



# St Edmund's and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School- Newsletter 3 2018



The children in Key Stage 2 walked across the croft and joined the Parish for Mass on 4<sup>th</sup> October on the Feast Day of Saint Francis. We enjoyed a thought-provoking homily from Father Brett who had recently watched the BBC documentary 'Drowning in Plastic'. He told the children that Saint Francis had cared about the environment and nature and that our current Pope chose Francis as a name because they were the issues that were important to him also. He challenged all the children to watch the programme with their families and consider how they can make a difference by re-using bottles, recycling and not wanting plastic toys.

### The Harvest Assembly

All the classes created a wonderful harvest variety show to celebrate that we are all so fortunate to have food and clean water and there are so many people in our world that are hungry and living in dire poverty. The children sang songs, read poems, danced and the older children gave a presentation about the work of Cafod. Thank you to all the parents that came along to support.

### The Wear something Bright Day for CAFOD

Well done to all the children who came in such bright colours! We raised an amazing **£110.72** combining money collected on the day and a collection after the Harvest Assembly. This money will help so many people help themselves, by providing seeds, tools, and clean water so they can farm and provide for their families.



Pictured Mr Taylor wearing a homemade T-shirt made especially for the day with Fabienne. Looking very bright and sparkly, Isabella, Molly and Evie and some of the other children on the day celebrating during assembly.

### The Harvest Food Collection

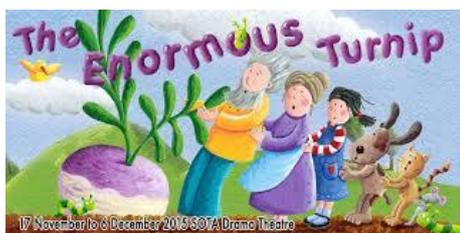
The Sudbury Foodbank were so pleased to receive all the dry foods that you all sent in this year to support the Harvest foodbank. The House Captains did an excellent job rallying and reminding the children in their houses to bring in dry foods. All the House Captains did an assembly for their houses to explain to the children the importance of the food collection to poorer people in our own communities. Blake House was the winning house with 78 items, followed by Constable with 62, then Gainsborough with 57 and Turner with 41. So overall, that was 238 items- The school has received a thank you card and certificate, so well done everyone we have all helped people in our community that need some short term assistance ! The happy House Captains, with Joseph and Amelia sitting in front from Blake House



### Drop-ins

This term the drop-in have been a real success. We are averaging around 15-20 parents per drop-in. They are an excellent opportunity to come into your child's classroom and learn how we teach and what the children are learning. The children enjoy sharing their learning with their families and it is an excellent opportunity to learn side by side with your child. Please try to come along.  
David and Dad weighing a turnip

**Realise Futures**



We have recently collaborated with Realise Futures who provide free workshops for parents. This term they had created a workshop with activities based around the enormous turnip book and as luck would have it, Moses Class have been learning this book as part of their English curriculum. The children in Moses Class and about 17 parents were able to do a carousel of different activities

**Coming soon- Maths Course STEP AHEAD IN MATHS - SUPPORT YOUR CHILD COURSE**

- Do number lines make you nervous?
- Do percentages puzzle you?
- Do you want to know more about how the children learn Maths in school and how to support them with their homework?
- Would you like to improve your own Maths skills?
- Join this course and let us unscramble the mystery of Maths together!
- If you hate Maths, then this is the course for you!

The Realise Future will be running a free 7 week course for parents on **Thursdays from 9.00 to 11.30 am in the school hall**. The first session will be on **1st November and is suitable for KS1 and KS2 parents**. Please contact the school office to register your interest.

**Clubs**

The sewing club in school and after school will start after half-term.

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>Lunchtime</u>	Mini Vinnies Mrs Price	Rockstars and Mathletics Miss Butcher	Homework Club Mrs Price	Sewing KS2 Miss Robinson	
<u>After school</u>	Tag Rugby UKS2 Gymnastics		Choir Science Club Athletics KS1	Athletics KS2 Sewing Club	Football KS1



Please continue to support the school PTA. They are vital for helping with extra resources and treats for the children.

**Science Club**



We have been very fortunate to have Dr Rawlins come into school to run a science club for Key Stage 2 children this term. They have had many hands on experiences 'doing' experiments and investigating. I think one of their favourite weeks was making exploding volcanoes!  
Pictured- Chantelle and Portia Y6 and Maxim and Oliver Y5



**Uniform**

**Please ensure that all children are in their winter uniform after half term.** White shirts and ties, school jumpers with the school logo, boys grey trousers and girls grey skirts or grey pinafores. Girls to wear either navy or grey tights. Shoes are sturdy black school shoes without heels. Please remember to send your child with a coat after half term, because the children are expected to go outside at playtimes to have fresh air and run about and now the weather is changing they will more than likely need a coat.

**Diary dates**

**Half- Term 22<sup>nd</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup> October**

- 1<sup>st</sup> November All Saints in Church
- 6<sup>th</sup> November 9.30 Mass in School
- 21<sup>st</sup> November- Stone age Day Abraham Class
- 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Tree Festival Sudbury
- 6<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 Mass in Church followed by confessions
- 11<sup>th</sup> December Advent Mass in school
- 17<sup>th</sup> December 9.30- Dress rehearsal toddlers welcome
- 18<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Production- 2.00pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Production 6.00pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Dinner Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> December Carol Concert 1.45pm

**Christmas Holidays- Monday 24<sup>th</sup>-Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

- 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019- Children return

**Oscar Romero was canonised on the 14<sup>th</sup> October: he said- 'We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise'. Have a joyous and restful half term- Mrs Price**