



Dear Parents,

We have already arrived in February and have been greeted by the snow. The children have been excited all week with the prospect of having snow so they can have some icy fun, it was a shame that there was so little. We have started the year being focussed on our learning and settling back into routines. This is such an important term and the whole school is calm and focussed on learning so that everyone is prepared for his or her statutory tests in the summer term.

q Aidan Cameron

q Archie Crisp

q Ola Kajdan

q Orla Batih

q Zoe Repaska



Please pray for our Holy Communion candidates and their families at this really important time in their faith journey.

Faith life – All of Key Stage 2 went to Mass on Thursday to join our parishioners. Father Brett reminded the children that they are guiding lamps for Christianity, showing Jesus' love to the entire world. All the parishioners were so glad to see the children and they enjoyed being part of the Parish community.

A frosty walk back to school on Thursday.



A few polite reminders-

- PLEASE can parents arrive to school on time. The children are allowed into school at 8.40am to do any early morning tasks or corrections. Registration is at 8.50am. The children should be coming into school through the main gate. The front door is not to be used to drop children off.
- Children should be coming to school with water bottles, research has consistently shown that it is important that children are hydrated through the school day.
- Children should bring their reading books to school every day. We try to ensure that all the children read silently in class; so they are able to do quizzes on the book they have read. Lower down the school the staff try and hear children read individually so having their book when they are called to read is vital.
- Can children please remember to bring in their PE kits. PE is a compulsory subject and so important to a child's development, both physical and mental. Getting children into good routines helps them in later life.

I received an irate email from a local resident she was complaining that our parents are parking illegally on the Croft and are then being rude when this is pointed out to them. I apologised on the school's behalf, if this was the case and reassured her that our parents are responsible and environmentally conscious. Please park responsibly!

Curriculum

School Drop-ins

Thank you to all the parents that have come along to find out more about what their children are doing in school. We have all been so pleased with the high numbers of parents and guardians who have attended this term. All the teachers take time to prepare and resource the drop-ins so it is rewarding when parents do come along. The children love to share their learning with their parents and it helps to build strong communication and partnership with the school to ensure the best outcomes for your child. I hope that all the parents who attended will spread the word and encourage all parents/guardians to attend.



Moses Class performed the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' using actions. The parents and guardians then helped their children with the activities.



The children then tested different materials to make a house for one of the little pigs and used a hair dryer for the wolf's breath to see how easily their house could be knocked down.



Sporting Achievement

St Joseph entered the swimming gala; the first time in five years. We managed to come seventh out of 14 school which was a great first time achievement. Both teams worked together, showing support and perseverance, There were individual standout performances from Lucy Y6 and Eleanor T Y6. Next week we look forward to competing at the athletics County finals in Newmarket.

Reading books

We have invested heavily in buying new reading material for the Key Stage 2 classes. However, we would like some more! Miss Butcher has collated a list of desirable texts for her class library. We would be grateful if you could donate any of the books on the list that your child has read.

Any Ronald Dahl book, Kipper books by Nick Inkpen, any Dick King Smith book, Percy the Park Keeper books by Nick Butterworth, Elmer books by David McKee, Supertato and other stories by Sue Hendra, any Julia Donaldson book, The large family books by Jill Murphy Any Beatrix Potter books, Mr Men and Little Miss books, Worst Witch books by Jill Murphy, any Oliver Jeffers books, any Enid Blyton books, any Classic Children's books, such as The Borrowers, 'Jungle Book', 'Treasure Island', 'I Capture the Castle', Mary Poppins and Oliver Twist'.

PTA News



Thank you to the PTA for providing a range of resources for individual classes. In the early years, they have purchased a new water and sand tray. Mrs Ponsford has asked for some new reading material. Other Classes have purchased art equipment and books and Mrs Price requested some new homework books for Year 5. Earlier on in the term, the PTA also bought some new science equipment to resource the topics the children are doing. I cannot stress enough the importance of our School's PTA in supporting the school

to provide additional resources and extra treats for the children that we may not be able to provide from the school budget. A photograph of all the new science resources the children will be able to use during science lessons to enhance their learning and understanding.

World Book day- This year we will be celebrating World Book Day. Each Class has chosen their favourite author and the children can dress up as their favourite character from those books.

For inspiration <https://www.worldbookday.com/share-your-ideas/>

Noah Class- Jill Murphy

Moses Class- Julia Donaldson

Elijah Class- Roald Dahl

Abraham Class- Jeremy Strong

Solomon Class- Michael Morpurgo

Samson Class- JK. Rowling

The children will be asked to bring in £1, which will be donated to Book aid international and in return the children will receive a £1 book token which they can use to purchase books.

Drop-in dates for this term

Class	Dates	Theme
Noah	Tuesday 12 th February 9.00am	Maths Topic Gingerbread Cafe
	Thursday 4 th April 2.30am	Science Space Museum
Moses	Thursday 17 th January 9.00am	English 3 Little Pigs
	Thursday 21 st March 9.00am	Maths- Measuring
Elijah	Thursday 24 th January 9.00am	Maths
	Wednesday 6 th March 9.00am	English
Abraham	Monday 28 th January 2.30pm	Geography
	Tuesday 26 th March 9.30am	Maths
Solomon	Thursday 28 th March 9.00am	Topic project
Samson	Tuesday 5 th February 9.00am	Fractions
	Tuesday 12 th March 9.00am	Comprehension

Diary Dates

January

- 15th January Mass in school 9.30am
- 16th PTA 7.30pm Prado Lounge Sudbury
- 18th Swimming Gala- chosen children
- 31st January Parish Mass in church 9.30am

February

- 8th County Final Athletics [morning]
- 12th Solomon library visit Sudbury pm
- Tuesday 12th February Abraham to visit Gainsborough House
- 15th February- Half Term

March

- 1st am hockey tournament TGS
- 4th-18th March Learning conversations
- 5th Ash Wednesday Service in school 9.30 am
- 7th World Book Day
- 19th March St Joseph's Day Mass 9.30am

April

- 2nd Easter Mass in school
- 2nd Sudbury Council 'Litter pick'
- 4th Easter breakfast in school
- 4th Easter Egg Bingo and decorate an egg competition
- 5th April- Break up for Easter



Mrs Price and all the staff at St Joseph's School