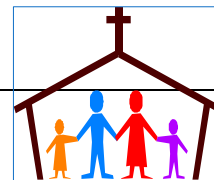




St Joseph's and St Edmund's Catholic Primary Schools

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Newsletter 4- 3rd November 2023



Friday 3rd November is the Feast day of St Martin de Porres. Martin lived his life for others, and always had a special place in his heart for the poor, sick, and downtrodden. As a lay brother he served the sick in the Dominican infirmary, ministered to slaves, and helped feed the poor.

To you, Saint Martin de Porres, I lift up my heart and petitions. Please, show people of every race and colour the path of unity. Help us to be meek and humble, just like you. We ask you to pray to our Father in Heaven, that His kingdom may come soon, so that we may all serve Him together.

Amen

Well done to all the Year 6 children who were presented with their Blue Peter badges during a celebration assembly. Every child had applied when they were in Year 5 and hopefully they will be able to access free entry to educational places and it will spur them on to read more. I am very proud of how well they have adjusted to being role models for the rest of the school. Many have been given extra roles and responsibilities and they are dutifully and diligently carrying these out. They are maturing into responsible and caring young adults.



Thank you so much to the Sykes family for donating their unwanted lego. The children will have hours of fun playing with it. We have a Lego club in school twice a week and Lego is always popular in after school and breakfast club, however, with the best of intentions bits often get mislaid. So please remember school, if you have any unwanted Lego, books or small world toys you would like to get rid of. We will be very grateful.

Year 3 children made some wonderful tie-dyed t-shirts. To create their unique designs, they used different scrunching and folding techniques and chose the colours they wanted to use. They also evaluated and thought of ways they could improve.

Regular Mass Times

Saturday evening- 17:00

Sunday Morning Mass- 9:15am

Parish Priest: Father Peter Brett

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Mass attendance- Parents are welcome to join the children and the parish congregation at the Church at 10.00am

Jonah Y5	14 th November
Solomon Y4	21 st November
IGNITE in school 1 st December to prepare for Advent	
Mass in school 7 th December celebrating Advent	
Abraham Y3	12 th December

On Thursday the whole of KS 2 was supposed to go to Mass for all Saints and All Souls day at our parish Church. However, due to the horrendous weather it was the hardy Year 6 children accompanied by Mr L-S, Mr Gibbon and myself. Father Brett focussed on Saints as very special people who devotion to God shaped their lives and all our departed relatives who have reached eternal life in Heaven with God. I was so proud of the children's clear and loud responses during the Mass and their respectful reverence whilst in church. The parishioners were so pleased that we had joined them and they commented on the children's impeccable behaviour.



Parents please don't forget to book a time for a learning conversation. The deadline is 8th November at 6pm.

The booking window was 20th October to 8th November. It is really crucial all parents make an appointment so we can get to know you better, your child's needs and how we can all support their learning.



Homework

The school has bought into some online platforms for a number of years. This was done to cut down on paper and for teachers to be able to easily monitor who is accessing and completing homework. We have noticed some children are not accessing numbots, TTRS (Times tables rock stars) or completing their weekly Mathletics homework. Could I please ask that you ensure your child is able to access these platforms. The expectation is for children in EYFS and KS1 to use numbots nightly and TTRS from Year 1 (summer term) nightly and complete weekly Mathletics homework. They will also have spellings to practise and reading to complete each night. In Key stage 2 children should be practising spelling nightly, TTRS for 10 minutes and 30 minutes reading and weekly the Mathletics set task. The children in Year 6 will have additional SATs preparation books to complete weekly. If for any reason your child is unable to complete homework at home then please make your child's teacher aware and we will try and make arrangements in school for them to complete it, but this will be done during their playtimes, so not to disrupt their learning in class. We value working together to ensure that all the children reach their full potential and achieve academic success.



On Wednesday children in UKS2 enjoyed experimenting creating light and dark using shading and different pencil strokes. The children went on to draw a composition using the medium of pastels. Both volunteers studied art at St Martin's London and enjoyed sharing their life long love of art with the children.



Sudbury Town Football Club offer £10 for two adults and a child or children as they welcome West London's Queen Park Ranger's Women on Sunday; kick off 2pm. Meal deals in the clubhouse as well.

This term we have been trialling fencing. Fencing is a good way to learn self-control. It can provide a channel to turn stress, anger and frustration into healthy competition. Fencers need to be able to control their own emotions in order to out-think their competitors, avoid making a mistake and to gain touches.

Diary Dates

WB 13th Nov-1st December learning conversations

window- please book appointments

10th November Individual photographs

11th-16th Anti-Bullying week- Make a NOISE!!

13th November- Odd Socks Day celebrating being different

14th Mass Yr5 in church

17th November- Children in need- Dress up day.

Buckets at the end of the day.

21st Mass Yr4 in church

28th Nov Annie and Sue OM Nurses in school, work in classes and parent 1:1 appointment available.

30th Nov Parents' volunteers meeting to discuss

hampers and school disco in the school library

2.30pm- EVERYONE WELCOME to come along tea and cake provided.

1st December IGNITE- Advent activities

WB- 4th & 11th December School Fundraiser-

Hamper Collection class allocated items to collect.

7th Dec Advent Mass in school- EVERYONE WELCOME

12th Dec Y3 Mass in church

14th Dec Parents' Hamper making in school library

2.00pm onwards- volunteers

15th Dec Christmas dress-up day & Disco - EYFS/ KS1

party 2.00-3.00pm KS2- 4.30-6.00 pm

18th EYFS- KS1-Christmas play 2.00pm and raffle

19th EYFS- KS1-Christmas play 2.00pm and raffle

20th KS2- Carol concert 2.00pm and raffle

Christmas Holidays

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/keeping-children-safe/reporting-a-child-at-risk-of-harm-abuse-or-neglect-safeguarding>

Use this link to report any safeguarding concerns you may have about a child or young person. On the link page you will be given clear guidance on how to make a referral.



Miss Robinson wants to alert parents about the Roblox app. A scary Halloween version has been created. She thought the graphics may unsettle children if they saw it pop up on their device. **Please be alert to the age ratings of games**



<https://branches.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/sudbury/remembrance/remembrance-2023/>



Use this link for more information about Remembrance Parade and Service at St Gregory's Church on the Croft on 12th November.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/suffolk-family-hubs>

Use the link to access lots of free advice, face to face workshops and online resources.



<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/wellbeing-in-education/family-wellbeing>

Please use this link to find out about lots of **free resources and helpful free training webinars** on a range of subjects about children's well-being across different age groups. These can be booked through the site. Well worth a look!