



St. Felix RC Primary School

December 2018 Newsletter



Pope Francis@Pontifex Dec 1

There is no such thing as the perfect family. Only by the daily exercise of forgiveness can a family grow.

Message from Mrs Dodds

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are enjoying these last few weeks of the year and looking forward to a joyful Christmas. The sound of children rehearsing is everywhere and I am looking forward to meeting many of you at the Nativities in the next week or so.

I must say a huge thank you to you all for coming and supporting our HSA Christmas Bazaar. It was a great opportunity for me to meet many more of you and to see family groups together. Olivia and her team did a fantastic job both on the day and in the weeks leading up to it and I speak for all the staff when I say how much we appreciate their efforts, they are a wonderful asset. You can still enjoy a Hot Chocolate on Fridays and if you were inspired to join the HSA after seeing the work of their labours, they are always happy to welcome new members.

Thank you also to our Filipino families for a new microphone to help with the announcements.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Dodds

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
Friday 7 th December 8am	St Benedict's Advent Service – Y5	
Friday 7 th December 1:45pm	School Advent Service	Hall
Monday 10 th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsals	Hall
Tuesday 11 th December	Nativity Performances EYS – KS1	Hall
Thursday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper and Lunch Day	
Thursday 13 th December 1:45pm	Advent Reconciliation Service	Hall
Tuesday 18 th December am	Y5 group to Visit St Nicholas Hospice Local Hub	Local Hub
Wednesday 19 th December	1:30 Peter Pan Pantomime	Hall
Thursday 20 th December	EYS Christmas Party	EYS
Thursday 20 th December 2pm	Christmas Carol Service KS2	Church
Friday 21 st December	School Closed – Christmas Holidays	



During the winter months it is essential for your child to know what will happen if the decision is made to close the school early. We need to know if your child is going to be collected by someone other than yourself.

Likewise the emergency telephone numbers you have given us must be "active" (for example, if a mobile number is given then please ensure the mobile is switched on).

Any decision to keep the school closed due to adverse weather conditions will be announced on local radio and is available online at <https://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk/> This information can also be found on our Facebook page. We will also pass on the information about school closure through our Parentmail system when possible.

Whilst we will endeavour to stay open as much as possible, the safety of everyone is paramount so any decisions about school closure would be taken with this as the guiding factor.

Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 13th December



Pupils are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper for our Christmas lunch day for a donation of £1 to Save the Children

Sports Competition



Mrs Chambers is working hard to involve the pupils in local sporting opportunities through our Sports Premium. However some parents have raised questions about the selection of pupils. The pupils are selected based on aptitude and attitude. However, to ensure there are opportunities for a greater number of pupils the same pupil should not be selected for three consecutive competitions.

Turnaround Morning

On Thursday 29th November the children applied what they have learnt about their responsibility as stewards of the earth. Using Cafod materials the pupils have been instructed about Laudato Si since the papal encyclical was issued three years ago and we decided to make it the focus of this year's Christmas decorations.

As Ruby in Year 4 put it, "It's better to re-use rubbish than throw it as litter on the ground or in the seas."

David Attenborough discussing his role in the current climate change talks in Poland spoke of "real people's futures". Here at St Felix pupils are taking action to influence the lives of real people and the future certainly looks brighter for their efforts. "It taught us something we can do again next year or at home," said Arvin Year 4.

