



St. Felix RC Primary School

June 2023 Newsletter

Thinking of Christ present in so many desperate people fleeing conflicts and climate change, the problem of hospitality needs to be confronted together, without excuses and without delay, because the effects will be felt, sooner or later, by all of us.

20 June Pope Francis

Dear Parents and Carers,

This lovely weather seems to be staying with us as we move into the final month of the school year. There is still much to do before the end of term. We look forward to welcoming many of you to Sports Day on Thursday 13th July – further details overleaf, and the HSA Summer Fayre after school on 14th July.

We will be saying goodbye to a number of colleagues at the end of this term: Mrs Shackell, Mrs Bryan, Mr Wolmarans and Mrs Harriss. Mrs Harriss has been with the school for 38 years!

We wish them all well with retirement or new challenges and will miss their significant contributions to St Felix.

Next year there will be a change to our class structures. There will be no mixed classes from Nursery to Y4. There will be a mixed Y5/6 and a Y6 class. Classes will be announced when report go out on 14th July and the Move Up Morning will be on Wednesday 19th July.

Please remember water bottles, sunhats and sun cream every day to keep the children safe.

Best wishes,

Mrs A Dodds

Upcoming Dates

St Peter and St Paul	Thursday 29 th June
Non-uniform Day HSA Summer Fayre donations	Friday 30 th June
UKS2 Play at Arts Centre	Friday 7 th July
Sports Day and Picnic	Thursday 13 th July
50 th Anniversary Fun Day	Friday 14 th July
Summer Fayre	Friday 14 th July
Reports out to parents	Friday 14 th July
Y6 Leavers Mass in school – Parents welcome	Tuesday 18 th July 9:30am
Move Up Morning	Wednesday 19 th July
End of Year Thanksgiving Mass – Parents welcome if weather is good	Thursday July 20 th 1:30pm

Ofsted Update

During June we have had further positive monitoring of our curriculum. Our recent phonics results and KS1 reading tests demonstrate an effective reading curriculum.

The Governors have undertaken further monitoring in their role as critical friends – this term it has focused on RE and the children could articulate the mission and Catholic Life of the school, the value of prayer and liturgy in their lives and what they are learning in their RE lessons.

We still await our Ofsted monitoring visit.

Matt Hancock MP Visit

We invited our local MP, Matt Hancock into school on 23rd June to see firsthand the excellent standard of our Nursery provision. He met some of our school councillors and encouraged children to debate issues such as favourite animals and school uniforms.

KS1 Visit to Colchester Zoo

KS1 enjoyed a fun day at the zoo in the sunshine.

"It was exciting and we saw all the animals doing funny things." (Niamh)

"My favourite part was the rhinos." (Harry)

"A lady told us not cut off leopard skins because it is hurting the animals and hurting God's world." (Sophie)

50th Anniversary Mass with Bishop Peter Collins



It was a wonderful day. The children loved the enthusiasm of Bishop Peter and were very keen to shake hands with him – the bishop even had a go at playing the drums!

50th Activity Day 14th July

There will be activities in school for the pupils to celebrate the music, history and art of the decades the school has been open.

Pupils are welcome to dress up for their decade or wear school uniform as normal

EYFS 2010s

KS1 1990s

LKS2 1970s

UKS2 1980s

Sports Day - Thursday July 13th

This year we will be holding our sports activities in the morning in the hope that we can avoid the hottest part of the day.

The children should attend school in their PE kits. We will assemble on the playground at 9:15am and we aim to move to the playing field ready to start the activities at 9:30am.

The field will be zoned for the different age groups and children will move between activities in their zone.

At 11am we will have the house relays and at 11:30 prize giving based on our Skillsbuilder values and the announcement of the winning house.

Pupils will then come inside to prepare for lunch.

At 12pm we will be sharing our lunches together on the field as a whole school picnic. Parents are welcome to join us for all of these events. The field gate will be open until 9:15am and later arrivals will need to enter via the office.

In the afternoon normal school will resume.



St Felix Dates for 2022-23

Back to School

Y5 Swimming Starts

New Term Mass at School

Meet the Teacher Open Morning

KS2 Information Evening / Kingswood Info

Y5/6 Class Mass

Kingswood – Y5 Residential

Y3/4 Mass

HSA AGM

Governor Monitoring Morning

Harvest Service in School/CAFOD/Food Bank

Y6 Class Mass

Y5 Class Mass

Autumn Parent Consultations

Non Uniform HSA

Half Term

All Saints Mass

EYFS Open Morning – New Parents

Y3 Class Mass

Remembrance Service in school

EYFS/KS1 Class Liturgies

Advent Wreath Service in School

Nativity Performances

Reconciliation Service

HSA Disco

Christmas Jumper/Turnaround

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Tableaux and Carols KS2 led

End of Term

Back to School

Epiphany Mass in Church

HSA Disco

KS2 Mass

KS1 Liturgy

Monitoring Morning

EYFS Liturgy

NSPCC Number Day

Monday 5th September

Monday 12th September 10am

Thursday 8th September 2pm

Friday 9th September 9am Y1-Y6 only

Monday 19th September from 5pm

Thursday 22nd September 2:15pm

28th- 30th September

Thursday 29th September 2:15pm

Monday 3rd October 3:30pm

Thursday 6th October

Friday 7th October 1:30pm

Thursday 20th October 1pm

Thursday 20th October 2:15pm

Monday 17th– Thursday 20th October

Thursday 20th October

Friday 21st - Friday 28th October

Monday 31st October 2pm

Tuesday 8th November 9:30-10:30am

Thursday 10th November 2:15pm

Friday 11th November

Thursday 17th November 1:15pm

Thursday 1st December 2:30pm

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th December

Thursday 8th December 2pm

Thursday 8th December

Friday 9th December

Thursday 15th December

Friday 16th December 1:30pm

Friday 16th December

Wednesday 4th January

Friday 6th January 2pm

January TBC

Thursday 19th January 2:15pm

Thursday 26th January 2:15pm Governor

Thursday 2nd February

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Friday 3rd February

Children's Mental Health Week
HSA Non-uniform
Half Term
Ash Wednesday Distribution of Ashes
Stations of the Cross
World Book Day (Bedtime Stories EYFS/KS1)
Spring Parent Consultations
St Felix Day Mass
Reconciliation Service
Young Shakespeare Company UKS2
LKS2 Easter Play
Y4 visit Easter Experience
End of Term

6th-11th February
Friday 10th February
13th – 17th February
Wednesday 22nd February 2:30pm
Fridays in Lent 2:45
Thursday 2nd March (5-5:30pm)
Monday 6th March - Thursday 9th March
Wednesday 8th March 2pm
Thursday 23rd March 2pm
Friday 24th March 1pm
Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th March
Tuesday 28th March
Friday 31st March

Start of Term

Resurrection Mass
Y4 Swimming Starts
Class Photos
Spring Bank Holiday
Coronation Pomp and Poetry
Coronation Bank Holiday
KS2 SATS Week
HSA Disco
Ascension Mass in Church
Kingswood Information Evening
Half term
50th Anniversary Mass
Year 1 Phonics Check
Year 4 Multiplication Check
Father's Day Pop Up Sale
Governor Monitoring Morning
St Peter and St Paul
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End of Term

Monday 17th April
Thursday 20th April
Monday 24th April
Friday 28th April
Monday 1st May
Friday 6th May
Monday 8th May
Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May
Thursday 18th May
Thursday 18th May 1:30pm
Thursday 25th May 5pm
29th May – 2nd June
Friday 9th June
12th – 16th June
5th – 23rd June
Friday 16th June
Thursday 22nd June
Thursday 29th June
Friday 7th July
Thursday 13th July
Friday 14th July
Friday 14th July
Friday 14th July
Tuesday 18th July 9:30am
Wednesday 19th July
July 20th 1:30pm
Thursday 20th July

2023-24

Autumn term

PD Days Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September
Pupils In Wednesday 6th September
PD Day Friday 20th October
Half term Monday 23 October 2023 to Friday 27 October 2023
Ends Wednesday 20 December 2023

Spring term

PD day Wednesday 3rd January 2024
Pupils In 4th January 2024
Half term Monday 19 February 2024 to Friday 23 February 2024
Ends Thursday 28 March 2024

Summer term

PD Day Friday 12th April 2024
Pupils In Monday 15th April
Half term Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024
Ends Friday 19 July 2024