



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

St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School- Newsletter 8 12th January 2024



Dear Parents,

I would like to **thank you** for the gifts and cards we received and the kind words of gratitude and encouragement at Christmas. It is always very special to receive this appreciation. However, I find being a teacher is a rewarding and joyous profession; every day in school with the staff and children is a blessing.

Welcome back to a new term. The children have re-established school routines and the school is once again a purposeful and calm learning environment. This term is extremely important, because after Easter some of the children will be taking statutory tests. We are presently collecting the relevant information we need for the assessments and ensuring the children will be ready. Therefore, it is crucial that your child attends school every day so their learning is uninterrupted. It is so unsettling for a child when they have been absent and, on their return, they have to pick up the threads of the learning they missed. Please be reassured that we will look after your child and if we judge them unwell, we will call to have them picked up. Our overall attendance has been improving but we are not back to pre-pandemic levels.

Being on time is very important because we start our learning promptly at 8.50am. Many classes in school start the day with handwriting and we are currently embedding our new scheme. The results so far have been astonishing; handwriting automaticity will help your child have stamina and resilience when writing. Our current attendance is 93% but I hope we can improve this over the term.

Regular Mass Times
Saturday evening- 17:00
Sunday Morning Mass- 9:15am
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We have new French language ambassadors this term and they are very excited to take on this new responsibility. They are in charge of promoting the French language daily in school. Their jobs include; changing the calendar in class, the vocabulary and in any spare moments to remind their class teachers to practice using Rigolo. I am sure these class representatives will act as excellent language role models.

Hamper update- Thank you again to the class reps and all the parents who contributed to the hampers we raffled at the performances. The total raised was £511 and we already have ideas on how to use the money. I will keep you updated.



Well done to Constable and Gainsborough Houses who were joint house point winners at the end of last term. They were rewarded with a non-uniform day for all their efforts.



Every lunch time we offer an alternative to the playground. The children can visit the calm zone to draw, colour, craft and use the Lego to make creations. This area is supervised by the lunchtime staff. There are also lunchtime clubs for the older children. There is usually a 10-minute window at the end of each sitting for the children to have some fresh air before they can visit the calm zone.

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On Thursday Eden and I travelled to Woodbridge School along with approximately 100 other children drawn from school across Suffolk, including Y7 children at secondary school, who had also made it through to this round. To get here we had to be in the top 50 runners in our last competition. On the day it was extremely cold but we were very excited. It was a really hard course I ran 3.4 km with steep inclines, mud and strong winds. However, I managed to finish 18th in this final round of the Suffolk Cross Country Trials, which means I have qualified for the Anglian Championships. I am very pleased because I was running against Y7 children and I had set myself the target of top 20.

I believe I am the first student from St. Joseph's School who has got through to the last round of this competition.

Eden ran 2.8km and did very well but sadly didn't quite make it through to the next round on this occasion.

Evan Cameron Y6



Two community police officers visited us today; PC Moore and PC Skeggs. They come into school regularly to talk to the children so they can build positive and trusting relationships. Later in the term they will visit the EYFS children in Noah Class with their police car and bring in some dressing up clothes. The officers will continue to visit regularly to do workshops with different classes, guiding the children to be law abiding and contributing citizens and talking about consequences.

Safeguarding

<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 make a safeguarding referral about a child if you are concerned they are at risk of harm.

About Suffolk Info link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJGO-OLo2JI&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.

We are Ready, Respectful & Responsible learners

Diary Dates

- 16th January Y6 10.00am Holy Mass in church
- 17th January- **ART Club recommences** same children in the LKS2 resource area
- 23rd January Y5 10.00am Holy Mass in church
- 30th January 10.00am Y4 Parish Mass in Church
- 30th January Y6 indoor Athletics
- 30th January OM Nurses in school. Parent appointments available



Today St. Joseph's football team travelled to King Edward's School to participate in a football tournament. There were 10 schools. We played 5 matches in total. We won 3, 3-1, 3-0 and 3-0. Both myself and River scored the goals and the other team members assisted us. We drew 2 games 0-0. We finished first in the group and this means we will play at Portman Road in the next round. If we win this we could represent Ipswich and go to Wembley. Everyone did their best, communicated well and read the game. Watch this space for the next exciting instalment. **Charlie Barker Year 6**