

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

St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School- Newsletter 7^{12th} December 2023



Well done to the Mini Vinnie's group and the year 6 children who went to the parish lunch club to entertain the guests. The parishioners were treated to carols and the Mini Vinnie children gave out the Christmas cards they had made during the Monday group.

The year 6 children have visited two residential care homes this week to bring some Christmas cheer, William Wood and Catchpole court. The residents loved listening to the carols and the children were given some sweet treats.



The EYFS and Key stage 1 children are rehearsing hard for their performances next week. The play is called a 'Wriggly Christmas' and is based on the traditional nativity story. The children have done so well learning all the songs and some have learned lines to say. Thank you for providing all the costumes and helping the children prepare. We had a whole school performance alongside parent and toddlers, the children amazed us all. There are two opportunities to see it next week.



Our community police officer PC Skeggs came into school to say hello and give out some stickers.

Regular Mass Times

Saturday evening- 17:00

Sunday Morning Mass- 9:15am

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Christmas Mass Times

4th Sunday of Advent

23rd December Saturday 5.00pm in Sudbury

24th December Sunday 9.15am in Sudbury & 11.15am in Hadleigh

24th December- Christmas Eve- 5.00pm in Hadleigh

25th December- Christmas Day 10.00am in Sudbury

Father Brett warmly welcomes all parents and children.

I hope you all managed to see our tree at the Sudbury Rotary Club Christmas tree festival at St Peters Church. There were over seventy contributors this year. Our tree was decorated using Pope Francis' Laudato Si principles, to look after our common home, so all decorations were made from recycled materials. Thank you to Mrs Eady for her eye-catching angel on the top.





Thank you to Bradley, our Sudbury Town Council community warden for putting us in touch with the company Sure Green. They have kindly donated play sand for EYFS and stones, shingle, pots and compost to our gardening club. We are going to plant the pots in the spring with herbs and place them under the windows of Abraham and Solomon Class. The donations were collected and transported to the school by Bradley and his team.



The children in Moses class have been writing instructions in their English lessons. Once these were written they followed them and made gingerbread men and delicious fruit smoothies. Not a bad reward for their efforts. At the end of this term Mose's Class and staff will say goodbye to Mr Edey who has spent the term with them as part of his teacher training course. I know he has learned lots and we wish him well in his career.



The whole school and year 4 parents were treated to the first violin concert of the year. This provides us all with a good marker, so we can enjoy watching the children's confidence and competence grow over the year. There will be another concert before the Easter holidays and then a summer concert. The children performed three pieces using the pizzicato on all four strings. Thank you to Ms Bishton their violin teacher.

Diary Dates

18th EYFS- KSI-Christmas play 2.00pm and raffle
19th EYFS- KSI-Christmas play 2.00pm and raffle
20th KS2- Carol concert 2.00pm and raffle
January 3rd 2024- PD day NO children
January 4th 2024- Children return to school

Happy Christmas Holidays

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Use this link to make a safeguarding referral about a child you are concerned it at risk of harm.

About Suffolk Info link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JGO-0L02JI&t=63s>

For information about Suffolk's services and for people needing advice and support use this link to access information on a range of subjects.



As part of the DT curriculum the children in year 6 were challenged to design and make an animal soft toy. They had to make a pattern, cut out the material, sew it together and stuff it. They are all very original and there has been some hilarity guessing the animals, I wrongly assumed a panda was a cow! All the children gained important life skills and should be able to sew buttons on garments if needed.



These three children in Noah class are showing off their hand Christmas tree cards. There is a written surprise inside.



The year 1 children enjoyed dressing up on Thursday to show their support for the Save the Children charity.

The charity works tirelessly to support families and children. In 2022 they supported 43 million children in the UK and 118 other countries. If you would like to donate: <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/>



The children tucked into a delicious Christmas dinner of turkey and all the trimmings on Thursday. Our two kitchen staff served over 140 children their lunch. We welcomed several parent volunteers to each sitting who gave the children their lunches, served their cake pudding and cleaned up the hall afterwards. There was also a special visitor in a red suit who reassured the children they were all on his good list!



St Joseph's is such a special community in part due to its small size. We haven't got a PTA but ask for parent helpers to support specific events, I would urge any parent wishing to get involved to do so and to come along to the informal volunteer meetings. We are genuinely very friendly!

A huge thank you to Ryan our disco man, this is the third occasion he has done a disco for us for a donation rather than charge us the full price. Due to this we are able to cover the costs and raise a small amount of money for school funds, while keeping the cost manageable for parents. If he did not offer his service so generously we would not be able to have regular discos, which would be such a shame for the children. Again, I would like to thank all those parents who have volunteered to give up their precious time at this busy time of year to come and help at all the various events and especially a very loud disco on a Friday evening!



I hope you all enjoy time with family and friends over the Christmas period. Thank you for all your care and support. Happy Christmas! Mrs Price



Every week we have celebration assembly on a Friday. We always celebrate our learning and a child is chosen by their class teacher to receive a paper hand if they have demonstrated that week's learning characteristic. We also celebrate house points, Mathletics, TTRS and AR reader achievements. In addition, the children can bring in certificates of achievement they have received from the clubs they attend outside school. This week we celebrated Elijah's Chief Scout award, for completing his six challenges, Aika for being chosen by her coach as the outstanding karate student at her club; she recently came third in a national competition. Adam's award is for life saving stage 3 and he has achieved the silver award. It was so touching when Elijah told the whole school that he had been inspired by Archie in year 6 who had achieved the silver Beaver's award all those years before.