



St. Felix RC Primary School September 2020 Newsletter



*Everyone is important in God's eyes, everyone can transform a part of the world
polluted by human voracity into the good reality willed by the Creator.
Pope Francis 18th September 2020*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all of your hard work and support during September. It is lovely to be back.

In light of the increase in infection rates we can congratulate ourselves on having made it through most of September without any positive cases. I hope this continues but I think realistically we will get our share.

As you know, at the moment, if we have a report of Covid symptoms in a child or member of staff we will let you know if your child is in the same class. At this stage you do not need to take any action. Once we have received the test result we will let you know the next steps.

We will not name the individual being tested so please do not ask for this information.

Public Health England have produced a letter for parents about symptoms which can be found [here](#)

Unusually for this time of year, I can't share upcoming dates other than individual photos on October 8th. At this time many of our usual activities are on hold and will be scheduled when the guidance changes. Currently this affects trips, swimming and parent consultations. We will produce a short written report instead of parent consultations this term but hope to do face to face meetings in the Spring if transmission rates are lower.

We have been lucky enough to have a visit from the new parish priest Father John Warrington who joins the parish on 19th October. He has lots of enthusiasm and I am looking forward to working with him to find creative ways to celebrate the Eucharist and liturgies within our bubbles. The picture below is Father Michael's Memorial Garden which was completed over the summer.



Yesterday was the Feast Day of Our Lady of Walsingham so I wish you a happy feast day and, as the days get colder, please remember coats in school, water bottles every day and helmets for cycling.

Best Wishes,

Mrs A Dodds



We were delighted to receive this certificate yesterday from the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk for Outstanding Service to the Community during the Covid 19 pandemic. It belongs to the whole of the St Felix community so give yourself a pat on the back.



Remote Learning Platform



We are in the process of setting up our remote learning platform. This will be using Teams. The pupils will begin to receive instruction on how to use the platform in school. Each will have their own username and password and will be allocated to their class on the platform.

If we need to move to remote learning due to a local or national lockdown, learning will be delivered daily through Teams for most year groups and pupils will submit work in the same way for regular teacher feedback.

Once staff and pupils have had a chance to trial this in school we will send usernames and passwords home. It will be one per child.

EYFS pupils will continue to use the Tapestry platform

Parking

Many of you have expressed concern about the difficulties of driving up and down School Lane. As from 6 April the council are now responsible for parking and can fine on the spot. You can report parking infringements [here](#). You will need the number plate of the vehicle you feel is illegally parked and you can also upload a photograph.

Virtual Friday Assemblies

At the moment we can't have whole school assemblies. This is of course to reduce transmission but it does limit the chances for the children to work and celebrate together. However, we have found other ways to do this. Friday afternoon is still our Celebration Assembly but now it is virtual and the responsibility to produce a video to share with all the classes changes weekly. Mrs Dodds took initial responsibility but last week Miss Murray and Rowling Class produced a fantastic virtual assembly about Here We Are, our school text to welcome the children back.



This week Mrs Shirm excelled by involving all of the classes virtually in the European Day of Languages. Singing, chatting and explaining in many native languages, the children were superb and it was so nice to see each of them all.

Reception Admission

This time of year schools are asked to consult on any changes to their Admission Policy. As you know we have applied to reduce our planned admission number (PAN) for 2021-22 with the Regional Schools Commissioner. We hope to continue this change going forward and move to a PAN of 30 for all future reception admissions. For further information see [here](#)