**St. Ignatius News**

**‘Safe in God’s hands, we share our PEARL values’** 4th February 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

As February begins, we reflect on the start of 2020 and the coming weeks ahead.

Year 2 went on an exciting trip to the London Transport Museum and Y1 are this week going to The Little Angel Theatre to take part in a curriculum related puppet show.

Class assemblies have been performed by 4C and 5Q and next week, on Thursday 13th February @2.30pm, it is the turn of 3A.

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| We are part of an exciting project called **Trailblazers**, supporting the wellbeing of our pupils and families.  If you would like to find out more about this project, please speak with Mr Bonner, Ms Curran or staff at school.  There are several ways, the programme is designed to support individuals, groups of pupils and parents both in school and home. | .Image result for michael rosen books" Image result for michael rosen books"  On Monday 10th February, **Michael Rosen**, the  famous children's novelist, poet, and the author of 140 books will visit St Ignatius Primary!  He served as [Children's Laureate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Children%27s_Laureate) from June 2007 to June 2009.  He will meet all the pupils at assembly and then be interviewed by Y4 pupils as part of a project they have been involved in.  We will update you with how the day went before half term. We may even be in the local news!! |

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| **Mr Henry**  Image result for all the bestMr Henry will be leaving St Ignatius at half term to begin a new career in the construction industry.  I am sure you will join us all in wishing him every success in this new venture and in offering him our sincere thanks for the great contribution he has made to the life of our school. |  | **Sherpakids After School Club**  See the source image  Our after school club, provided by Sherpa kids, runs from 3.15 – 6.00pm each school day. There are still spaces for more children.  Please visit [www.sherpakids.co.uk](http://www.sherpakids.co.uk) to see the range of activities that are on offer.  If you would like to register and book for this club,  *https://sherpakids.magicbooking.co.uk* |

**School clubs and Booster classes**

There are a number of clubs that are run by school staff, many on a Wednesday, but sports teams and choir run on other days also. If you would like to enrol your child in a club, and have not yet done so, please see your child’s teacher for details.

There will also be booster classes running for some Y2 and Y6 pupils to support their progress towards their SATs in the Summer term. You will be shortly receiving letters explaining the plans in place for these after school classes.

**School places available**

We still have a number of places available throughout the school so please encourage any of your friends or family who are looking for a place for their child to come in to meet us.

**Coffee morning**

We are having a coffee morning on **Friday 7th February @ 9am**. You are all welcome to join us, whether for a chat with other parents or to discuss any issues you would like to raise with staff.

**Parent Mail**

Please make sure you can access our electronic payment system which is now being used for school meals and other events such as trips and Building Fund contributions.

**School Fund**

Thank you to everyone who made their contribution to the school fund last term. You will shortly be getting a reminder about making a payment for the Spring Term. Please make sure you respond to this as we rely upon it to fund the upkeep of the school. We are currently upgrading the heating systems throughout the school and hope to begin decorating next term.

**Allergies – IMPORTANT REMINDER**

Please be mindful that a number of our children are allergic to a variety of foods, particularly **nuts**.

It is essential this issue is taken seriously and that, as parents, you do not include any nut products

in your child’s packed lunch. This includes Nutella spread and peanut butter. For this reason also

birthday treats cannot be shared with other children at school, even at home time. If you would

like to celebrate your child’s birthday, why not donate a book, that your child signs. to the class?

**Internet Safety Day**

Internet Safety Day on Thursday 11th February. The theme this year is about having a safe online identity. We will be talking about keeping safe online, the dangers of the internet and also, the benefits of accessing information online. It may be a good time to discuss with your children how and when they use social media and the importance of having an open dialogue about it.

**Y3 Tate Modern Project**

Last year our Year 3 children took part in an exciting project with the Tate Britain museum and Oscar winning film maker Steve Mcqueen. The children are part of an exhibition which continues until 3rd May 2020. The exhibition is free, so we thoroughly recommend that you go and pay the exhibition a visit.

**Half Term and Easter Holidays**

School closes for half term holiday on Friday 14th February .

Spring Term 2 runs from Monday 24th February to Friday 3rd April 2020.

Summer Term 1begins on Monday 20th April 2020

Please be mindful that your child’s attendance in school is very important and term time absences will not be authorised.

**The God Who Speaks: The Year of The Word**

Throughout this ‘Year of the Word’ the children will be learning about the importance of

reading the word of God in the Bible. Please do all you can to encourage them in this

vital part of their journey in faith.

“You are holding something divine in your hands a book that is like a fire!

A book through which God Speaks.” *Pope Francis*