



Dear Parents, I hope you all had a restful break and enjoyed the half term holiday, which seems quite a distant memory now. We have so much going on this half term, please read all the correspondence coming home and online so you don't miss anything.

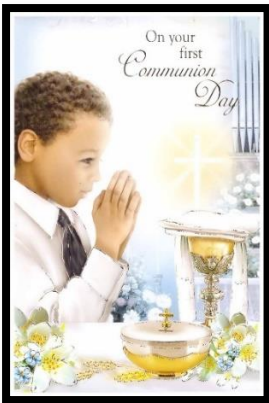
Learning conversations start next week 11th November and continue for 3 weeks. I hope you have all managed to make appointments. It is important that these **appointments are kept**; the staff take a long time preparing for them and the school invests a great deal of money to allow the additional time to discuss your child's learning and attainment. We recognise we are a partnership, school and home, working for great outcomes, so communication is key

MASSES this term

- 19th November 9.30am Mass in Church
- 3rd December 9.30am Mass to mark the start of Advent in school 9.30am
- 17th December 9.30 am Christmas Mass in school

Parents, carers and parishioners are all invited to come along and join us for Mass and to stay for refreshments afterwards provided by the school PTA.

On Tuesday, we had our whole school Mass, to remember those in our families who had died and those people who had died in conflicts and wars. Father Brett reminded the children that they would meet their loved ones again in heaven and that in John's Gospel we are reminded that Jesus is the 'Way the Truth and the life.'



Father Brett would like to invite parents in Year 3 and above to a First Holy Communion Meeting on Thursday December 5th at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

School Nursing Consultancy- Om

To support parents we have bought into a consultancy set up by two ex-school nurses Sue and Annie. Sue is a qualified children's nurse and worked as a school nurse for many years. Annie is qualified as a specialist community public health nurse and has been a school nurse. They offer a confidential service. Parents can come in and discuss any issues affecting their children and the nurses will be able to give advice and signpost you to the appropriate agencies for additional help and support. If you would like an appointment, please contact the school office. **Tuesday 26th November from mid-day.**



Poppies are on sale for 50p during each break and lunch time.



At St Joseph's and St Edmunds School, we have adopted the Thrive approach to dealing with children who are experiencing social and emotional difficulties. The approach helps adults prepare children and young people for life's emotional ups and downs. It is rigorous, targeted and measured to meet individual and class needs. Thrive helps to address the problems caused by interrupted emotional development in children and young people. **If you would like to know more about the approach, I will be holding a workshop on Monday November 11th at 2.30 in the school hall.**



PTA News –The PTA do so much to support the school to purchase additional resources, subsidise trips, organise and subsidise parties and discos and generally make St Joseph's the wonderful community school it is.

- The PTA has contributed towards the cost of Crumblebots to use in computing lessons.
- The PTA has contributed towards the cost of the Key Stage 1 Animal Encounters to keep the cost down.
- The PTA are asking for contributions toward the Christmas hampers raffled at the Christmas performances. We will also have a Non-Uniform day on the 13th December for last minute contributions. Any donations can be left at the school office.
- On the 13th December Key Stage 1 Christmas Party with entertainer 2.15-3.15pm and KS2 4-5.30pm

Drop-in

Class	Dates	Theme
Moses	12 th December 9.00am	English
Samson	8 th November 9.00am [rescheduled]	Spelling strategies

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Well done parents! We have managed to fill in two posters so we will be entered into the draw for the £20,000 prize. As a reward for filling in the two posters, we will receive two free sports kits. Thank you

Year 4 parents please remember to remind your child to bring in their violins on Mondays. Mrs Tabor and Year 4s will be doing a short violin recital on **9th December at 10.40am to 11.00am to share their learning.**



Dr Rawlins is back on the 22nd of November. His workshops are inter-active and you will be learning alongside your children. Come and learn more about your child's curriculum and diabetes.

KS 2 DISCO POSTPONED!

The KS2 disco will now take place on 13th December after the KS1 party. KS2 Disco 4-5.30pm. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Thank you parents for sending your children back in their winter uniform, they all look so smart. Please make sure that ALL jumpers and cardigans have the school logo.

Diary dates

- 11th November Learning conversations begin
- 11th Thrive workshop for parents school hall 2.30pm
- 15th November Individual school photographs
- 19th November KS2 Mass in church
- 22nd November Re-scheduled Science workshop with Dr Rawlins – KS2 1.15-3.15pm
- 25th November Animal Encounters visiting KS1 and whole school assembly.
- 26th November Nurse Consultancy in.
- 3rd December Mass in school Advent 9.30am
- 5th December HOLY COMMUNION MEETING FOR PARENTS 7pm Parish hall
- 6th December Pyramid Advent Service- St Benedict's
- 13th December Non-Uniform Day for Hamper contents and KS 1 Christmas Party and disco
- 16th December EYFS & KS1 Dress rehearsal
- 17th December 2.00pm EYFS & KS1 Production
- 18th December 6.00pm EYFS and KS1 Production
- 19th Christmas Dinner Day
- 20th December 2.15pm KS2 Christmas Concert

Christmas Holidays- Monday 23rd December -Tuesday 7th January 2020

Kindness
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