



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



St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School- Newsletter 4 Friday 5th November 2021

Dear Parents, welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. It won't be long before we will be counting down to Christmas, but we have a very busy November to get through first! In November we always remember those in our families who have died and those people who have died during conflicts.

This can be an unsettling and upsetting time for both children and adults but it provides the opportunity to talk about and celebrate the people who we have lost and will still miss. At St Joseph's we use our Catholic faith to discuss death. We are comforted by the fact that we will meet those we love again and that death is not the end.

If you would like some help to discuss bereavement with your children or other people in your family a good starting point is; <https://www.winstonswish.org/> the site has lots of resources and can also sign posts you to other sites and resources.

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

Special Educational Needs Support for Families

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays our friendly SENCo, Lisa Gudgin is on hand to support and answer any questions and worries you might have. Please do not hesitate to contact her via the school office if you would like to discuss any issues concerning your child.

Other useful information:

SENDIASS in Suffolk are a service providing confidential and impartial information, advice and support to help children, parents and young people take part in decisions that affect their lives.

If you feel you would benefit from their help then please have a look at their website

<http://www.suffolksendiass.co.uk/> or call 01473 265210.

Dyslexia- Following on from Dyslexia Awareness week last month, Suffolk libraries have been putting a book list together to help parents support children with Dyslexia. For more information please go to

<https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/borrow/recommendations/health/dyslexia> If you missed the workshops for Dyslexia in October all the presentations can be found on <https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/advice.page?id=fjFU1zataVM> They are all worth a look if this is something of interest.

Young Minds

Young Minds are a mental health charity for children, young people and their parents, making sure all young people can get the mental health support they need. Try to take 20 minutes daily to talk to your child about how they are feeling. <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help-for-parents/https://youngminds.org.uk/starting-a-conversation-with-yourchild/20-activities-for-20-minutes/>

Realise Future are running a variety of online courses, English, maths and computing. To book any of the courses or for more information please contact Eileen on 07860268074 or eileen.richards@realisefutures.org. All courses are free and finish before afternoon pick-up!



O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those whose memory
we cherish,
and those whose names we will never
know.

Help us to lift our eyes above the torment
of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those
who wish us harm.

As we honour the past, may we put our
faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever.

Amen.

Mass Attendance 10am Mass in Church either Tuesday or Thursday. Parents are welcome to join the parishioners but would be unable to sit with the children in the choir loft.

- Tuesday 9th November Y4
- Thursday 18th November Y3
- Thursday 25th November Y6
- Thursday 2nd December Y5
- Tuesday 7th December Y4
- Thursday 16th December Y5

Learning Conversations start next week 8th November and run for three weeks, providing parents plenty of opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher/s. The online appointments have now closed but at St. Josephs we are adaptable and really value working with our parents, so we will do our best to arrange a meeting if there has been a genuine reason why an appointment was not made. If you do not attend the paper work will be sent home and the non-attendance noted.

AFC Sudbury's FA Cup first-round tie with Colchester United will be shown live on BBC Two Friday, 5 November at 19:55 GMT.

**Anti-Bullying Week- Odd Sock Day!
November 15th – November 19th**

The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying week is 'One Kind Word' and the emphasis is, 'In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope.' It can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying. Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness. So, from the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, together, our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity. It starts with one kind word.

We will be **joining in with Odd Socks Day on Monday November 15th** to get the Anti Bullying week off to memorable start. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or buy expensive costumes, all the children have to do to take part is wear odd socks, it could not be simpler! For more information and advice about anti-bullying week visit <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>

In school during that week our school councillors will be completing a questionnaire with each class in the school to gauge opinions on where we are as a school, and if there are any changes we need to make! We will also be having assemblies and class discussions.



Mini Vinnies- Advent Project

The whole school will be involved in our Advent project this year. In the past during Advent we have collected luxury food items and toiletries for the local foodbank and made hampers for people in need. This year we hope to do something similar but through the St. Vincent de Paul Society combined with our Mini Vinnies group [the youth branch].

We would like each Class to raise money for an alternative gift, there are seven gifts; one for each class and the average cost of each of the gifts is £33. So, our aim is for each class to raise £33 over the course of Advent. The Mini Vinnies will be collecting change every Monday throughout Advent from each class.

The Mini Vinnies will launch this initiative, week beginning 22nd November in preparation for the start of Advent Sunday 28th November. It will be made clear that the money they bring in each Monday should be **earned** through doing 'good' works and chores at home for a small payment and then they can contribute their 'payment' to the class collection each Monday morning. Each Class's progress over the period of Advent will be displayed in the hall.

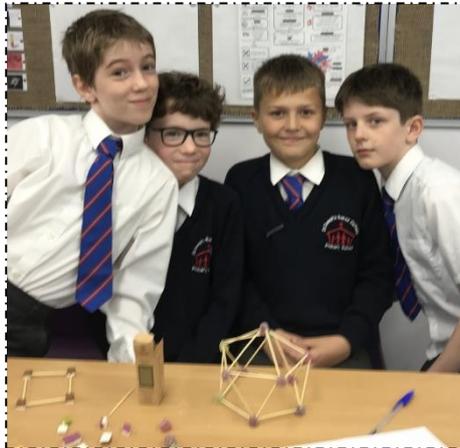
If you are anything like me and haven't bought your Christmas cards, or would like some gift ideas, there are some lovely cards, calendars, diaries etc. that can be purchased through St Vincent de Paul website: <https://www.svp.org.uk/shop>



We are ventilating our classrooms to keep Covid infection rates low, so please ensure the children have layers on. Vests and gilets to keep them warm.



At the end of last term, the school council held a meeting about girls being allowed to wear trousers for reasons of equality and to ensure they keep warm during these times of increased classroom ventilation. The councillors went back to their classes and there was a discussion and then a vote. It was closer than we expected, but there was a majority decision to allow girls to wear trousers. Pictured looking very smart and stylish, Freya, Lorelai and Katie.



Some Samson boys looking very pleased with themselves after building geodome shelters from cocktail sticks and sweets. They tested different designs and shapes to find the most effective for strength. We look forward to seeing how these designs are used in their final structures!

**More Important Deadlines,
Dates and Reminders**

12th November- Individual photos children to wear school uniform and bring in PE kit just for that day.

**15th November Odd Sock Day
ANTI BULLYING WEEK**

19th November Children in Need- end of day donations

22nd November -School nurses in school. Please phone the school office if you would like an appointment.

8th Nov-26th Nov- Learning Conversations taking place

2nd December-Flu Immunisation team in again for those who didn't get the vaccine first time.

Children in Need 19th November

This year we will be supporting Children in Need and ask that the children come into school dressed in their onesie, with some clothing underneath or fancy dress. During the day each class will have the opportunity to have a dance! We will collect donations in a bucket at the end of the day if you feel you would like to contribute. All monies will be counted by an adult.

