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## St Ignatius Catholic Primary School Newsletter No: 1

*'An inspired learning community with Jesus Christ at our centre'*

Dear Parents/ Carers

I do hope you had a wonderful summer break and welcome you all back to the new school year. We extend a warm welcome to any families that are new to our school family.

We always hope that all our children will be happy to be back in school. If you have any concerns or worries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

### **Curriculum Evenings**

We will be running the Curriculum Evenings week commencing Monday September 16<sup>th</sup> (see dates below) and hope that you are able to come along. These will give information about the Year group curriculum expectations in English and Maths, homework, general timetable and other things pertinent to each class.

### **Class Dojo**

Class teachers will send out their information through class Dojo. If you have not yet signed up to Class Dojo – please contact your child's class teacher about how to do this. If you were signed up last year, you do not need to re-register.

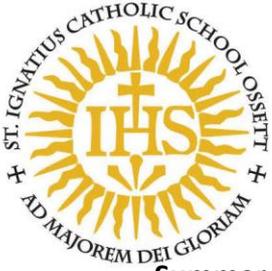
### **New members of staff**

We are pleased to have Miss Jackson, the new Interim Assistant Head and Class 5 teacher and Mrs Crawford, the new Learning Mentor, working with us for 2019-2020. They have settled into the St Ignatius family and their new roles seamlessly. Mrs Crawford has sent an email to all families today to introduce herself. We are confident that the good work undertaken by Mrs Dixon last year will continue and that families can benefit from the pastoral support available should they require it.

### **School Uniform**

Please ensure that all your child's school uniform is named. We have had instances in the first week where pumps and cardigans have been found with no name on. Jewellery must not be worn in school – including earrings. See school website for full school uniform if you are unsure.





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### **Summer Reading Challenge**

At the end of last term, we promoted the annual summer reading challenge to all families. Hopefully lots of children were involved in this and received their certificate and medal from their local library service. School would like to recognise the success of these children by presenting a small award ourselves. During SANGAM (our celebration assembly) on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September we will invite these children out to receive their award. If your child did complete the Summer reading challenge, please bring the certificate and medal to school on the above date as part of the assembly.

### **Invite to SANGAM (celebration assembly)**

Every Friday afternoon at 2.50pm we have our celebration assembly: birthdays, certificates, learner value awards/badges etc...

New for September 2019, each week a different class will share some of the work that they have been doing over the past few weeks. A selection of children from each class will share their work. We would like to invite parents to this assembly to share in these celebrations. We can only invite the parents of that class to each assembly due to space in the hall. We will endeavour to include all the children throughout the year, however cannot guarantee that week if your child will be one of the selected pupils.

### **New website**

We have a new website going live in the next few weeks. If you want to view any of the posts from your child's class last year, please do so asap. The website address will remain the same. There will be a photographer in school on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September taking photographs for this new website. Please pray for good weather.

### **Day of Eucharistic Adoration**

As part of the Parish Eucharistic Adoration day, the children in KS2 (Years 3-6) will be visiting church with classes for 30 minutes each. We are pleased to work closely with the parish for this event and it offers the children a fabulous opportunity to reflect on what it means to be part of a Catholic Community.

### **For parents of children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.**

There is an enquiry session for ALL parents who are wanting their children to receive the Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation on Saturday 14 September at 1.30pm-3.00pm in the Parish Centre. If you are unable to attend the day, please make an appointment with Fr Richard before Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September.





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### **Family Social**

All families are invited to attend a Family Social held in the Parish Centre next to school on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 5 – 8pm. There is to be a children's entertainer, plus music, food and the bar will also be open. If you wish to bring a small item of food, please do so and it can be added to the shared table. This is an opportunity to catch-up, meet new people and just have a lovely evening socialising. In the past families, particularly those new to school in Nursery and Class 1, have commented on its effectiveness.

I hope that many of you will come along to what promises to be a great evening. If you know in advance that you will be attending, please let us know so I can pass some numbers onto the people organising the food.

### **An Evening of Music**

All families are invited to attend an evening of music in the Parish Centre next to school on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. **Valerieno** will present a fabulous evening of West End Favourites including: My Fair Lady, Blood Brothers, Oliver, Joseph...and many more! Tickets are priced at £5 and are available from church (after Mass), the school office or on the door. The proceeds will be split between church and the school.

### **Aldi Kit for schools. Do you shop at Aldi?**

This September, Aldi Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick start a health legacy for their school. Every school who enters by completing their school poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit. From 6<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> November, families who shop in Aldi will receive a Team GB sticker to send to school with their children for every £30 spent in store. The school needs to collect 300 stickers to complete the poster.

### **Policy Update**

There will be new SEND, Safeguarding and Health and Safety policies updated over the next few weeks. These will replace the old versions on the website by October half-term.

### **Opening date for September 2020**

School will reopen Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020. A full list of holiday dates for school year 2020/21 will be coming soon.





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### Dates:

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Opening Mass @ 9:15am in church for Y1-6. Everyone welcome to join us.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Class 2 and Class 5 curriculum evening @ 3.30pm

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Class 3 curriculum evening @ 3.30pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September-Class 1 curriculum evening @3.30pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September-Nursery curriculum evening @4.00pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September-Class 4 curriculum evening @3.30pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September-Eucharistic Adoration within the parish 8am-8pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September-Class 1 to show work in celebration assembly@2.50pm

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September-Family Social in the Parish Centre 5-8pm

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September-Class 2 to show work in celebration assembly@2.50pm

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Class 5 to attend the Big Sing Liturgy Thing at St Wilfrids

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October-Class 3 to show work in celebration assembly@2.50pm

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October- An evening of music in the Parish Centre @ 7pm

W/C 7<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' consultations for pupils with SEND – to be arranged directly with class teachers

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October-Class 4 to show work in celebration assembly@2.50pm

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' consultations for all classes

Nursery and Ks1: 3:30 – 6pm

Ks2: 3:45-6.15pm

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' consultations for Nursery, Class 1, 3, 4 and 5

Nursery and Class 1: 3:30 – 6pm

Ks2: 3:45-6.15pm

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' consultations for Class 2 3:30-6.00pm

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October-Class 5 to show work in celebration assembly@2.50pm

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – School closes for October half-term break.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October-School INSET Day.

It has been a fabulous first week back at school. The children appear to have settled into their new year groups and I have enjoyed greeting them as their new head teacher. Their behaviour has been impeccable and long may this last.

We ask God to bless our new term, our children and their families and all the staff who work here.

Best wishes

Mr Bartram

