

Dear family and friends of St Joseph's school, welcome back to a new school year. We have been blessed with the most glorious start to the term, weather-wise and in welcoming 23 wonderful children into our reception class. I have been so impressed at how quickly they have settled in and become members of our St Joe's family.

I would like to thank you all for the generous gifts at the end of last term and for the kind words and cards that I and staff received. We all believe we have the best and most rewarding job in the world, but knowing we are appreciated is like the cherry on top.

At St Joe's we never stand still and this year we are continuing to develop reading and spelling using Soundwrite, AR reader and a new diagnostic spelling test to follow soon. We have also launched a new handwriting scheme across the school. There will be a parent's workshop presented by Mr LS to explain why we have chosen this scheme and the benefits.

Please don't forget to come along to the class welcome meeting. We have listened to parent's concerns about being able to attend multiple presentations so have spread them across the week, the dates of each year group are listed in the diary date section of this newsletter.

We are continuing our strong links with our Parish, Our Lady and St John the Evangelist at the Croft. Thank you to all the parents who attended the postponed summer fayre last Saturday evening. I know that Father Brett was pleased so many people attended and it was such a relaxed and friendly community occasion.

The children will attend Mass once a half term in church and we have two whole school Masses planned for this term. After a whole school Mass, we have refreshments which is an excellent opportunity to get to know other parents and people in our parish.

On Tuesday the whole school had an assembly about democracy and how important it is for pupils to have a voice and contribute to the life of the school, which builds strong and respectful communities. On Thursday we had hustings and voted for this year's House Captains. Every child listened intently to the presentations, asked questions and then voted with the counter they were given. The results were close, reflecting how seriously the children engaged with the process.

I feel as though we are still slowly waking up, after being negatively impacted by Covid lockdowns and restrictions. Previously, parents were involved in coordinating summer and Christmas fayres and other fundraising events for additional school funds. I am not suggesting reinstating these events, because the economic climate has changed and people's working patterns. However, it would be wonderful if people could come along to the volunteer afternoons this term. They will

**Well done** to all the children who joined the Suffolk library's reading summer challenge. So far, I have been given 32 certificates to present at Friday's celebration assembly. As a school we are very proud of our reading attainment and this year 95% of children in year 6 reached the expected level in their reading SATs paper, compared to the National figure of 73%. We recognise this is a shared, home - school achievement. Reading is so important as it involves comprehension to process the words you read. Beyond that, you can use your analytical abilities, stimulate memories, and even broaden your imagination. Reading is a neurobiological process that works out your brain muscles.

Please keep encouraging your child/ren to read, it impacts every area of the curriculum.

### Regular Mass Times

Saturday evening- 17:00

Sunday Morning Mass- 9:15am

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### Exaltation of the Holy Cross

**14<sup>th</sup> September.** This feast celebrates Christ's victory over death. The feast day celebrates the redemptive transformation of a barbaric instrument of torture into a divine "tree of life" that brings hope to humankind.

## **SAFEGUARDING**

**If you feel there is an immediate risk to the safety of a child, please call Customer First on:**

**0808 800 4005.**

This year's House Captains- Blake-Evan & vice Archie, Turner Aika & vice Charlie, Constable William and vice David and Gainsborough Eden and vice Jim.



**Please remember to return all data collection sheets to the school office so school records can be updated.**

At St Joseph's School we are **READY** to listen and learn. **RESPECTFUL** of ourselves, others, resources and the environment. We are **RESPONSIBLE** for our actions.

## Diary Dates

19<sup>th</sup> Annie and Jeanine- PM Om Consultancy- Work on consent and keeping safe in classes and parents EYFS workshop in the hall 2.15pm

20<sup>th</sup> Yr4 Meadows science trip

25<sup>th</sup> September- Welcome meetings after school 3.30pm in your child's class-

25<sup>th</sup>- Welcome meeting EYFS and Year 6

26<sup>th</sup> - Welcome meeting Year 1 & Year 5

27<sup>th</sup> - Welcome meeting Year 2 & Year 4

28<sup>th</sup> - Welcome meeting Year 3

29<sup>th</sup> - School's Mass Norwich Year 6 children- Mr LS and Mr Gibbon to accompany-

2<sup>nd</sup> October - House Captains to collect Food bank items- Monday- Friday

5<sup>th</sup> October World Teachers Day- Whole school Mass 10.00am- EVERYONE WELCOME

6<sup>th</sup> October CAFOD Family Fast Day & Harvest Assembly 2.15 pm parents welcome to attend

12<sup>th</sup> October Yr4 in Mass in church

12<sup>th</sup> **October Parent Workshop 2.15-3.15-**

**Explaining the new handwriting scheme- MR L-S**

19<sup>th</sup> October - Yr 3 Mass in church FGM 7pm

### HALF TERM 23<sup>rd</sup>

31<sup>st</sup> October Yr 2 Mass-

31<sup>st</sup> Closing date applications for secondary schools Yr6 parents

1<sup>st</sup> November- All Saints Solemnity

WB 13<sup>th</sup> Nov-1<sup>st</sup> December learning conversations window- please book appointments

10<sup>th</sup> November Individual photographs

14<sup>th</sup> Mass Yr5

21<sup>st</sup> Mass Yr4

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

30<sup>th</sup> Nov Parents' volunteers meeting to discuss hampers and school discos in the school library

2.30pm- EVERYONE WELCOME to come along.

WB- 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December School Fundraiser-

Hamper Collection class allocated items to collect.

7<sup>th</sup> Dec Advent Mass in school- EVERYONE WELCOME

12<sup>th</sup> Dec Y3 Mass

14<sup>th</sup> Dec Parents' Hamper making in school library 2.00pm onwards- volunteers

15<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas dress-up day & Disco - EYFS/ KS1 party 2.00-3.00pm KS2- 4.30-6.00 pm

18<sup>th</sup> EYFS- KS1-Christmas play 2.00pm and raffle

19<sup>th</sup> EYFS- KS1-Christmas play 2.00pm and raffle

20<sup>th</sup> KS2- Carol concert 2.00pm and raffle

### Christmas Holidays



We are so pleased to be able to replace Madame Brewster with Madame Wallace to teach French to KS2 classes. She has taught French for many years at St Edmunds and will now be working across our Federation. The children will benefit from her expertise and passion for the French language. The children below have been chosen as language ambassadors for their class.



Children in Year 3 started their drawing unit. The children in EYFS practised throwing accurately and core strength exercises.



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Thank you to the Chelibane family for the resources they recently donated to the school.

### IQ Christmas Cards- Fundraising for the School

The Christmas cards being designed in class over the next few weeks. The School Office will inform parents when the order forms are being sent home and when they need to be returned.



**Donations-** If parents have any good quality play equipment, games, dolls, prams or small world toys that are no longer required, please consider donating them to the EYFS class.

EYFS Parents please come along to the school hall on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 2.15pm for a workshop about sleeping, eating and being school ready.



Year 4 Solomon Class are learning the violin this year!



The Blue Peter Reading badge has been released; you can apply on line.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

