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St Ignatius Catholic Primary School 'An inspired learning community with Jesus Christ at the centre'

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Dear Parents/ Carers

We have had a great start to the academic year 2019/20. The children seem very settled in their classes.

October the month of the Rosary

The month of the Holy Rosary is October and this entire month is dedicated to the Rosary. The feast day of the Holy Rosary in particular is October 7th. During this month it is a good opportunity to reflect and to try and bring stillness and peace into our busy lives. In school we are devoting prayer time to honour our Mother in heaven. We would like to share this opportunity for our families too. If you would like to borrow a children's set of Rosary beads please return the form (separately sent home) to the class teacher and we will send some home with simple instructions.

NSPCC Afternoon

The school's responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children is of paramount importance. Safer children make more successful learners. On Wednesday afternoon we were pleased to invite 2 representatives from NSPCC. Their motto for this session was 'Speak out, stay safe.' Every child from Class 1 to Class 5 took part and left with a clear message. Hopefully, they should have come home wearing a sticker to raise awareness for others. If you haven't spoken to your child about this, please make time to ask them how they found the assembly.

Dropping off

It has been brought to my attention that some children have been left on the playground on a morning without any parental supervision. We must stress that every child must have adult supervision until they come into school. This may be an arrangement with another family. Situations have occurred in the past where children have injured themselves on the playground before school with no adult supervision. We must avoid this happening again.

Choir and Mini Vinnies

We were born to use our God given talents. Our Mini Vinnies were born to turn prayer into action. On the first Wednesday of every month they help out at the SVP lunch. This simple act of kindness brings a smile upon the faces of many of our parishioners. During future gatherings, our choir will be attending the lunch singing some of their favourite songs.

Class 4 Mass

As part of the continuing link between Home, School and Parish, Father Richard and the Pastoral support team, including Mr Bartram, have decided to trial a School Mass in the parish at 9am. The parish already host family Masses each month where children are encouraged to take an active part in this. On Sunday 20th October, Class 4 children are invited to lead parts of the Mass. This will include welcoming, reading, offertory and the homily. Yes, Father has allowed our children to preach to the parishioners. Mr Bartram will help the children to prepare for the Mass during school time. Children and their families from other classes are still encouraged to come to Mass and be part of the celebration.

We would love to see more families attending Mass every Sunday. We do however appreciate that people have busy lives and this is not always possible. If you can only make it once a month as a family to our School Masses, that is fine. The children are an integral part of the future of the Catholic Church.

A separate letter will be coming home to Class 4 children with further details.

The choir are also invited to sing at this Mass and a separate letter will be given out for this too.

Sporting Success

I was lucky enough to attend the Year 5 fun run yesterday and witnessed some outstanding performances. 2 girls achieved a third and fourth place finish out of approximately 200 participants. The whole team were amazing at supporting each other throughout the races. Clearly our daily mile is having a positive impact.

Congratulations, Mrs Crawford

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Crawford will be working in school as KS2 teaching assistant in addition to her role as Learning Mentor. Mrs Crawford has slotted in to our school community seamlessly providing the pastoral support for our children. She is available on a Monday morning now in her Learning Mentor role should any parent or child want to speak to her privately.

New website

Our new website is now live for you to see. The web address above remains the same. We will continue to post updates, policies, photographs of events plus many more. We aimed to improve the overall layout of this website and we are sure you should find it easy to navigate around. We thank Mrs Draper for all her hard work in helping to prepare for the change.

New payment system.

There will a separate email coming your way explaining the new parent pay system, called School Money.

PE kit

It is very important that children have their PE kit in school. Class teachers will have instructed parents on when their children's PE days are. I recently witnessed a number of children wearing unsuitable shoes during a PE lesson as they had forgotten their trainers. PE kit is part of their uniform (please see the website for full PE kit list) and after school club clothes should not be worn during PE sessions. PE kit can be worn during afterschool sessions.

Parents Consultations

For the majority of pupils these will take place w/c Monday 14th October. Please ensure that you have booked your 10-minute appointment using the on-line booking service. <https://parents-booking.co.uk/stignatiuscatholic>

If you have any problems, contact the school office for assistance.

For pupils of children with SEND, you need to make an individual appointment with your child's class teacher.

Family Social

The family social was a great success and we thank all the families who attended. The children's entertainer was fabulous. The adults were equally entertained throughout this evening even though some may have gone home

with a bad back from the various games they were roped into. It was a great way to spend time together at the start of the new school year.

An Evening of Music

All families are invited to attend an evening of music in the Parish Centre next to school on Saturday 5th October at 7pm. **Valerenco** 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 on the door. The proceeds will be split between church and the school.

Request

As the summer flowers are starting to die and keen gardeners are trimming plants back, please could you consider sending in any colourful petals to Nursery for them to use in their outdoor kitchen? Roses would be lovely as they are also scented but any petals would be greatly appreciated.

Dates:

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

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

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

Monday 7th October-Quidditch day in school.

W/C 7th October – Parents’ consultations for pupils with SEND – to be arranged directly with class teachers

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

Tuesday 15th October-Mini Vinnie conference (years 5 and 6) at St John’s Normanton

Tuesday 15th October – Parents’ consultations for all classes

Nursery and Ks1: 3:30 – 6pm

Ks2: 3:45-6.15pm

Wednesday 16th October-Mary’s Meal Porridge breakfast @ 8.15-9.00

Wednesday 16th October – Parents’ consultations for Nursery, Class 1, 3, 4 and 5

Nursery and Class 1: 3:30 – 6pm

Ks2: 3:45-6.15pm

Thursday 17th October – Parents’ consultations for Class 2 3:30-6.00pm

Friday 18th October-Class 5 to show work in celebration [assembly@2.50pm](#)

Sunday 20th October-School Mass in the Parish @9am

Thursday 24th October – School closes for October half-term break.

Friday 25th October-School INSET Day.

Wednesday 6th November-Creative RE day in school

W/C 11th November-Antibullying week

Wednesday 13th-Friday 15th November-Year 6 Retreat to Castlerigg Manor.

Monday 25th November-non uniform day in school-donations for Christmas fair.

Wednesday 11th December-Ks1 Christmas performance @ 9.30am

Thursday 12th December-Ks1 Christmas performance @ 2.30pm

Friday 13th December-Nursery nativity @ 10.30am

Friday 13th December-Choir Christmas Concert @ 5.30

Monday 16th December-Ks2 Christmas performance @ 2.15pm

Tuesday 17th December-Ks2 Christmas performance @ 9.30am

Wednesday 18th December-Party Day

Friday 20th December-School Carol Concert in church @2pm

Thank you for your continued support

Mr Bartram