | Coffee Morning – Healthy Eating |
| Monday 6th May 2019 | Whole school | Bank Holiday Monday |
| Tuesday 7th May 2019 | Whole school | Clubs begin |
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| Thursday 23rd May | Whole school | Photo Day |

**Term times**

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| Summer Term 1 Starts | Tuesday 23rd April 2019 |
| Ends | Friday 24th May 2019 |
| Half Term holidays | Monday 27th – 31st May 2019 |
| Summer Term 2 Starts | Monday 3rd June 2019 |
| Ends | Friday 19th July 2019 |

**Attendance and Punctuality**

Following an Attendance and Punctuality audit last week with a Haringey Education Welfare Officer (EWO), a number of issues arose that we need to address.

While the attendance and punctuality of the vast majority of pupils is good, and even outstanding in some cases, there are a number of pupils whose record presents a cause for concern.

This week, some of you will receive a letter informing you that we are monitoring your child’s attendance and/or punctuality or you may be requested to attend an Attendance / Punctuality clinic at school, to discuss your child’s circumstances with our EWO. There are a few pupils that the EWO has requested are referred directly to him so that he can consult directly with parents.

**Geography Facts Week**

Thank you to those parents who helped the children to learn some key facts from the geography curriculum. Children who scored highly in this were rewarded in assembly this week.

**Parentmail**

Another reminder to update us if you change your number or if you are not receiving texts. Please let Mrs Hibbert know if the office if you do not seem to be receiving texts.

**Coffee Morning**

Please come along to our coffee morning this Friday (9:00 am). We would like to have a focus on healthy eating and how to make simple healthy meals at home. We will also be giving out copies of our packed lunch policy which asks parents to not pack chocolate or nuts for the children, this should also always be followed when children go out on trips. As a ‘healthy school’ we want to educate the children on the importance of good nutrition. BNF Healthy eating week is from 10th- 14th June.

**Gardening afternoon**

We would like to ask if there are any green-fingered parents out there who are able to come and help weed and tidy up our gardening boxes/area, which is near to the office. If you are able to donate any plants or seeds too that would be fantastic. We would like to start the gardening afternoon at 12:45pm. Please bring your own trowels etc with you if you have them as we may not have enough to go around. We would appreciate any help at all to help to improve this area for the children. Thank you in advance.

**Goodbye to Mr Koranteng**

We sadly say goodbye to Mr Koranteng at the May half term who will be retiring after many years at St Ignatius. I am sure you will join us in wishing him well for the future and in his retirement.

**Walk to School Week (20th-24th May)**

Every year we encourage the children to walk to school, during ‘Walk to School’ week. For this week we ask that you leave the car at home if possible and take the opportunity to walk to school. Walking to school has many benefits, it is better for the environment, it is healthy and it also helps the children to be more alert and ready for learning. More information will follow.

**Year 3 ( Tate Art Project – Steve Mcqueen)**

We are very excited for our Year 3 children who have been asked to take part in an exciting art project. A portrait capturing tens of thousands of Year 3 schoolchildren from across London is being created by Oscar-winning filmmaker Steve McQueen. Year 3 pupils from the capital's 2,410 primary schools will be specially photographed for the project, which will go on display at Tate Britain. The project hopes to embody the diversity of the city in which McQueen, now 48, grew up. The finished exhibition will be unveiled in autumn 2019.

**New Website**

We are currently in the process of moving over to a new and exciting website, that will be easier for parents to navigate. We have spent a lot of time thinking about how the website can best support you as parents. Once it is live we will inform you and we would appreciate any feedback so that we can make further changes/improvements.