

# St. Ignatius News

St Ignatius  
Catholic Primary School



In God's Hands

**'To live by our PEARL values' – PRAYER, EQUALITY, ACHIEVEMENT, RESPECT and LOVE.**

## Dates for your diary

Date	Who?	What
WC 14/11/16	Whole School	Staff Training Day- School closed to pupils.
WC 14/11/16	Whole School	Anti-Bullying Week
WC 14/11/16	Whole School	FLCs (Family Learning Conferences)
16/11/16 17/11/16	EYFS	Parent Workshops
17/11/16	Whole School	Wear an item of blue for the day.
23/11/16	Flu Jabs	Year 1/2/3

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now well into the Autumn term and the nights are getting darker. This half term is always a busy one and very soon the children will begin to prepare for Advent. We began the half term with a special mass in the church for All Saints Day.

Last week 3W prepared a thought provoking assembly on Remembrance Day and the children bought poppies to wear to support the Royal British Legion.

This half term each year group will be going on a trip based around their history topic. Year 5 have already been to the Tower of London and Year 3 will be next when they go to the British Museum.

This week is our FLC week. This is a chance for the children to share their achievements and their next steps with you. We hope to see many of you throughout the week.

This week is also 'Anti-Bullying Week'. The theme this year is 'Power For Good' and the children will take part in a number of activities thinking about the importance of friendships and how to seek help if they feel bullied.

**POWER  
FOR  
GOOD**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

### House Points

**This week the points went to:**

**Asia**

### Lunchtimes

This week is Week 2 of the Winter Menu. See Website for details.

**Anti-Bullying Week**

On Thursday (17<sup>th</sup>) November we would like to ask the children to wear blue in support of Anti-Bullying week. They only have to wear one blue item. It may be a blue pair of socks or a blue ribbon in the hair. Our school motto against bullying is 'See it, Say it, Stop it'. We will be reminding children of this and in class the children will be looking at the Anti-Bullying theme which is 'Power For Good'. They will look at being superheroes and how they use power for good and change. Please take the time to talk to your child about this.

**Attendance/Punctuality**

Good attendance and punctuality is essential for good learning. We know children will be absent from school for different reasons, including sickness, but it is our aim to minimise these absences and improve our overall school attendance. Following an Attendance Analysis for Autumn Term 1, letters will be going out this week to all those children whose attendance is currently below 90%. We are happy to discuss any concerns you may have.

**Coffee Morning**

Our next coffee morning will be held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. This is an opportunity to come together as a school community and also a chance to share information and advice. We try to have a theme for each morning. Please do come along!

**School Uniform**

Please look at the school website to ensure that you are aware of the correct school uniform for September. **For Girls only green skirts and green tights** are allowed. Please also ensure that appropriate footwear is purchased. No kicker boots.

**Added Value!**

Our PEARL values are central to all the work we do at St Ignatius and the children know them very well. We would like to build on *these* by each week focussing on a new value that will compliment our PEARL values. In Assembly this week our added value is Friendship.

**Active Movement – Active Swaps**

This week we are asking the children who bring a packed lunch to school to swap one item in their packed lunch for a healthier option. Children who do this will be given house points.

For example:

- Brown bread instead of white bread
- Fruit instead of chocolate bars
- Carrot sticks instead of crisps

**Reminders**

- **School starts at 8:55. Please be in the line by this time.**
- **Please ensure we have an up to date phone number for you in case of emergencies.**
- **It is essential that you update medical details with Miss Cordelia.**
- **Clubs will soon be up and running again. More information to follow.**

**A Prayer for Remembrance**

Ever-living God, we remember those who you have gathered from the storm of war  
Into the peace of your presence.

Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember at this time. Amen.

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