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**‘Safe in God’s hands, we share our PEARL values’** 18th December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

As the weeks of Advent have gone by we have been reflecting on the gifts of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace that the candles on the advent wreath represent. They are more important than ever this year as we have all had to face challenges that none of us could have expected. However, now that Christmas is almost here we can focus on the happiness that the birth of Jesus brings. It is important that we all put the joy of the Nativity at the centre of our lives in the weeks and months that lay ahead.

We have not been able to hold all of our usual celebrations in school but please make sure you take the time to watch our nativity online @<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=msmk1057KZo&feature=youtu.be> . I am sure you will agree, the staff and children have created a lovely interpretation of Jesus’ birth. The children also worked incredibly hard to learn to sign some of the Christmas songs and carols, which we can see at the end of the video- amazing children!.

I would like to thank everyone who donated to our special Christmas fundraiser, we have been delighted by the response and the staff at the Turnpike public house would also like me to thank you for your contributions.

I would like to wish you and your families a safe and peaceful Christmas and we look forward to seeing the children again in the New Year.

God Bless

Mr Bonner

**Christmas Nativity Online**

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**Collection for local families in need this Christmas**

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| **C:\Users\user\Downloads\Turnpike - Community Christmas Campaign (3).jpg**  **C:\Users\Karen T\Desktop\Karen\hamper.jpg** | **Giving donations**  We were delighted with the response to our Christmas fundraiser.  So many of you contributed food, Christmas gifts and toys.  Thank you to you all for your generous donations.  Everyone who donated was entered into a raffle.  The raffle for the special Christmas hampers was drawn today at 12pm and the winners are- James and Jerome in 3F and 5C and Francesca, Ollie and Rodrigo in 4R, Nursery and 6M. Well done!  **Receiving gifts**  We also want you to know that, if you or your family need support with food or gifts for the children at Christmas, you are very welcome to visit the Turnpike public house.  **Address: Turnpike House, Stamford Hill, N16 6TY**  They will be open **11 - 4pm** each day until **Thursday 24th December.**  It is only a 3 minute walk from school and there is lots to share! |

**Punchdrunk- a special story telling experience @ home this Christmas**

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| C:\Users\Karen T\Desktop\Karen\storytelling.jpg | We would like to share with you a special resource from a local immersive arts charity. We were lucky enough to have the ‘lost library’ experience with them a few years ago. Please look at their website for further information on creating a special story telling experience at home this Christmas.  *‘Our Home Story* is a new experience from Punchdrunk, created for children and their parents or carers to enjoy. Suitable for children aged 5 - 11 years old, it’s a chance to get creative and enjoy storytelling and story writing together.  On our webpage you will find all of the resources needed along with a step by step guide on  how parents, guardians and teachers can take part.  The experience can be accessed on a smartphone, tablet or computer.’  <https://www.punchdrunk.org.uk/project/our-home-story/> |

**Christmas Reading**

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| **C:\Users\Karen T\Desktop\Karen\the night before xmas.jfif** | Christmas reading- Please remind your children to continue their daily reading routines over the Christmas break. When developing key skills, it’s important to keep good habits – none of our children can afford to take a two-week break from practising their reading! Besides, when all the turkey and trimmings are eaten, the presents opened and the TV programme repeats get too much, there’s nothing better than to curl up with a good book!  The teachers have also set work on Reading Eggs for the children to complete to keep them busy over the holidays. |

**Christmas Jumper Day @St Ignatius Primary School**

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**Campion Christmas in January**

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|  | **Good news!!**  Although we are not altogether this week, we want you to know that when we come back to school in January, we are hoping to have a very special **Campion Christmas**.  We will choose a day in the first week back when we will have our class Christmas parties, open all our cards that are waiting in our post box, watch a Christmas movie maybe and have a special lunch.  We have already sent a special letter to Santa to ask him to come back to us on that day. He has just written back to say he is not too busy in January, as it is normally his resting month, so he will be so happy to come and give us our class presents then!  Everyone can also wear their Christmas jumpers again, so mums and dads, do not put them away until after our Campion Christmas! |

**Reception Places Available!**

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| **C:\Users\Karen T\Desktop\ADMISSIONS_2020.jpg** | Reception places are now available for starting in September 2021.  For further details please see the ‘Admissions’ page on the school website@  <https://stignatiuscatholicprimary.co.uk/about-us/admissions>  or please see Ms Allan in Reception. | |
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| **You can now view virtual tours on the school website.** | | |

**COVID-19 Awareness**

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| **C:\Users\Karen T\Desktop\Blog_KidsandMasks.jpg** | As I am sure you are aware Covid cases have been rising in Haringey. We have had to remind parents this week to observe our one way system, as some have not been observing this rule.  It is very important that to keep your children as safe as possible, we need to make rules for all, not just for some. Please just take the extra few minutes to walk around the school premises to drop off and collect your child/children. Thank you. |

**Extra Layers**

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| **C:\Users\Karen T\Desktop\Karen\download.png** | Recent research has confirmed the importance of ventilation to help to stop the transmission of Coronavirus. Schools have been advised to ventilate rooms when possible, keeping windows and doors open.  At school we have been keeping windows and doors open when appropriate, so the rooms will be a bit cooler than we are used to. We want the children to feel the benefit of putting their coat on when they go out to play time and not to wear these in class unless absolutely essential. It is therefore best at this time to layer the children up with clothes under their uniform. Children can wear vests, T-shirts, skins, long sleeved tops etc under their school sweatshirt. |

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**If your child is unwell at Christmas**

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| If your child becomes ill over the Christmas period with symptoms of Coronavirus, please go online to book a test. The quickest way to obtain a test is to book a test at your local testing centre via: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.  If your child is still unwell in January, please keep them at home, but please let the office know that they will not be in school.  C:\Users\Karen T\Desktop\Karen\Schools Absence Flowchart.jpg |

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| School will close for Christmas on:  Friday 18th December 2020  We will reopen for the children on:  **Tuesday 5th January 2021 @ 8.45am** | Hello january. Back to school concept. Alarm clock on wooden with  blackboard on background Stock Photo - Alamy |

**General Reminders**

* PLEASE BE ON TIME FOR SCHOOL!

Your child should be in school no later than 9:00am ready to start their learning.

* We are a NUT FREE school. Please do not send your child in with food that may contain nuts, this includes Nutella spread.
* ABSENCES from school Please ring the school to report your child’s absence by 9:15am each morning.

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| keep in touch myspace orkut friendster comments | You can contact us via our [admin@st-igs.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-igs.haringey.sch.uk) or via Class Dojo. |

Heavenly Father,

Your son, Jesus is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love.

Guide as we walk in your love together as a family this Christmas.

Bring us closer to each other and to your Son. Help us to always trust in you.

Come, Lord Jesus, led all people to you with the light of your love.

Amen

