

# 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
7/12/16	Year 1	Trip to Alexandra Palace
9/12/16	KS2/One World Club	Visit from MP David Lammy
12/12/16	Whole School	Globe Theatre Pantomime- Rumpelstiltskin
14/12/16	Whole School	Christmas Dinner
14/12/16	Reception- Year2	Nativity Performance – 2:15pm
15/12/16	Reception- Year 2	Nativity Performance- 9:15 am

Dear Parents and Carers,

Advent has begun and the children are very busy getting ready for the Christmas festivities. In assembly we have begun to light the candles on the Advent wreath and the children are thinking about the special preparations that are made this time of year. Please keep an eye on the website for details on events.

Year 3 and Year 4 have been out on trips this week and Year 1 and Year 2 are due to visit some more exciting places before we break up. The trips have been linked in with their history topics.

Last week was Road Safety week and Year 2 gave us a very informative assembly on how to keep ourselves safe out on the roads. The children had learnt and recited a rhyme about how to cross the road safely.

Next week we have MP David Lammy coming to speak to some of the children. He was invited by our afterschool club which is run by Miss Hammond. We are very excited by his visit as we have been looking at the British value of Democracy. The children are preparing some questions to ask him in assembly.

### House Points

**This week the points went to:**

**Asia**

### Lunchtimes

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



**Maths – Learning Key Facts**

A huge part of the new curriculum which came in in 2014 is that the children learn key facts and know them off by heart.

This may be number bonds to 10/20:

e.g  $1 + 9 = 10$   
 $2 + 8 = 10$   
 $3 + 7 = 10$

Or if your child is in year 2 upwards it may be to learn their times tables off by heart.

e.g  $2 \times 5 = 10$

The children need to know all their times tables by the end of Year 4. When you have the opportunity please help your child to learn them.

**Reading Records**

Please ensure that you are signing your child's reading record up to 5 x per week. The class teachers will be monitoring this regularly. It is essential that you hear your child read.

**Christmas Jumper Day**

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December the children can wear a Christmas jumper. If they do not have a Christmas jumper they can decorate their school Jumper to make it look Christmassy.

After school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December we will have a Christmas gathering. If you would like to donate a raffle prize then please send into the school office. We would also like donations of mince pies and Christmas cakes for this event.

**School Uniform**

Please look at the school website to ensure that you are aware of the correct school uniform. **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 Hope.

**Active Movement – Active Reading**

This week we are asking the children to read standing up. They will be bringing home a homework sheet which they will share with you. Please look at these activities with your child and sign once they have completed the activity. Standing up has become part of everyday life now at St Ignatius and the children realise the impact of sedentary behaviour. These small habits will make for healthier and more active children. Please also continue to encourage your child to swap unhealthy items in their packed lunches for more healthy options.

**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.**
- **Please purchase a school book bag from the office. This is an expectation.**
- **It is essential that you update medical details with Miss Cordelia.**

**Advent Prayer**

A Word From Pope Francis..

“The Lord is coming. May we await him with open hearts”