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

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](mailto:admin@stig.bkcat.co.uk)

### **Places in school**

Due to increased demand for places in school, and class sizes being capped, our Nursery class and Reception class are now full. Unless circumstances change within that class, we are unable to offer to any other families.

### **Year 6 returning**

We are pleased to confirm that we are able to offer places to year 6 children from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July. I am currently liaising with the Chair of Governors on updating the risk assessment and we will inform parents of our plans early next week.

### **Times Table Rock stars**

To our surprise, a new competition appeared this week and as it stands, we are 3<sup>rd</sup> on the leaderboard. I have sent no reminders this week and therefore I am extremely pleased to see that children are playing as part of their daily routine. We are expecting a new competition shortly (not next week) where the top child from each school will receive a prize. The top school will also receive a prize. I will send out details when they arrive.

We have monitored the scores recently and would like to set an individual target across school

Year 2 children-a score of 3000 points.

Years 3-6 children- a score of 5000 points.

The overall points are judged on an average score and therefore every child who logs on needs to try to achieve their target to bring the average up.

In our last competition, Elizabeth Blay, from Class 4, scored 46,226 and this week she has scored 33,000 points. Can anyone match Elizabeth's phenomenal totals?

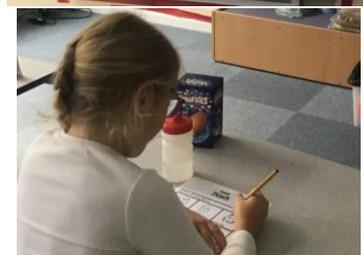
## Wakefield safeguarding week

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!

This week we have taken part in Wakefield Safeguarding Week and have shared activities within the different bubbles. I have seen some lovely things happening across school with some important messages being passed on. Here are some of the pictures:



It is important to keep yourself mentally healthy! The children took part in mindfulness activities.



Discussions were held about keeping themselves safe using the PANTS rule.



The children made paperchains made up of four people who are very different from each other but stand together showing all the values and virtues a good role model would do.

## Annual reports to parents

End of Year reports will be sent out to parents (via email) on Wednesday 8th July. The report is a summary of progress based on the time your child was in school between September 2019 and the end of March 2020. It will also inform you of your child's class teacher for next academic year plus some transition activities that would be useful in preparation for their next year group.

## PE Sessions at school and at home

Our School has been using the Wakefield Schools Sports Partnership to enhance and support the teaching of PE since September 2019. Like many organisations, they have had to adapt their ways of working in recent months. They have created their own Wakefield SSP YouTube channel which is now up and running, with a few Gymnastics sessions already on the channel. They aim to populate the channel over the next few weeks and months with as much high quality content as possible. They are aiming for the content to cover everything from Warm Up games, individual exercise sessions, virtual sports days, as well as games that can be played under the current social distancing rules. We will be using this resource in school and have been asked by SSP to share the link with parents, as they are conscious there are still a high number of students studying at home. The Wakefield SSP YouTube channel will allow the children

at home the chance to take part in the same PE sessions or exercises. Parents can subscribe to the page, this will then notify them every time new content is added to the page!

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM-Ng4ZfVw3Y9E3tAxMpfpw?disable\\_polymer=true](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM-Ng4ZfVw3Y9E3tAxMpfpw?disable_polymer=true)

### **Let's get Silly!**

This summer, Wakefield Libraries in partnership with the Reading Agency are asking families to have some seriously silly fun together. Join the Silly Squad, Summer Reading Challenge 2020, and its hilarious cast of characters and have some family fun reading together. This year, there is a brand new digital reading challenge and you can join and take part online at [www.sillysquad.org.uk](http://www.sillysquad.org.uk) The Silly Squad is a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books. Join the Silly Squad on a new adventure by setting your own personal reading challenge to complete this summer. Keep track of your books, reviews and unlock rewards along the way. There are also heaps of super silly activities, quizzes, videos, games and more to keep you entertained at home. There will be lots of ideas for reading fun and don't forget you can borrow books and talking books from the digital library services. Go on - be silly this summer!

### **Reopening of St Ignatius Catholic Church**

It is lovely to see our church reopen for private prayer. It is open during three chosen periods when the stewards are available. I attended last Sunday and felt very safe. It was lovely to have time to be still and be prayerful in the spiritual surroundings.

Here are the times that church are open:

Wednesdays, 11am to 1pm.

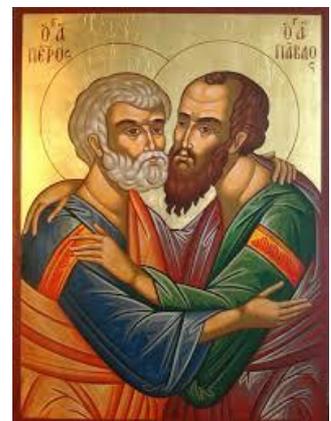
Fridays, 3pm to 6pm.

Sundays, 9am to 11am.

### **Reflection**

'This weekend is the feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. We remember and celebrate two of Gods' most unlikely heroes; Peter and Paul. Each in their own way carried on the mission and ministry of Jesus as they proclaimed the gospel through their words and actions as missionary disciples in the early church.

Peter knew Jesus for at least three years. He was one of his closest friends and followers. He heard Jesus speak and teach, he saw Jesus work miracles. Peter was at the Last Supper with Jesus; he was witness to all that happened to Jesus. And, as we know Peter not only witnessed these events, he was directly involved in them. Famously, he denied that he even knew Jesus as he was being arrested prior to his crucifixion and death. Peter lost faith in Jesus, but Jesus never lost his faith in Peter. He was then given the responsibility for leading the Church, the People of God.



God does not choose the powerful, the wealthy, the clever or the important. God chooses the least likely who have the most potential. As it says in the Old Testament; God does not look at outer appearances, but at the heart of a person.

Paul never actually met Jesus, but he did experience Jesus in a most profound way. On the road to Damascus; he heard these words, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' By persecuting the followers of Jesus, Saul was persecuting Jesus himself. Saul becomes Paul, the greatest missionary of the early Church. Again, God does not look at outer appearance, but at the heart of a person.

These are role models of what it means to be a follower of Jesus today. Jesus called Peter who denied him and Paul who persecuted him to be his witnesses; so why wouldn't the same Jesus call us to be his witness and followers? *Are we so different from these two men? Perhaps when hear Jesus call us by our name, we might say Who me or Why me?*

Finally, I wish all our families a restful weekend. Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times. The many positive words of encouragement that have been shared with staff via dojo, emails, telephone calls as well as those from parents of children currently at school have been much appreciated.

Love and best wishes!

Mr S Bartram