



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



St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School- Newsletter 2 Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Parents, it feels as if we are hurtling through this term, the weeks go by so quickly. In school we continue to battle Covid and all the testing and isolation regulations that go with it; again, I would like to thank you for being so compliant and assisting us in trying to keep infection outbreaks isolated. In school the cleaning, handwashing, ventilation and key stage lunches and playtimes are still in place.

However, we are still managing to operate more 'normally' and have been having assemblies and running clubs at lunchtime and after school. I had a large group volunteer for Mini Vinnies which shows how caring and community minded the children are, they obviously have amazing role models! Mrs Gudgin was joined by 6 children from year 6 to start their training as Mini Medics and Miss Mortimer re-started her choir group on Thursday after school with lots of new members.

On Thursday morning there was a fantastic turn-out of parents for the EYFS 'touch base' meeting with myself and our school nurse Annie. Previously, she worked for the local authority as a school nurse, so is well equipped to help and advise parents on a range of childhood issues. If anyone would like an individual confidential appointment this can be organised through the school office.

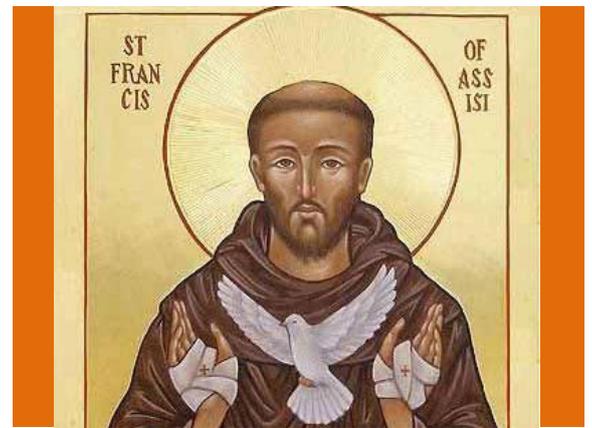
At the meeting I spoke about some good websites, please see below for the addresses:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people-> language and communication.

<https://kidlink.net.au/classroom-tips-series-pencil-grasp-> pencil control.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes-> brilliant lunch box ideas.

Please remember that we want the very best for all the children in school and are here to help. Mrs Price



Saint Francis of Assisi was a Catholic friar who gave up a life of wealth to live a life of poverty devoted to the poor and those in need. He established the Franciscan Order of friars and the women's Order of the Poor Ladies. Francis was born in Assisi, Italy in 1182. He preached to people about the life of Jesus Christ and people began to follow him. He had one basic rule which was **"To follow the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ and to walk in his footsteps"** **Feast Day 4th October**

Dear Lord, I join Saint Francis in prayer: Please, make me an instrument of Your peace. Where there is hate, let me show love; Where there is hurt, forgiveness; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is unhappiness, hope; Where there is darkness, light; And where there is sadness, joy. Amen.

CAFOD- GREEN DAY Raised £102- Well done and thank you.

The money will be used to buy green houses and provide some families with fresh water.

Harvest Festival

Friday 1st October- Family Fast Day & Harvest Celebration
Please **'Bring a tin'** for the local foodbank so they able to support those in our community who are in need and are struggling financially.

On Friday we will celebrate God's wonderful creation during our Harvest Festival. Each Class will perform to the rest of the school and this will be filmed and be available to parents. Please bring a tin this Friday morning to be displayed and then sent to the foodbank. Hopefully next year we will be able to invite parents to come along.

Mass Attendance 10am Mass in Church either Tuesday or Thursday

- Tuesday October 5th Y4
- Thursday October 14th Y3
- Thursday October 21st Y6
- Thursday 4th November Y5
- Tuesday 9th November Y4
- Thursday 18th November Y3
- Thursday 25th November Y6
- Thursday 2nd December Y5
- Tuesday 7th December Y4
- Thursday 16th December Y5

A full risk assessment has been carried out. The children arrive and leave after parishioners and are sanitised on arrival and departure they sit upstairs away from parishioners.

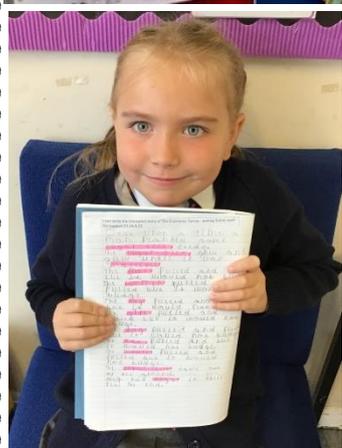
As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family. Pope Francis

Reading Challenge Children

Ronnie and Eden also joined and completed the reading challenge this summer



In their art lesson Abraham Class listened to the poem 'The Hippocrump' and followed the descriptions to draw him. These are pictures created by Grace, Daphne, Olivia and Travis. They used oil pastels and crayons.



Moses Class have been working so hard, firstly learning the 'Enormous Turnip' story and then innovating the story and writing it, using capital letters and full stops. Lydia is showing her writing. Victoria is pictured doing number correspondence in Maths and Oscar and Mia using number frames to add and subtract.



Solomon Class are very busy on Thursday mornings they start with a violin lesson and then they have swimming. Their new music teacher Mrs Prendergast is very pleased with their progress. Hopefully we will all be treated to a concert nearer the end of term!



From next week we will again be collecting crisp packets and wrappers and soft plastics. There will be bins in the hall where these can be placed and then taken to a local supermarket for re-cycling. In classrooms we will recycling old stationary.



Some of our House Captains who were voted for by the children in their house. Constable: Izzy and Lorelai, Blake: Orla and Ben, Gainsborough: Brea and Oliver and Turner: Isabella and Oliwia. [Brea and Ben not in the photo].



Madame Brewster is pictured with Phoebe, Katie and Charlie, who have been chosen as the French Language Ambassadors for their class's this year. [Ben Yr6 not photographed].

More Important Deadlines, Dates and Reminders

Check your child's **Learning Intentions**- out this Friday for the following week.

Have you watched your child's welcome meeting? They are on the Federation website.

8th October Flu Vaccinations
14th October Year 6 Cross Country event.

Apologises if you had any trouble contacting our admin staff this week we are experiencing absences due to illness and family illness. Please email and we will get back to you.