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St Ignatius Catholic Primary School

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

Dear Parents & Carers,

05.02.21

Thank you for your feedback

We are nearly at the end of this half term with only one week remaining when all the children and staff can enjoy their well-deserved week's rest. Throughout this time, we have continued to provide for both pupils in school and those at home. There were even days when all pupils were all home learners due to the adverse weather. Snow days seem something of the past now!

Recently, we sent out our home learning survey and were pleased with the feedback we received. This has been shared with the Trust and will be presented to the governors next week. Our overall score from 57 responses was 4.59/5. We have continued to enhance what is working well and have begun to make changes in our practice where amendments were needed. Reception and Year 1 children are now supported through the Oak National Academy videos by their teachers, which enables our youngest children to engage throughout. From observing a few Meets this week, it is noticeable how this subtle change has enhanced learning for these children.

In KS2, teachers are now able to send a summary report to parents of their children's Google Classroom work. In order for this to happen, parents will need to send their permission and email address to the Class teacher via Dojo. Once this has been completed, the teacher will send an invitation to the guardian who can edit when they would like their summaries to be sent.

The guided reading and individual reading in KS1 has been a real success so far. Unfortunately, we are unable to send the book links from now on as it requires a teacher password to sign in to access these. We can still access these and share the screen from school but cannot send these out in advance. We are very keen for the children to continue reading at home and therefore would like to invite parents and carers to pick up the books from school instead. Miss Smith and Mrs Crowther have set aside two books, for each pupil in EY and KS1 at their appropriate level. Parents and carers are invited to collect the reading books between 11am-12 noon on Monday 8th February. If you still have a reading book from a previous date, please drop this off at the same time. Children in school should be having their books changed as normal.



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St Ignatius Catholic Primary School recently subscribed to an online reading programme called 'Reading Plus', which is aimed to support reading fluency and comprehension for children in Year 4, 5 and 6. This is accessible at home and school. Please encourage your child to log on and use this as it is such an effective resource. We have received progress reports from a Reading Plus representative which shows that whilst some children are accessing the resource, others are not logging on at all. Some children have made rapid progress and increased their reading age significantly due to the 'Little and often' approach. Teachers are able to track this progress and will continue to share feedback with the pupils.

Sports Coach

We are pleased to announce that Mr Leeming, our sports coach, will finally start with us next week. He will spend time with classes teaching PE next week and will also join Class Meets where he will introduce himself to the families at home. I am sure you will make him feel very welcome.

Miss Smith Maternity

It will be Miss Smith's last day at school on Friday 5th March before she starts her maternity leave. Miss Smith is expecting a little boy, her first child. She will be sorely missed in Class 1 especially having read the wonderful messages from parents recently in response to her home learning offer. Zap and Rosie are also excited to have a new special friend. We are currently in the recruitment process for finding Miss Smith's replacement and we will let you know as soon as we have appointed so the children can meet their new class teacher.

Thank you Mrs. Hellam

It was Mrs Hellam's last day today at St Ignatius School. We would like to thank her for dedication and hard work as Senior Lunchtime supervisor at St Ignatius School. Mrs Hellam has been responsible for many new initiatives at lunchtime and will be sorely missed as part of our team. She leaves with our love and prayers as she embarks on a new adventure looking after her grandchild.

Safer Internet Day

It has been lovely seeing all the fabulous activities as part of Children's Mental Health Week and we thank Mrs Dixon for her organisation throughout.

Next week, on Tuesday 9th February, it is Internet Safety Day. Wakefield Safeguarding Children's Partnership are conducting a Facebook Live at 1pm for 30 mins, on this day. Three officers who have been trained by the NSPCC will be on hand for a Q&A session as well as delivering some messages in line with the current SID'21 theme. Feel free to use the link below to join this event.

<https://www.facebook.com/westyorkshirepolice>.

Our Tuesday assembly next week will have a focus on this theme too.



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Reflection

God wants us to spend time with him through prayer, just as we would spend time with others who love us. We can trust that God always hears our prayers. God is our loving Father and will always do what is best for us and those we pray for.

Life can be demanding. Prayer is good for us – it gives us great strength! Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI reminds us, “Prayer brings us not only nearer to God but also nearer to one another.”

In this Sunday’s Gospel, we hear about Jesus taking time out to recover and refresh himself through prayer. After he brings peace and recovery to Simon’s mother-in-law, everyone crowds in on Jesus, wanting to be healed. Finally, Jesus goes off in the early morning to gather strength by praying to his Father.

Jesus regularly gathered together the community and prayed with them. He also made time to pray alone – a model of praying for us to follow. Prayer was the source of Jesus’ joy, strength and compassion, and it can be ours too.

Love and best wishes

Mr S Bartram