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St Ignatius Catholic Primary School

'An inspired learning community with Jesus Christ at the centre'

Dear Parents & Carers,

18.10.20

CHANGE OF START AND END OF DAY

Having monitored the morning and end of day routines, a decision has been made that we return to our original start and end times after the October Half Term holidays. The morning drop offs are effective and safe with social distancing being adhered to. The change of time should not impact this significantly. The sheer volume of traffic and pedestrians in the area at the end of the school day has prompted us to push KS2 finishing time back to 3:25pm. We have monitored Storrs Hill Road at the end of the day from 3:00-3:30 and by this time the congestion has decreased. Most of the High School pupils have finished and are away from the area. This should allow parents to park more freely in the area and will make it safer for our pupils and families. We have significant number of families who have only KS1-aged children and these families will be able to leave the playground shortly after 3:15pm. This will allow for those who have only KS2-aged children to arrive shortly afterwards. Those who have siblings in both will have wait on the playground for 10 minutes until the older sibling leaves. This routine has always been in place. *If you are picking up a KS2 child please do not arrive too early, otherwise the system will not work.*

In order to maximise social distancing, Class 5 will continue to leave from their class door, Class 4 will leave from the KS2 door and Class 3 will leave through the main school entrance so that groups are kept separate. If you are able to walk to school to pick up your children this would significantly improve the volume of traffic in the area.

Class	Start and end times
Nursery	9:00am-12:00 noon from the Nursery side entrance.
Class 1 and 2	9:00am-3:15 pm Gates will be open from 8:50am for those who have older siblings in school. If you have children who are only KS1-aged please aim to arrive at school for the children to be in class for 9:00am. If you have KS1-aged children and a child in Nursery please aim to drop the KS1 child off between 8:55am-9:00am before walking the Nursery- aged child around for a 9:00am start.
Class 3, 4 and 5	8:55am-3:25pm Gates will be open from 8:50am so that children are in class for 8:55am.

Behaviour Policy

All parents should have received the new school behaviour policy. This has been shared with all staff and children at school and has had an immediate positive impact. The minimum expectations set out have reminded children of the school's standards. Due to the increased equipment at Lunchtime, breaks have been more enjoyable for all. Please speak with your child about appropriate use of equipment. I have attached some photos at the bottom of this newsletter.

Each class has a box of lunchtime toys which they can play with.

Each class has an additional game/toy which will be quarantined every Friday for the weekend and move onto the next class for the following week.

Week	Class 1 and 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
12 th October-16 th October	Basketball tri-net and 6 balls	Connect 4 Bats and Balls	Skipping Ropes 2 large and a variety individual ones.	Parachute Beanbag target game
19 th October-23 rd October	Parachute Beanbag target game	Basketball tri-net and 6 balls	Connect 4 Bats and Balls	Skipping Ropes 2 large and a variety individual ones.
Holidays				
2 nd November-6 th November	Skipping Ropes 2 large and a variety individual ones.	Parachute Beanbag target game	Basketball tri-net and 6 balls	Connect 4 Bats and Balls
9 th November-13 th November	Connect 4 Bats and Balls	Skipping Ropes 2 large and a variety individual ones.	Parachute Beanbag target game	Basketball tri-net and 6 balls

Remote learning

The Trust are currently working on a remote learning policy for schools and I will issue this once it has been completed. In the meantime, school has now set assignments on Google Classroom for all KS2 classes. Children have been given the opportunity to log on, complete work and return it to the class teacher. Class 3 and 5 are trialing homework this week on Google Classroom.

We shall also be using 'Google Meet' for live teaching. Mrs McBride and Miss Smith will be trialing this next week with story time for the children.

Friends of St Ignatius events

Non uniform day

There will be a non-uniform day on Thursday 24th October to replace the usual October Half term disco organised by the Friends of St Ignatius. Suggested donation of £1.00 and no more than £2 per family. Children are to come in their normal clothes and not fancy dress.

Christmas Cards

The children are currently designing Xmas cards as part of one of the Friends initiatives and these should be available to order early next half term.

A virtual Christmas Fayre arranged by the Friends will be running after half term on Facebook. More details to follow. If you are interested in having a stall please request to join the Facebook group 'Friends of St Ignatius Christmas Fayre' and send a direct message to Jacqueline Robinson.

Christmas Shopping

It's that time of year again! If you are doing your shopping online please sign up to the Easy Fundraising website <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fosti/> -it doesn't cost anything

The retailers make a donation to the Friends for every online purchase! You can add a donation reminder to your web browser and if you refer a friend it adds a £5 donation. So far there are 24 parents signed up and it would be great if we could get to 100.

Reflection

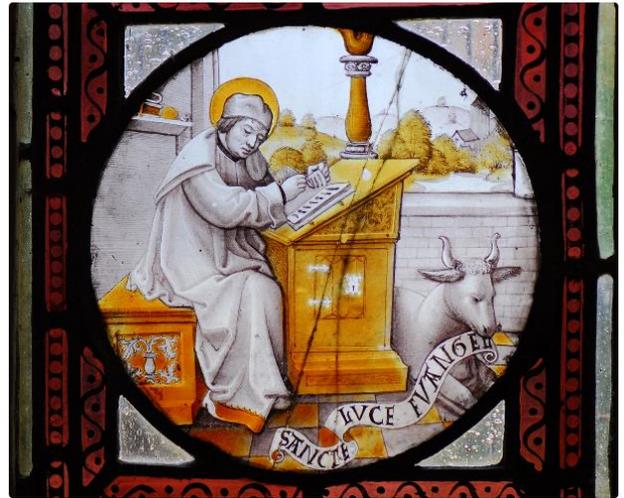
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Feast of St Luke the Evangelist

St. Luke was an evangelist and is the patron of painters and physicians. He is the author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles.

Luke is the patron saint of doctors and also painters owing to the belief in medieval times that he painted a picture of the Virgin Mary. This work was long preserved in the Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome, although it dates to a time far after apostolic times. Luke's Gospel was written between 70 and 85, possibly

in Greece, although Eusebius claims that it was written before the martyrdom of St. Paul. The point of view of the Gospel is that of a Gentile Christian for other Gentile (or non-Jewish) individuals. His Acts of the Apostles was written perhaps in Rome, either during the imprisonment of St. Paul or immediately after his death, or in the province of Achaëa, in the area around Greece. The Acts details the Church from c. 35-c. 63, demonstrating in often superb prose the remarkable growth and the stirring witness of the faithful. In art, he is accompanied by a winged ox, the symbol of his Gospel. He is also depicted holding a painting of the Blessed Virgin.



Almighty God, you inspired Your servant St. Luke the Evangelist and Physician to set forth in the Gospel, the love and the healing power of your Son. In faithfully detailing the humanity of Jesus, he also showed the divinity of Jesus and His genuine compassion for all human beings.

May St. Luke intercede for us that we may deepen our understanding of the Gospel and grow in compassion of Jesus. May his intercession enable our whole community to follow Your way and plan for us.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Love and best wishes!

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