



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



St Joseph's Newsletter 8 - March 12th 2021

Dear Parents, at last we are back together in school. I wrote my last newsletter in December and now we are in March after another lockdown.

There was much anticipation and trepidation amongst staff on Monday morning because we have not had all the children together in the same building for several months. However, all fears were soon allayed when we saw all the smiling children come through the gates. Most children looked pleased and relieved to be back in school and able to see their friends and class teachers. I was shocked at how much the children had grown, in height and length of hair.

I can report that this week has just been delightful in school. The children have seamlessly settled back into routine; they are focussed and the school is quiet and purposeful. I have not had to remind one child regarding school expectations and behaviour, their conduct towards one another and their attitude to their work has been truly amazing. They really are a credit to you and to our school.

We are now nearly half-way through Lent, which seems unimaginable, but I hope you all manage to give yourselves some time to reflect on your efforts this year and recognise how amazing you are and appreciate that you have been required to live through separation, adjustments to your working lives and the hard slog of home-schooling, which has been at times a challenge for us all. During Lent we are asked to spring clean our souls to find time for some prayer and reflection and to think of those who are not as fortunate, and how we can help them, and to also really appreciate the people in our lives.

"In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who "humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:8). During this season of conversion, let us renew our *faith*, draw from the "living water" of *hope*, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ."

Pope Francis, Lenten Message, 2021

Mrs Price

The children who read the St Joseph's Day prayers they wrote for the diocesan Ignite Team Assembly to be broadcast on the 18th March.



Brea, Katie, Adam, Evie, Michaela, Juliette, Orla and Joshua.



Please visit the Parish website for all the times and to view the weekly Newsletter. <https://www.sudburywithhadleigh.com/>
Mass has resumed in the Parish

Tuesday- 10.00am in Church

Thursday- 10.00am in Church

Friday- 10.00am Live streamed from Church.

The Upper Key Stage 2 children will resume Mass attendance on Thursdays after Easter, then alternate weeks with Jonah Class. We will be reviewing our previous risk assessment to ensure the safety of the children and the parishioners.

Next week the whole school will be joining the Parish's live streamed Mass on Friday March 19th to celebrate St Joseph's Day. The children will all receive some cake during the day to celebrate.

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**.

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers and grandmothers. I hope you all get spoilt and have a lovely day.



The EYFS children have been making a special gift for their Mummies. Pictured Ronnie

Science Week 2021- www.britishscienceweek.org

Cambridge Science Week <https://www.festival.cam.ac.uk/events/age/children-under-12-394>



Please use the web addresses to find activities and resources that families can access.

Pictured are Edward, Noah, Felix Lexi U. and Alice from **Elijah class** sowing some radish seeds to see if they grow on different materials. One grit, one compost and one cotton wool!



In **Jonah Class**, Amelia and Isabella were making a RAINBOW IN A GLASS. We dissolved skittles in hot water and then added them to a glass. The solutions with most number of skittles in, had the most sugar, the solution became denser, and the skittles sank to the bottom of the glass.

In **Abraham Class** the children have been exploring chromatography this week - separating pigments in marker pens to see how each colour was created.



Mr Taylor giving a socially distanced demonstration which was projected onto the white board.



Evie and Flora in Samson Class investigated different densities of liquid - they had lots of fun using skittle coloured water for this.

Samson Class completed the British Science Week poster competition which is based around innovations for the future. Oliver came up with an exciting house robot, whilst Michaela created a diagnostic scanner to be used in hospitals - we wish all of Yr 6 good luck with their entries.

Reading allows us to be transported from our own world to another. Between the pages of a book, we can become immersed in the lives of fictional characters and learn about a culture entirely different from our own. We can also learn new words and phrases, experience a range of emotions, and acquire skills and knowledge. The effects of reading on child development are vast and multiple studies have highlighted its benefits. So, it gives me such pleasure to congratulate our school community for valuing reading and to acknowledge some of the children who are now **MILLION-word readers!** In year 6 **Michaela** and **Zuza** [3 million], **Jared, Oliver, Evie, Arthur** and **Laura**, year 5 **Ben, Orla, Seth** and **Lorelai** and **Elsie** in year 3.

I have always put a strong emphasis on children knowing the **times tables** (and their associated division facts) because it supports mathematical learning and understanding. Over lockdown our children have continued to improve their scores- **fastest** children **Evie** and **Harry** yr6 and **Oscar** yr4 well under a second for each answer! **Most improved David** y3 16 to 3 secs, **Florence** y3 15 to 5 secs and **Joel** y4 10 to 5 secs. **Well done!!**