

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



## St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School-Newsletter 6- 1st December 2023



Thank you for supporting the wear Red Day last Wednesday. The day was organised to support the charity ACN- 'Aid for the Church in Need'. The organisation asked schools to promote religious tolerance and to raise awareness that in many countries across the world Christians are being persecuted. The children raised £92 which will be match funded. This money will really help support Christians in need and the children enjoyed dressing up knowing that their efforts would make a difference to the lives of other Christians across the world.





Travelling cribs



This year our travelling cribs will again be visiting our family's homes until the end of term. The crib set helps children remember the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem. It encourages families to take time to stop and think about the true meaning of Christmas. If any families feel they would like to participate contact the office.

Regular Mass Times Saturday evening- 17:00 Sunday Morning Mass- 9:15am Parish Priest: Father Peter Brett Tel: 01787 372703

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Advent is a season in the Church's life intended to renew the experience of waiting, and longing, for the Messiah. Though Christ has already come into the world, the Church invites us to renew our desire for the Lord more deeply into our lives, and to renew our desire for Christ's triumphant second coming into the world.

During Advent, we're invited to enter more frequently into silence, into prayer and reflection, into Scripture, and into the sacramental life of the Church, all to prepare for celebrating Christmas.

Advent comes from the Latin ad+venire, which means, essentially "To come to," or "to come toward." Ad+venire is the root of the Latin "Adventus" which means "arrival." So, Advent is the season of arrival: The arrival of Christ in our hearts, in the world, and into God's extraordinary plan for our salvation.



https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/



Please have a look at the gift catalogue on the Cafod website for a range of gifts that will really help other people. The international development charity reaches out to people living in poverty with practical help, whatever their religion or culture. CAFOD is the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales and part of Caritas International.



The year 2 children had a wonderful afternoon at St Gregory's Church. The wolunteers recreated the different homes of all the characters in the nativity story and the children had to be detectives and look for clues and decide which home belonged to whom.

When the children arrived, they were put into groups and given their detective packs. As they visited each home they listened to the different characters accounts, looked around their homes and then wrote down their answers. As they left each 'home' they were given a small gift. Finally, all the children visited the stable and when they entered there was a new born baby in a manger. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and enjoyed hearing the nativity story presented in such an interactive and imaginative way. All the children left with a goody bag. The children and staff would like to thank Reverend Andrew Doarks and all the volunteers who made the experience so magical and interesting

## Hamper Collection

The hamper collection is one of our major fundraising events of the year. The hampers are made from donated items given by parents and then raffled off after the EYFS and Key Stage I performances and the carol service. We had a volunteers meeting on Thursday and each class has a nominated class coordinator that will be asking for the donations from Monday 4th December until Tuesday 12th December. Then the hampers will be made on the 14th December in school ready to be raffled off the following week. We appreciate all your support.



Well done to the dodgeball team who came second in the county final played at Suffolk New College in Ipswich. The team played seven games and won six games only losing to the overall winners. The games were fast and furious and it was two points for a win and one for a draw. The children won two games 12-0. The captain Charlie said "the team played well, we worked hard as a team and we were happy with second place because we were against three form entry schools". Charlie's team was made up of children from year 4 and year 6.



Noah class went on a local walk to apply their learning about the types of houses near to the school. The different features of houses and the materials used to build the houses. The children enjoyed pointing out the different materials and were be able to compare and contrast with their own homes.

https://www.suspolk.gov.uk/children-pamilies-andlearning/keeping-children-sase/reporting-a-child-atrisk-of-harm-abuse-or-neglect-saseguarding

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

## About Suffolk Info link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JGOOLo2JI&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.

The wonderful Mini Vinnie group sang to a packed common room at the care home on Thursday. All the children sang beautifully and their voices filled the room. From every corner of the home, residents started to appear until there was no standing or seating room left. The staff made the children promise they would return during Advent to sing carols. The children's next engagement is the lunch club on the 12th December at our Parish church St John and another date will be arranged for them to go to St Joseph's care home in December. The children really made the residents day.







The Ignite team were in school today to kick-start our Advent celebrations. All the children had the opportunity to do a workshop with the team. There were lots of songs, stories, discussion, drama activities and prayer. The staff also joined in the dancing and singing. We now all feel prepared to start our Advent journeys and to take some time to reconnect with our faith, make time for silence and prayer so we can fully appreciate the coming of our Lord on Christmas day.



I<sup>st</sup> December <u>IGNITE</u> Advent activities

<u>WB- 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> December School</u>

<u>Fundraiser</u>

Hamper Collection class allocated items to collect- Please see your class representative.

5<sup>th</sup> Vaccination Team in school 6-10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree Festival- St Peter's Church Sudbury

7th Dec 10.00am Advent Mass in school-

EVERYONE WELCOME

12th Dec Y3 Mass in church

12.00-Parish Lunch Mini- Vinnies 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner day- Special quest expected!

14<sup>th</sup> Dec Parents' Hamper making in school library 2.00pm onwardsvolunteers welcome

15<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas dress-up day & Disco — EYFS/ KSI party 2.00-3.00pm KS2-4.30-6.00 pm 18<sup>th</sup> EYFS- KSI-Christmas play 2.00pm

18th EYFS- KSI-Chrishmas play 2.00pm and raffle

19<sup>th</sup> EYFS- KSI-Chrislmas play 2.00pm and raffle

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

Christmas Holidays