



St Joseph's and St Edmund's Catholic Primary Schools



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Dear Parents, where did those three weeks go? I can't believe we already at the Easter holidays. It doesn't really feel like Easter because we have not been able to enjoy the Easter breakfast, liturgy and the Easter bingo!

It has been lovely having all the children back in school, but I am still missing being together as a whole community and I can't wait until we can all be in the hall together for assemblies, choir practice and all the children playing together on the playground. We still have some way to go before it will feel 'normal' again.

However, next term we will be offering some sports clubs and we hope to get some more direction from the government over Easter on whether restrictions will be further eased. Fingers crossed for good news!

The school has been very calm and purposeful over the last three weeks. We have been busy assessing the children and we will be ensuring that any gaps in learning will be addressed over the summer term.

After Easter we will be introducing our new relationships and sex education programme, it is a revamped 'Journey in love' programme which have used for several years. The new 'Journey in love' has been authorised by the Bishop's Council and in compliant with our Catholic values and meets all the new statutory requirements. We will be holding either in person or virtually workshops for parents to talk through the programme so you will be equipped to continue the conversation with your child/ren at home and answer any additional questions they may have, so please sign up and come along so you will know the content and understand the programme. We would really value your opinion and comment. Early next term the PSHE and the RSHE programmes will be available on our federation website along with the policy documents for you read.

I hope that you have all have made a little time for yourselves over Lent to contemplate on the incredible year of challenges we have all lived through. I have been informed by Mr Bloomfield that there is a heatwave promised over Easter, I am not sure this is true; however, I hope you can get out for some of the time and enjoy the longer evenings.

Don't forget we will be springing into summer this weekend so change your clocks!

Happy Easter- Mrs Price

Some amazing achievements across the school

Most improved times for TTR across the school- Tilli Y4, Sienna Y4 and Elsie Y3. Children with the fastest responses Evie Y6- 0.5, Oscar Y4-0.65 and Harry Y6- 0.72. The children with the most correct answers on Numbots in Noah Class 1. Lyla, 2. Etta and 3. Patrick and in Moses Class 1. Orla, 2. Grace Mc. and 3. Beatrice.

The Class who have read the most words; Samson 24 million words followed by Jonah 12 million and Solomon 5.5 million. **Well done everyone!**

Thank you, lovely Bull family, for volunteering to tidy up the flower beds at the front of the school over the Easter holidays.



Please visit the Parish website for all the times of Holy Mass and to view the weekly Newsletter. I know that Father Brett would love to see families from the school either virtually or at Mass over Easter.

<https://www.sudburywithhadleigh.com/>



After Easter we hope to do a fundraiser for Cafod to help people that do not have access to water. The campaign is called **Walk for Water**.

Cafod activities for families over the Easter break

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/For-families>

Learning about St Joseph

This year has been designated the year of St Josephs and as I previously told you our school children were asked to participate in an assembly about him. If you would like to watch this at home it is available on You tube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yso60024>



Noah Class have been busy writing this week about Holy Week and writing in their Easter cards. Pictured Patrick, his card; watched by Kira.

We aim to encourage and support the personal growth of each through living in a community rooted in Gospel values.

What's been happening around the school?



Moses Class have finished their science unit for this term with an investigation looking at what is in a bud? We enjoyed St Joseph's Day celebrating with Cake. In English we have enjoyed learning innovating and writing our own versions of The Three Little Pigs. Gracie and Grace



Edward, Noah, Daphne and Phoebe all working very hard on their writing.

In science **Elijah** children have been looking at the radishes they planted observing the roots grown in different materials. Pictured Dylan, Ameya and Joshua B. Some more Elijah children working hard on their narrative writing based on The Three Billy Goats Gruff.



In **Abraham** Class the children have been learning about plants in year 3. We investigated all of the male and female parts inside a flower and we also tested the xylem vessels of a stem by standing celery stems into coloured water. The xylem carry water from the roots up the plant. The red results were spectacular and even turned a yellow flower into a red one! The celery leaves also turned red but no other colours had that effect. Intriguing!



The children in **Solomon** Class have been doing independent research on water issues and thinking how to present their learning. Lois wrote an acrostic poem.

Water is strong and heavy
And good for everything
Things need water to survive
Electricity is not good with water
Rain keeps our plants and animals alive.

Jonah class children have been conducting an experiment using the Cornerstone's scheme, the question they were posed was – 'Do all solids dissolve?' The children tried sugar, sand and jelly in warm water to test using fair trials, keeping all the variables the same for each solid. Brea. Martha. Aidan and Oliver P-H.

Samson class have been engaged in learning about the effects that climate change is having on the world. One of the areas they have looked at is the impact of flooding - the class this week analysed flood-plains and created their own posters to detail the causes, effects, responses and defences.

*Have patience with all things, but first have patience with yourself. Francis de Sales
See you all on Monday 12th April at start the Summer term.*