

St. Felix RC Primary School October 2020 Newsletter



Belonging to Christ, and the resulting way of life, do not isolate the believer from the world, but rather make him or her the protagonist in a service of love for the common good.

Pope Francis 18th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a good feeling to have reached half term with us all still together and in school. Thank you for your support and adherence to Covid guidelines which have made this possible.

Please remember the rule of 6 when waiting in the school car park and abide by restrictions over the half term to keep local transmission rates low and protect vulnerable family members in our community.

After half term we will be beginning our new Relationships and Health Education programme through Ten Ten Resources. This includes a parent portal which gives you information about the programme and what it covers. The programme is called *Life to the Full* and has the support of the Bishop of East Anglia and meets the requirements of both the DfE and the Catholic Church. We will send out further details via parentmail.

I have sent out the House Captain Selection information to Year 6 via Teams and it has been shared in class. I am looking forward to finding our House Captains after half term. Their role will be different to previous years but we will adapt to ensure this important pupil leadership opportunity is still available despite Covid 19.

We are aiming to send out pupil summary reports in the absence of parent consultations the week ending 20th November for pupils in Y1-6. These can be followed up with a phone call from the class teacher on request. New pupils to reception will receive a written report and a telephone call from Mrs Naylor or Miss Chambers.

We are keen to reinvigorate the reading of the children because prior to lockdown this was going really well. After half term we will be trialling book bingo and please encourage your child to create their book worm for the book worm challenge over next week.

Thank you to Olivia and her HSA team who have continued to fundraise despite the challenges. Their hard work and contribution to the children's learning environment is much appreciated. Please do join in the harvest colouring competition.

This is Mrs Walker's last week with us at St Felix. She now begins a well-deserved retirement and we wish her all the best for the future with her family.

Have a great and safe half term. Keep warm and well.

Best Wishes,

Mrs A Dodds

Bookworm Challenge



Over the half term, can you create your own personal book worm?

Your book worm will reflect the diet of books that you are reading at the moment.

What will he/she look like? What will the worm's personality be like? What will your worm hold?

Will your worm be nervous, pale and thin? Will your worm be robust and adventurous?

Post your worm on the Teams Chat or bring into school the first week back. We should be able to guess what the genre of book you have been reading by the worm you create!



Remote Learning Platform



We are now live on our remote learning platform – Microsoft Teams

We have gradually introduced the children to this and sent the login information home a phase at a time. By the end of this week KS1 teachers will send the pupil usernames and passwords home in the reading records for you to login at home with your child.

Homework is being posted on Teams as well as being given as a hard copy to encourage families to engage with the platform ahead of it being used for remote learning in the case of a lockdown.

Do get in touch with any problems

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.

Harvest Festival

It was wonderful to find a way to continue with our Harvest
Festival tradition despite Covid 19
Thank you for your support and for the generous donations
We delivered approx. 100 items to the Foodbank on
Tuesday evening







The message from the foodbank can be found <u>here</u>

Reception Admission

If you know of anyone who is interested in sending their child to St Felix to join Reception next September, the closing date for admissions 15th January 2021.

More information can be found <u>here</u>

