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Dear Parents & Carers,

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Emergency Contact Number

Mr Bartram has the school mobile which will be on between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, for emergencies only. Please call 07956 662797 should you need to speak to him.

Other contact methods are still available – Class Dojo, school phone number, and office email admin@stig.bkcat.co.uk

Time to say goodbye

Mrs Humbles will be leaving us at the end of the new school year. She is taking up a new position at Horbury St Peters' School. Mrs Humbles has given 11 years' service to St Ignatius School and to Catholic Education and I have had the privilege of working alongside her throughout all those years. She is always fully committed in providing the best possible education for every child who has been in her class. Everyone who has ever worked with her knows what a lovely person she is and this makes saying goodbye even harder. I know the children and parents will miss her as she has been a mainstay at the school and a friendly face on the playground for so many years. She leaves with our love, prayers and best wishes and we look forward to seeing her as a parent of her two lovely children.

Mrs Duffy will be on maternity leave from the end of this academic school year. This will be Mrs Duffy's second child. We wish her all the best and look forward to seeing the pictures of her gorgeous little bundle when they arrive.

We are currently in the recruitment process for replacing Mrs Duffy and Mrs Humbles and we will let parents know as soon as we make a successful appointment.

Re-opening

We have now reopened our school to our Nursery, Reception and Y1 children alongside the Critical worker children who have already been attending. It was lovely to see them walking back into school with smiles on their faces. We have been very impressed with how well prepared the children were for returning to school. We thank you, their parents, for spending the time explaining the changes to them.



The start and end of day routines are very different as we are staggering the start and finishing times for each 'bubble.' Thank you, once again, for following these new routines. Let's hope the weather is better than it was this morning.

We are still unable to provide a place to our year 6 pupils at school. We are aware this will be disappointing for many and we plan to support them with their transition. We are still hopeful that a solution can be found for them to return to school before the end of the school year.

Non uniform

Please ensure that your child has a change of clothes every day at school. This was the reason for allowing non-uniform as it was difficult to expect families to have 5 pairs of trousers or 5 different white shirts. I have noticed some children wearing their summer dresses which is fine and a very sensible choice.

Easter eggs

Your child should have come home with an Easter egg if they were in school today. These have been donated by the Friends and were safely locked away until we could reopen to more pupils. We have a few to give out next week for those who do not attend school on Fridays.

Obviously, we have all the other eggs to distribute to families who are not attending school. If you would like to collect your egg, please feel free to drop by school and we will bring it to the gate. If you are able to safely deliver some to other families who live close by, adhering to social distancing, please let us know and we can arrange for these to be given also. Equally, if you know of a child in school who could bring the egg home on behalf of you, let us know. They are still in date, just!

Parish Communication

As part of the wider parish community, I would like to share some stories from our school families which will go into the Parish bulletin. Fr Richard is keen to reach out to more families and bring the school and parish closer together. If you would like to contribute anything please send this to admin@stig.bkcat.co.uk and I will liaise with Fr Richard. We will also aim to write some articles with the children in school.

Our Parish community continues to reach out and is here to help you at this difficult time. There are a number of groups working hard to support parishioners and other local residents. Please share this message with anyone you know who is in need of assistance.

Fr Richard is available and can be contacted on 01924 275824

Brenda Burnley is coordinating a Parish support group, which can help with friendly phone calls and shopping and can be contacted on 07969553243

Christine is the point of contact for the SVP who are available to support you in many ways and can be contacted on 07595181363. I am aware that they have a number of food vouchers still available for the families who may require them.

Catholic Care, the Leeds Diocesan Community Response service, is offering a wide range of support and can be contacted on 07739975001, 07739975008 or 07739975009

Top of the Rocks

A competition has been arranged for all schools in The Leeds Catholic Diocese to take part in a Time Table Rock stars' competition. This will run from 15th-19th June. Bubbles in school will be given an opportunity to compete in this and I encourage the children at home to do the same. The winning school will have the highest number of correct answers per pupil. I am very competitive and would love to see our little Primary School come out on top.

Thank you

I wish to thank our fantastic team of teachers, teaching assistants, School Business Manager, Office Admin Staff and Academy Council for their support towards preparing the school to meet the new requirements. Our team have worked tirelessly, supporting me in the leadership of this tremendous task.

Our teachers and TAs have worked hard to prepare learning, classrooms/bubbles and still provide home learning tasks to keep every single child and family in our school suitably educated at this time.

Mr. Howarth, our caretaker and the contract cleaners have prepared our school site ensuring it is as safe and clean as it possibly could be.

Well done everyone. I wish to thank all parents too for making whatever decision you think is right for your child. I know that you have done the right thing for your own families. Thank you for your continuing support to everyone at St. Ignatius' at this time.

Reflection



This Sunday, the Church celebrates the feast of Corpus Christi - the Body of Christ - on which we celebrate and venerate the mystery of the Eucharist or Holy Communion.

For those of us who receive the Eucharist as central to our faith life, this period of lockdown has been the longest most of us will have been without receiving the sacrament since our own Holy Communion Day.

This weekend, let us pray especially for those due to make their First Holy Communion this year whose entry into this experience of their faith has been delayed.

As said before at the start of lockdown, although we are unable to receive the Body of Christ, we are called more than ever at this time - and perhaps even more so in the light of recent events - to BE the Body of Christ. As St Teresa of Avila taught us:

“Christ has no body now but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”

Love and best wishes

Mr S Bartram