

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

St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School- Newsletter 2 September 29th 2023

Dear Parents, it has been very busy in school this week with the welcome meetings, I hope you found these interesting and useful. There are more opportunities to come into school next week, we have a whole school Mass on Thursday 5th October at 10am and a Harvest celebration assembly on Friday, the gates will open at 2.15pm. Throughout the week we will be collecting food for the Sudbury foodbank, there will be boxes in the hall covered in house colours so please place any contributions in your child's house box. There is a large pile of lost property on the table outside the hall waiting to be collected, please have a look through to check it doesn't belong to your family. The children have settled so well into their new classes and by the end of this week we will have sorted all the IT issues, thank you so much for your patience. The children will be able to access all our online learning platforms. If anyone has any issues please come and talk to me, I am on the playground every morning.

Mrs Price

SAFEGUARDING

If you feel there is an immediate risk to the safety of a child, please call Customer First on:

0808 800 4005.

All the year 6 children from across the diocese came together on Friday 29th September for a special start of term Mass at St John's Cathedral in Norwich. This year the date falls on the Feasts of St Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. It is always a wonderful occasion in such an awe-inspiring building. The music is directed by the Cathedral director of music Daniel Justin and the children are led in the singing by Notre Dame Secondary school children and the Cathedral choir.



Thank you, parents, for attending the class welcome meetings this week. The teachers were eager to share their year groups curriculum and routines. For those parents unable to attend there is an opportunity to access the presentations on the Federation website.

Regular Mass Times

Saturday evening- 17:00

Sunday Morning Mass- 9:15am

Parish Priest: Father Peter Brett

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This is Saint Vincent de Paul, Feast day 27th September. We remember him because he is the patron of the St Vincent de Paul society. He lived between 1581-1660 -363 years ago. He was born poor and was a slave. He ended up in Paris and chose to give his life to God and helping the poor and the sick. Nearly 150 years later Frederic Ozanam decided to continue his work and founded the St Vincent de Paul society in his name.

St. Vincent's legacy is that over 10,000 volunteer members in England and Wales make 50,000 visits to around 60,000 people each year. People in the society also lobby MPs to gain rights for the poor, old, those with ill health, the homeless and people who have fled to England to avoid persecution in their home countries.

In school the Mini- Vinnies group is the youth section of the society. We try and carry on Vincent's work by helping all those people in society who are struggling by collecting food, visiting the elderly, helping at the church lunches, picking up litter, gardening and doing kind acts. I have been inundated with application letters this year to join our group.



Last year's Mini Vinnie group with help from Ms Priday made short work of weeding the late Queen's Jubilee Garden last week during their lunchtime play.

About Suffolk Info link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JGO-OLo2JI&t=63s>

For information about Suffolk's services and for people needing advice and support use this link to access information on a range of subjects.

Attendance – 95.3%

Kellie Mason is continuing as our school's EWO and has already been in this school year to monitor children's attendance.

Thank you for all the AR donated books we have received this term. The children will really enjoy having more choice.

This week our wonderful children participated in a cross-country competition at TGS.

The team was made up of a mixture of children from year 4 to year 6. Eden won the Yr6 girls' race with Evan winning the Yr6 boys' race.

Other notable finishes - River 4th in the Yr5 race (he is in year 4) and Amelie B finished 4th in the Yr6 girls' race (she is in year 4). Mr LS reported being really proud of how well the children encouraged and supported one another and it was a lot of fun.

Diary Dates

2nd October - House Captains to collect Food bank items-
Monday- Friday

5th October World Teachers Day-

Whole school Mass 10.00am- EVERYONE WELCOME

6th October CAFOD Family Fast Day & Harvest Assembly 2.15 pm parents welcome to attend

12th October Yr4 in Mass in church

12th October Parent Workshop 2.15-3.15- Explaining the new handwriting scheme- MR L-S

Parent DROP IN WEEK-

- 16th October 2.45pm Moses Kinetic letters
- 17th October 9.00am Solomon kinetic letters & 2.45pm Jonah Kinetic letters
- 18th October 9.00am Noah- Soundwrite- phonics
- 19th October 9.00am Samson Kinetic letters
- 20th October Elijah 9.00am Kinetic letters

19th October - Yr3 Mass in church

19th October FGM 7pm Governors Meeting

HALF TERM 23rd

31st October Yr 2 Mass-

31st Closing date applications for secondary schools Yr6 parents

1st November- All Saints Solemnity

WB 13th Nov-1st December learning conversations window- please book appointments

10th November Individual photographs

14th Mass Yr5 in church

21st Mass Yr4 in church

28th Nov Annie and Sue OM Nurses in school, work in classes and parent 1:1 appointments available.

30th Nov Parents' volunteers meeting to discuss hampers and school discos in the school library 2.30pm- EVERYONE WELCOME to come along.

WB- 4th & 11th December School Fundraiser-

Hamper Collection class allocated items to collect.

7th Dec Advent Mass in school- EVERYONE WELCOME

12th Dec Y3 Mass in church

14th Dec Parents' Hamper making in school library 2.00pm onwards- volunteers

15th Dec Christmas dress-up day & Disco - EYFS/ KSI party 2.00-3.00pm KS2- 4.30-6.00 pm

18th EYFS- KSI-Christmas play 2.00pm and raffle

19th EYFS- KSI-Christmas play 2.00pm and raffle

20th KS2- Carol concert 2.00pm and raffle

Christmas Holidays



As you know this term across the school we have introduced a comprehensive handwriting scheme called Kinetic Letters. It melds old fashioned good practice with modern research on how to improve children's posture and stamina for writing. There are several learning threads to the programme but having a strong power pack, shoulder girdle and pelvic girdle strength are important strands in the programme. The children in EYFS have been working hard to develop these areas. There is so much more to the programme, so I would urge all parents to come along to Mr L-S's workshop on the 12th October at 2.15pm in the school hall to have the scheme explained in its entirety.



Please remember we would welcome small world toys, figures, animal figures or other play items for the EYFS classroom. This term we have received a generous donation from one of our families, this will be used to buy some new resources. Thank you very much!