



St. Felix RC Primary School February 2021 Newsletter



Social friendship and universal fraternity necessarily call for an acknowledgement of the worth of every human person, always and everywhere.

Pope Francis 5 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has not been the half term we imagined. We had hoped to consolidate the recovery we saw in the autumn but instead we have faced a further lockdown with all its challenges.

We are now testing staff twice a week and so far all negative, and it gives me a degree of reassurance to know that I am not putting any staff or pupils at additional risk during the lockdown. The next big change will be the reopening of schools. We still have no firm commitment from the government about 8th March and it may not be a complete reopening.

Ash Wednesday falls on the Wednesday of half term and Mass will be celebrated in St Felix Church at 10 a.m. including distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday morning. Online Mass will be streamed via the parish YouTube channel from the presbytery at 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

After half term we are planning to hold our parent consultations digitally. This will be using School Cloud which we are in the process of setting up and we will send you details of how to login when this is completed. We hope to conduct appointments Mon 1st – Thurs 4th March. As most pupils are working from home we will be offering morning slots as well as late afternoon.

Congratulations to all those who have maintained the standards we expect in school despite the many challenges of limited access to devices, working from home and the sheer mundane boredom of all days feeling the same. Thanks to Aaliyah for your excellent musical contribution to our whole school assembly.

Online classroom Oak National Academy is now data free on mobile. All major mobile networks have made the site "zero-rated", meaning any family can access its lessons without any data charges or using any data limits, when accessed on a mobile.

The snow earlier this week was a nice boost to everyone's mental health and I hope you had a chance to get outside and enjoy it with your children. I hope you find something different to do over half term and your pancakes are all round and tasty!

Best Wishes,

Mrs Dodds

Cafod Water Trail



After half term we will begin Lent. This year we are already giving up many things so instead we will focus on giving back. The pupils will be asked to complete water droplets and then each class will aim to do 10,000 steps on Friday 26th February. We will also aim to cover a water droplet outline with silver coins so would like the children attending school on 16th to bring in at least one silver coin. (5p, 10p, 20p or 50p)



Sunday March 21st 2021 is National Census Day.

We have signed up as a school to encourage our pupils to engage with this.

If you want to join in at home, the important feature is to count things that matter to you. Then decide what to do with the data. This data can help us to make sure that we are meeting the needs of everyone and addresses inequalities. If the biscuit tin is always empty, perhaps count who eats them first. Decide why this happens and make a plan to ensure the biscuits are shared out fairly in future.



Headteacher required for September 2021, at Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Swaffham.

Details of the post can be found on the Diocesan Website, see link below
<https://www.rcdea.org.uk/vacancies/headteacher/>

Test and Trace over half term for pupils attending St Felix

If your child tests positive for Covid 19 on Saturday 13th / Sunday 14th February and has attended school Thursday 11th or Friday 12th February, please contact admin@st-felixrc.suffolk.sch.uk by midday. The email will be checked for a short time each day and action initiated with PHE if necessary.

Safer Internet Day 9th February



Staying safe online has never been more important. The focus this year on "An Internet We Trust" has been seized creatively by many of our pupils both learning in school and remotely. Thank you to Vandhana, Chloe, Chloe-Ann, Klaudia and Lucy for their help with this week's assembly.

Alongside the fake news videos for Safer Internet Day, there were excellent newspaper articles created. Well done and I enjoyed viewing these on Teams.

I hope you have enjoyed sharing fake news and using this as a way of starting a conversation about online safety. The following website is a good source of advice:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>