



# St. Felix RC Primary School

## July 2021 Newsletter



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*Like Jesus's fellow villagers, we risk not recognising him. An abstract and distant god who doesn't get himself involved in situations is more comfortable. God incarnated Himself: humble, tender, hidden, drawing near to us, living the normality of our daily life. Pope Francis 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your help and support this year. It has made a big difference to our ability to function as a community. Your compliance with the guidance on testing and responding to suspected cases has ensured we have not had to close a bubble all year. This has prevented any further disruption to an already challenging year.

Thank you also for the many gifts and good wishes we as a staff have received. This is very generous of you, particularly given the change in financial circumstances many of you have faced.

We say goodbye to Mrs Costa, Mr Bloor and Mrs Roberston at the end of this week. Mrs Bryan joins us as our new SENDCo in September and will be in school Wednesday and Thursday each week. Mrs Hellen joins our Wraparound Team with Mrs Watson. Welcome to both.

We also say good bye to our pupils that are moving on. Year 6 have moved on to Castle Manor, Samuel Ward and Linton Village College and take with them good memories and a final round of applause from the whole school. We have seven other pupils moving to new schools, here and overseas, and wish them all the best for their continued education.

I must say a huge thank you to the staff and governors of St Felix who have worked hard to keep the children safe and the school running. Their resolve to put the children first is a true mark of what makes St Felix the community it is. Father John has been a great new addition to our school family and many thanks for his support and regular visits.

I look forward to welcoming you all back in September in [correct school uniform](#). I hope you have a great family summer and get a chance to make up for some of those lost opportunities from this year.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Dodds

### Upcoming Dates

**End of Term**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July



Please get involved with our Ten in Ten challenge. Using the library can overcome the challenge of accessing books regularly. Chances to write will also help to rebuild stamina lost during lockdown. There are many ways to do this - lists, diaries, postcards, stories and fact files. They create great memories to enjoy years later.

### **Art in the Style of Giacometti**

Pupils in UKS2 have combined their love of sport and their study of Alberto Giacometti. It has been fascinating watching the shapes evolve.

Kuba explained the project, "We had to mould a piece of clay into the base of a trophy, then model the metal wire into a statue and stick tape so they don't fall apart. Then we moulded the newspaper layer. I am proud of what I have achieved. Giacometti sculpture is the inspiration for our sport trophies."



The engagement has been fantastic and the supportive nature of the project means that artistic achievement is within the reach of all. Let's hope the standard of summer sport is just as high.

### **Echoes of geckos in LKS2**

What does a gecko eat?

An innocent question but one which was eloquently answered by a gecko himself.

LKS2 have been studying food chains and thinking about predators and prey. On paper the difference between plants and animals is not so very great. However, it is a different story when you are feeding live crickets to a gecko and the cruel reality of nature is there before you.

The pupils were mesmerised when Mars the Gecko called in for the morning to say hello and share his interesting dietary habits and was a hit with everyone ...except the crickets!



### **Transition Mornings**

It wasn't a normal transition morning due to Covid bubble restrictions but the pupils had the opportunity to meet their new teacher and class. Luckily, we have a vast field and the weather was on our side.



## St Felix Dates for 2021-22

### Autumn Term:

#### 2021-22

Back to School	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
Y5 Swimming Starts	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September am
New Term Mass in Church	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 1:30pm
Meet the Teacher Open Morning	Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> September 9:15-9:45am Y1-Y6 only
KS2 Information Evening / Kingswood Info	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> September from 5:30pm
Kingswood – Y5 Residential	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> September
Harvest Mass in Church (Parents Welcome)	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 1:30pm
Parent Partnerships	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October
Half Term	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October
Autumn Parent Consultations	November 1 <sup>st</sup> – November 4 <sup>th</sup>
EYFS Open Morning – New Parents	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 9:30-10:30am
Remembrance Service at Haverhill Cemetery	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November TBC
Advent Wreath Service in School	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 9.15am
Reconciliation Service	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm
Christmas Tableaux and Carols KS2 led	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm
<b>End of Term</b>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December

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

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

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

