



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



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Advent is a time of preparation. We prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, and welcome His presence into our lives. The deep purple that you see in Advent is the colour of repentance and it reminds us of the sober and sombre character of the season and tells us that we should be preparing not just our homes, not just our surroundings, but our souls. However, Advent is not entirely characterised by sombreness, Gaudete Sunday represents the midway point of the Advent season and is a Sunday of rejoicing; a rose-coloured candle is illuminated. I hope everyone is able to have some moments of peace and quiet during this Advent season, to be able to take a breath; after the tumultuous years we have all had to endure, and to value and give thanks for all the wonderful things in our lives.



Season of Advent

Last weekend we had four children from year 5 take their First Holy Communion, two on Saturday afternoon at Clare Priory: Joel and Billy and two in our Parish Church Our Lady and St John on Sunday: Ruby and Thomas. I hope the Holy Eucharist will sustain and guide them throughout their lives. Please pray for them.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

In Sudbury 2021

The times of Masses will be as last year due to the continued presence of COVID!

Christmas Eve: 5.00 pm at St Joseph's Hadleigh

Christmas Day: 8.30 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. in Sudbury

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 7th December Y4

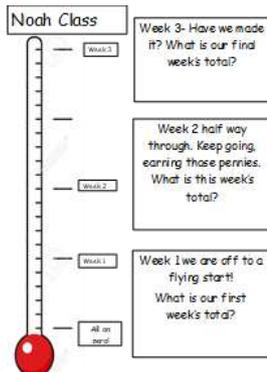
Thursday 16th December Y5



Pictured left to right looking beautiful: Ruby, looking handsome and smart: Thomas, Billy and Joel.

A HUGE thank you to all of you for your kindness and generosity to the Children in Need collection. The total was:

£196.58



Example of Chores

- Monday-Open curtains and make bed.
- Tuesday-Help wash/dry/fill/empty the dirty dishes.
- Wednesday-Tidy bedroom and make beds.
- Thursday- Play with siblings and tidy away toys
- Friday- Lay the table.

And we are off! I hope your children have all been super helpful around the house and have been earning some pennies for the Mini Vinnies collections. For the next two Monday mornings and the last Friday morning the Mini Vinnies will be visiting class doors to collect the class's collection boxes. As previously explained the monies will go to the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** to buy practical gifts for those in need.





Aidan y6 competed in the second round of the Suffolk County Cross Country Championships last weekend, running with 100 other boys in Yr 6 and Yr 7. He showed great determination to finish 49th and qualify for the 3rd round in January. This is the first time the school has had someone qualify for the 3rd round in the last 7 years and we are **immensely proud of his achievements. Well done!**



Solomon Class Year 4 went to the water meadows to explore the different types of mini beasts and wildlife and recorded their results in a grid. These results were then used to make bar charts and discussed together as a class.

Abraham Class used multilink cubes to help them with understanding multiplication. The children chose 3 colours and each colour represented either 2, 4 or 8. Depending on how many of that colour they used to make our animals, they then multiplied that number of cubes by the value of that cube colour. The children then added their results to find the value of their whole animal model. The children loved doing this and they also did great maths! Alice & Zya



Green Day last Friday

Last Friday we dressed up to support Climate Change and to launch a new initiative. We had a visitor from the ink bin company; Becky Baines the founder, because we have been chosen by Waitrose and the ink bin company to be the first school in Sudbury to recycle ink cartridges. We have been given our own logo-ed bin and this will live in the hall by the main gates so cartridges can be dropped in at drop off. Becky has asked for them to be wrapped up in old bread bags, to further reduce plastic consumption and waste.

Multi Faith Week

In Key Stage 2 we welcomed Rabbi Zvi Solomons from Berkshire for two virtual online lessons, using our new resources. LKS2 themes were the Synagogue and the Torah and UKS2 Synagogue and Holy days, particularly focussing on the Passover. The children did lots of preparation work and had questions ready to ask Rabbi Zvi; and he was very impressed at how knowledgeable the children were. Pictured right some of our new resources.



Happy Hanukah to



our Jewish friends.



More Important Deadlines, Dates and Reminders

- 6th 13th & 17th December Mini Vinnie collection of money for chores.
- 7th -11th December Xmas Tree Festival St Gregory's Church
- 16th Christmas Dinner Day- Party clothes
- 17th Last Day
- No choir until further notice.
- Football club still taking place.
- Breakfast and ASC children seated in bubbles.