



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



St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School- Newsletter 5 Friday 19th November 2021

Dear Parents, we are already two weeks into the second half of term and the children are starting to prepare for the Christmas productions. This week in school was anti-bullying week which we take very seriously in our school community. It was lovely to see the children coming into school with their different coloured socks to support the day.

As a school our behaviour policy is underpinned by our Catholic faith and the belief that every child is unique and special, so should be cherished and respected for who they are. In addition, our Thrive philosophy recognises children come to school having had different experiences and emotional journeys. Some children may need additional support to understand school expectations and others may have gaps in their emotional learning journeys so we offer additional help and understanding. As a school community we have high expectations of behaviour and focus on reparation when things go wrong. We strongly believe in reconciliations and moving forward.

Last weekend it was 'kindness day' and the theme this year was one kind word. The organisers aim was for people to recognise that compassion for others is what binds us all together.

In school we are a kind, caring community and all the staff work hard to ensure the children feel safe, so are happy to learn. They want all the children to reach their full academic potential, so staff will give up their comfort breaks to give children extra time to complete homework tasks and lesson work. We recognise that we are a home- school team and we all need to work together for the best possible outcomes for all the children in school.

Mrs Price

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY 21st November

THEME: WITNESS



Jesus calls us to be a positive change in the world which comes from the recognition that we have purpose and we are appointed.

(Acts 26:16) These words are those of Jesus to Paul, then Saul, on the road to Damascus – but they are also words of Jesus to us, wherever we are on our life's path.

1) Stand up – Jesus calls us not to be afraid, but to stand up, wake up and open our eyes to the world around us: even though we may fall, Jesus helps us to stand and see the way forwards.

2) You are appointed – You are called and chosen to do a specific job or mission. Jesus sees our particular gifts and talents and calls us to use them. But he also chooses us because he loves us.

3) Go as a witness – The disciples were first-hand witnesses of Jesus' work on earth and were sent out by Jesus to share the good news. As witnesses of Jesus' light and love at work in our lives today, we are also sent out to share it!

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.

- Thursday 25th November Y6
- Thursday 2nd December Y5
- Tuesday 7th December Y4
- Thursday 16th December Y5



Happy Elijah children showing off their odd socks!

Special Educational Needs Support for Families

Parent courses linked to SEND:

SENDIASS is hosting a relaxed online session for parents and carers exploring how personalised stories can help children with understanding social norms and expectations, to develop social skills and to manage change. The session will explore: what a personalised story is; how it can help your child with understanding social situations in school and at home and how to create one. This event will take place 30th November 2021 10am – 11am. Please use the link below to book on the course. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/personalised-stories-to-support-social-understanding-tickets-196508751967>

SENDIASS is also offering an online session for parents and carers with speech, language and communication needs. This session will be supported by teachers from the specialist education outreach service for pupils with speech, language and communication needs. This course will take place on 23rd November 2021 10:30am – 12 noon. Please use the link below to book on the course.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sen-support-for-pupils-with-speech-language-and-communication-needs-tickets-168713547763>

Some Jonah children enjoying wearing odd socks!



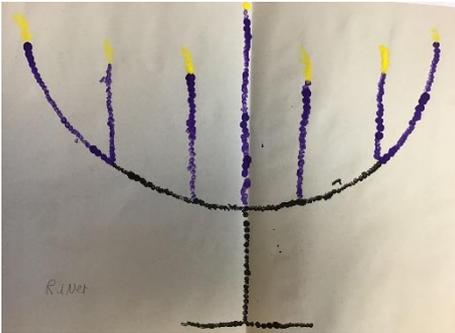
Realise Future are running a variety of online courses, English, maths and computing. To book any of the courses or for more information please contact Eileen on 07860268074 or eileen.richards@realisefutures.org. All courses are free and finish before afternoon pick-up!

We are ventilating our classrooms to keep Covid infection rates low, so please ensure the children have layers on. Vests and/or gilets will help to keep them warm. Suffolk remains an enhanced response area so please be vigilant for any symptoms and get tested as soon as possible and inform school.



Solomon are really enjoying learning to play the violin with their music teacher Mrs Prendergast on Thursday mornings, before they rush off to learn another skill; swimming. They have a very busy morning.

Friday 26th November Wear Something Green and your school uniform to help raise awareness around climate change. In the afternoon an ink bin will be delivered as another green initiative we are getting involved with and we will be having a guest speaker to talk to the children about how they can do their bit to help combat climate change. We thought we would show our support for this National Day by wearing something green.



Elijah Class-River's finger painting of a Menorah Candlestick.

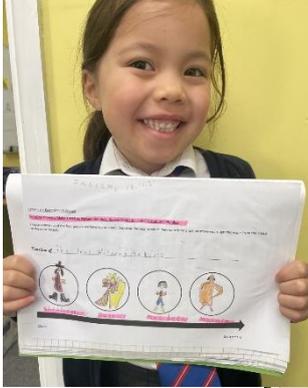
Advent Project- Reminder
The Mini Vinnies will launch this initiative, week beginning **29th November**; the Monday after the **start of Advent, Sunday 28th November**. It will be made clear that the money the children bring in each Monday should be **earned** through doing 'good' works and chores at home for a small payment. They can then contribute their 'payment' to the class collection each Monday morning. Each Class's progress over the period of Advent will be displayed in the hall.



Elijah Class have been learning about Judaism in RE with Miss Mortimer and the children made Challah bread out of salt dough, which is what people of Jewish faith make to celebrate Shabbat. The children also painted menorah candles which are used during the Shabbat meals.

More Important Deadlines, Dates and Reminders

- 22nd November -School nurses in school.
- 26th November Wear Something Green- Supporting Climate Change
- 29th November- Rabbi visit KS2
- 29th November- **Whole School Advent project starts**
- 2nd December-Flu Immunisation team in again for those who didn't get the vaccine first time.
- 7th December Xmas Tree Festival St Gregory's Church



Juliet and Isabella from Moses Class proudly showing off their work.



Moses Class have been learning about 'Who Is the Greatest History Maker?' this half term! Year 1 have been really interested in this topic and it has stimulated lots of questions and further learning about famous history makers! The children have had opportunities to research, discuss, debate and write about the people they have learnt about.

Happy St Edmunds Day 20th November to our Federation school.