



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



St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School- Newsletter II 4th March 2024

Dear Parents, we are already nearly half way through Lent. This term is so short and the weeks go by so quickly, there is little time to stop and appreciate the awakening of the earth and all the beauty that surrounds us. This week I have been looking at the children's work and always flick to the front of their books and then marvel at the progress they have made since the beginning of the year. We are currently in the middle of learning conversations and I hope you have all made an appointment to come in and see your child's teacher so you can see your child's work, and discuss how we can work together, to best support your child's learning; working in partnership. The year 6 children now know their next schools and the time left at St Joseph's will fly by, so it is important to enjoy every day and create memories with their class before they go their separate ways. We have got lots of fun activities and events planned for Holy Week, which we will be able to celebrate in school this year. If you have the time please come and join in, or stay after school for the Bingo, the caller will be Mr L-S!

Regular Mass Times
 Saturday evening- 17:00
 Sunday Morning Mass- 9:15am
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The **Holy Communion programme** will be starting soon. All parents that would like their child to join the Holy Communion programme will be required **to attend an enrolment meeting on 12th March at 6.00pm at the Parish Centre.** At the meeting Father Brett will explain the programme and the commitment required by both parents and children.



About Suffolk Info link
www.suffolk.gov.uk/info-link
 For information about Suffolk's services and for people needing advice and support use this link to access information on a range of subjects.

Safeguarding
 0808 800 4005
 To make a safeguarding referral about a child, if you are concerned they are at risk of harm.
 Or dial 999 in an emergency.

Donations please- **we are still looking** for unwanted comics or comic books, dressing up clothes board game and chess sets for use in our outside classroom area and in the calm zone.

<https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/whats-on>
 Please don't forget that our local libraries have so many events and children's activities going on including podcasts and videos that can be accessed at home.

- There is a weekly LEGO club 2.30-4.00pm every Saturday costing just 50p.
- Sunday- Funday Craft Club 11-3pm FREE
- Saturday story time for little one 10.15-10.30am and this is also free.



When I went for a walk around the school earlier this week the children were all focussed on their learning. In year three they were studying the Lord's Prayer; looking at the language and thinking deeply about what the words meant to them. They thought how they effected the way they behaved, and how they treated others.
 In Noah class they had heard the feeding of the five thousand Bible story and made lots of fishes and loaves to be displayed in their classroom.

The school has got two new visitors, Josie and Joey the ducks. They have chosen our noisy playground to nest their precious egg; we think there might even be two now. Can we please ask everyone to stay away from the coned off area and give the duck family some privacy during this momentous time for them.





World Book Day 2024

Due to the economic climate school staff took the decision not to dress up this year. We are aware dress-up days can cause unwanted additional stress to parents. In school we have marked the day with a number of activities. The children in the older classes were paired with the younger children and they read stories to one another. The teachers brought in their favourite stories and read them to the children. In literacy lessons the children changed their favourite stories and rewrote them. There are lots of super ideas to be found on the World Book day website to keep children interested in books: <https://www.worldbookday.com/celebrate-world-book-day/> **There is also an interesting Open University webinar giving advice on how to inspire children to read for pleasure and providing solutions to overcome children's barriers to reading.** In addition, free audio books can be downloaded. In school we know there can be few things as powerful as regularly reading to a young child. It has astonishing benefits for children: comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun. Giving a child time and full attention when reading them a story tells them they matter. It builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves their sleeping patterns. All the children will be bringing home a voucher that can be exchanged at WHS for a free book.



We are so blessed to live and work in such a beautiful environment. We regularly visit the meadows and have talks from the Rangers that volunteer. Our view and access to the river bank had been hampered by lots of undergrowth. To utilise this asset the Diocese and the school have erected new fencing and an access gate. On the other side of the gate is a viewing platform. Hopefully, we will be able to access the area in the summer to do some science and art activities.

The gardening club have been busy removing all the bulbs planted in the beds outside Abraham and Solomon Classes to the planters outside the resource area. Some months ago, Sure Green Finchingfield Halstead, donated some planters and the Sudbury Town Council volunteered to help us membrane and stone the bed so the planters can be placed on top. However, due to the terrible weather over half term when they were due to come in, this has not happened yet. I am hopeful this will happen before Easter and this area will be looking much nicer; the planters will bring some colour to that shady area. Thank you to Mrs Harding for running the club over lunchtime.



Diary dates

12th March- First Holy Communion enrolment 6pm Parish Church

12th Year 3 Mass 10.00am

13th March Friends volunteers meeting at 2.40pm for the Easter Breakfast- Stations of the Cross and Easter Bingo. School Library, everyone welcome

18th March Ignite visiting all day, Preparation for St Joseph's day

19th March Whole school Mass for St Joseph's day

20th March- Class photos Yr6

Photos

25th March 12.00pm Mini Vinnie's litter picking with Town council

26th March AM-Easter Breakfast

PM- Stations of the Cross

27th March- Charity day- Break the rules for CAFOD- 50p each rule. Cake Sale and squash on sale at the Easter Bingo- profits to CAFOD & School funds.

Bingo starts 3.20pm until 4.15pm

50p a game.

2nd May- Annie and Sue Parents Puberty workshop 9.10am in the hall.

28th March- last day of term



We welcomed back Bikeability on Monday and Tuesday. There were lots of excited children bringing their bikes into school.

We had two instructors called David and Pete. First, we had safety checks, to see if there was enough air in our tyres and the break and gears were working. Then we started doing drills on the playground; riding and stopping positions. We then had to ride in between cones, and pretended to stop at junctions and turning safely. After lunch we went off onto the roads and we cycled up a steep hill and found a quieter road to do some more practising. We learnt how to safely cycle down a steep hill and stop at a junction. They taught us how to be safe on a busy road and to safely overtake parked cars. On the second day we split into groups and practised everything we had learnt the day before so we could be assessed. When we returned to school we all received feedback on what we had done well and what we needed to improve upon. We will receive our certificates and badge at the next assembly. It was fun and we all learnt a great deal. Phoebe Hearne- Sirman

Next week is **British Science Week** <https://www.britishsienceweek.org/> please use the link to access free resources and information. There is also a competition the children can enter. In school we will be focussing on practical activities for science where they can investigate and work collaboratively. We will be reporting on all the fun and learning in the next newsletter.

Key stage 2 had an archery competition on Friday. It was a lot of fun and new skills were learnt.



Thank you to the parents who have sent in their unwanted dressing up clothes into school for the children to play with at lunchtime. We would welcome more contributions, and if not whole outfits bits of them, the masks, cloaks and even different hats, so the children can use their imagination and they will enhance their playing experience. We have allocated part of the play space in the playground for this.

