



St. Felix RC Primary School September 2021 Newsletter



Witnesses do not lose themselves in words, but rather they bear fruit. They do not complain about others and the world, but start with themselves. They remind us that God is not to be proven, but shown; not announced with proclamations but witnessed by example.

Pope Francis September 20th 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is wonderful to be back in school. For the first time in a long time it feels like we are able to work with the children in the way we like to and allow them to work with one another in the way they like to. We are still mindful of the risks Covid 19 poses and our [risk assessment](#) is available on our website. We have worked hard this term to enhance the wellbeing of our pupils and it has been wonderful to hear the buzz our lunchtime clubs have created amongst the classes. We hope to offer a changing diet of clubs across the school year.

Thank you for sending pupils in correct uniform, particularly those who have had to remove earrings in difficult circumstances. The pupils look smart and are able to focus on their learning. Please note that trainers and boots are not part of our uniform but wellies can be brought in poor weather alongside a change of shoes.

It was lovely to meet many of you at our Meet the Teacher morning and you will shortly be receiving an invite to book for the Parent Consultations in October. We will be offering a blended approach to recognise those who prefer face to face and those who enjoy the advantages of a virtual meeting.

We have new staff in school this term: Mrs Hellen joins us as part of our Wraparound Team and Mrs Bryan is our new SENDCO and available Wednesday and Thursday each week. They have both made an excellent start.

I look forward to seeing some of you for our Harvest Mass next Friday.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Dodds

Upcoming Dates

Harvest Food Bank Collection and Go Green Day	Friday 1 st October
Harvest Mass in Church (Parents Welcome)	Friday 1 st October 1:30pm
Cafod Assembly	Thursday 7 th October
Autumn Parent Consultations	October 18 th - 21 st
Half Term	Friday 22 nd - Friday 29 th October



Please bring donation for Cafod or the Food Bank on Friday 1st October. Pupils can wear something green alongside their school uniform and we are aiming to go veggie for the day to highlight food production choices. Mass at 1:30 in Church - parents welcome.

Reading

Well done to all our pupils who took part in the Reading Challenge - it was great to celebrate so many great readers.

Reading with your child every day is the single most important thing you can do to support them with their learning at school and their overall well-being.

It is crucial to find texts that your child enjoys- this might be non fiction texts, comics, graphic novels. Haverhill library can help you and your children.

Audio books can be a great way of older children (and adults) accessing stories. BorrowBox gives you free access to thousands of the latest eAudiobooks, if you are a Suffolk libraries member. We still need children to handle real books and read the words themselves though so St Felix still encourages holding and reading real books.

Children aged 5-9 can get a free Lego magazine delivered four times a year [Magazine - LEGO.com GB](#)

And [Phoenix magazine](#) also have a deal on

Pupil Leaders

Congratulations to our recently confirmed pupil leaders

Our school councillors: Chloe, Anselmo, Max, Adah, Sophie and Erin

Our ministry team: Lena, Aaliyah, Caitlin, Kellie, Isla, Maccabious, Daniel, Abel, Leo, Evana, Lottie and Emilia

Our house captains: Eira, Jade, Asia, Maja, Mia, George , Chloe and Daniel

It is wonderful to see their willingness to both serve and lead and we look forward to seeing them in action throughout the year

Catch Up Funding

There is obviously much to do to address the impact Covid 19 has had on our children. We have increased the number of clubs children can access, we are developing a peer mentoring programme and we are finding ways to regain some of the lost learning of the last 18 months. It will not be resolved quickly.

Our Catch Up funding has been used to provide additional support sessions across the school. There is a strong focus on phonics as the building blocks for reading in KS1, and targeted interventions in KS2.

St Felix Dates for 2021-22

Autumn Term:

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Parent Partnerships	Tuesday 2 nd November
EYFS Open Morning – New Parents	Tuesday 9 th November 9:30-10:30am
Remembrance Service at Haverhill Cemetery	Thursday 11 th November TBC
Advent Wreath Service in School	Monday 29 th November 9.15am
Reconciliation Service	Thursday 9 th December 2pm
Christmas Tableaux and Carols KS2 led	Thursday 16 th December 1:30pm
End of Term	Friday 17 th December

PD Day	Wednesday 1 st September– staff only
Back to School	Thursday 2 nd September – pupils
PD Day	Friday 22 nd October – staff only
Half term	25 th – 29 th October
End of Term	Friday 17 th December

PD Day	Tuesday 4 th January – staff only
Back to School	Wednesday 5 th January - pupils
Half Term	21 st – 25 th February
End of Term	Friday 8 th April

PD Day	Monday 25 th April – staff only
Back to School	Tuesday 26 th April – pupils
Jubilee Bank Holiday	To be confirmed
Half Term	30 th May – 3 rd June
End of Term	Wednesday 20 th July – pupils
PD Day	Thursday 21 st July – staff only

