



# St. Felix RC Primary School

## September 2023 Newsletter



Our Lady of Sorrows teaches us that if we maintain our relationship with God, life does not spare us suffering. Rather, it opens up to a great horizon of goodness and moves towards its fulfilment.

*15 September Pope Francis*

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is nice to have the school community back together for the autumn term of a new school year. The children have shown a positive attitude as they return to school and have adapted quickly to their new classes. We enjoyed celebrating our Commissioning Mass with Father John last Friday and seeing many of you at our Meet the Teacher morning.

The hottest weather seems to be behind us so please could all children wear the correct school uniform including ties. Long hair should be tied back and earrings should be a simple stud.

We have welcomed some new staff to the team: Mrs Jade Folan is the new office manager; Mrs Dumitrescu is teaching in Year 4 whilst Mrs Teixeira is on maternity leave and Mrs Bamlett, our new SENDCo is in school on Tuesday and Wednesday each week.

We are also taking part in the Diocesan Singing programme and will be joined each week by Naomi Macleod-Jones, the new Choral Director of the Catholic Cathedral in Norwich and she will be working predominantly with Year 3.

Best wishes,

Mrs A Dodds

### **Upcoming Dates**

Kingswood Information Evening	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 4:30pm
Y6 SATs meeting	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 5:30pm
Y4 Class Mass	Thursday 21st September 2:15pm
Flu Vaccinations	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 12:30 -3pm
Kingswood – Y5 Residential	27 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> September
Y6 Class Mass	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2:15pm
Diocesan Schools Mass	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September
Harvest Service in School/CAFOD /Food Bank/ Wear something bright	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October
HSA AGM	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 8pm via Zoom
Individual Photos	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October

### **Ofsted Update**

As you are aware we had our first monitoring visit this week. We await the publication of the letter for parents which could be up to six weeks.

It would be helpful for you to have further information about this process.

When a school is judged to have serious weaknesses, they have a maximum of 30 months to demonstrate improvements. During this time, they receive up to 5 monitoring visits from Ofsted to check the school is making the desired progress. Once the HMI feels the school is ready, they can call a graded inspection to allow a school to prove it should be regraded as either requires improvement or good.

### **Reading for Pleasure**

A strong indicator of a child's success in their GCSEs is their reading attainment from an early age and this is influenced by their attitude to reading for pleasure.

Reading widely and regularly provides multiple benefits which extend beyond reading into the whole curriculum. Pupils who read for pleasure have a wider vocabulary and the gap between the number of words that pupils who read at home know compared to those who don't, widens rapidly and is difficult to close if the habit of reading is not established early.

Children are not restricted to the books they study at school or bring home to read to parents. Libraries are full of amazing texts for parents to share with their children and help them develop the reading habit. Listening to stories is not just for toddlers and can continue throughout primary school. At St Felix this term we have started class-based Book Clubs for all pupils to talk about the books they enjoy and have shared and you can help your child by sharing books at home so they can bring some fresh ideas to these sessions and influence the choices of others.

### **Attendance**

Inkpen and Lewis Class shared the attendance prize for the first full week back.

### **Pupil Leaders**

We are in the process of selecting our pupil leader for 23-24. Roles as School Councillors, House Captains, Ministry Team, Digital Leaders and Readings Ambassadors are all being chosen this half term

### **Inclusion Quality Mark**

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September we will be visited by an assessor from the Inclusion Quality Mark. They would like to speak to some parents about how the school provides an inclusive environment for children. If you are available to do this at drop off on the 21/9 please let the office know.



### **Harvest Service**

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October we will be having our annual Harvest celebration. We would like the children wear something bright – this can be non-uniform or a bright addition to the existing uniform. The cost of this change is a donation to Cafod of at least £1 or a food item for the food bank.





## St Felix Dates for 2023-24

Back to School  
Meet the Teacher Open Morning  
New Term Mass at School  
Y5 Swimming Starts  
Y5/6 Class Mass  
Kingswood Info / KS2 Information Evening  
Y4 Class Mass  
Flu Vaccinations  
Kingswood – Y5 Residential  
Y6 Class Mass  
Diocesan Schools Mass  
Harvest Service in School/CAFOD /Food Bank/  
Wear something bright  
HSA AGM  
Individual Photos  
HSA Non-uniform day  
Governor Monitoring Morning  
Y3 Class Mass  
Autumn Parent Consultations  
*Half Term*  
All Saints Mass  
EYFS/KS1 Class Liturgies  
Remembrance Service in school  
EYFS Open Morning– New Parents  
HSA Bags2School  
HSA Advent Raffle  
Advent Wreath Service in School  
Nativity Performances EYFS, Y1 and Y2  
Flu Vaccinations  
Reconciliation Service  
Christmas Jumper/Turnaround  
HSA Christmas Disco  
Christmas Lunch  
Christmas Tableaux and Carols KS2 led  
**End of Term**

**Back to School**  
New Year Mass in Church  
KS2 Mass

Wednesday 6th September  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 9am Y1-Y6 only  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2pm  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 10am  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2:15pm  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 4:30pm  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2:15pm  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 12:30 -3pm  
27<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup> September  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2:15pm  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 8pm via Zoom  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2:15pm  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup>– Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
*Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October*  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2pm  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 1:15  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 9:30-10:30  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2:30pm  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 8:30 -12pm  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2pm  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
TBC  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 4th January  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2pm  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2:15pm

KS1 Liturgy	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2:15pm
EYFS Liturgy	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2:15pm
NSPCC Number Day	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February
Children's Mental Health Week	5 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> February
Ash Wednesday Distribution of Ashes	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
Stations of the Cross	Fridays in Lent 2:45
<i>Half Term</i>	<i>19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February</i>
Spring Parent Consultations	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February
World Book Day	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March
St Felix Day Mass	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Reconciliation Service	TBC
HSA Bags2School	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
LKS2 Easter Play	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March
Y4 visit Easter Experience	TBC
<b>End of Term</b>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Start of Term</b>	
PD Day – no pupils	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
Pupils return	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April
Resurrection Mass	TBC
Y4 Swimming Starts	TBC
Class Photos	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> t May
KS2 SATS Week	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May
Ascension Mass in Church	TBC
Kingswood Information Evening	TBC
<i>Half term</i>	<i>27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May</i>
Year 1 Phonics Check	10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 4 Multiplication Check	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> June
Sports Day and Picnic	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July
UKS2 Play at Arts Centre	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July TBC
Reports out to parents	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July
Y6 Leavers Mass – Parents welcome	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July TBC
Move Up Morning	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July TBC
End of Year Thanksgiving Mass	Friday July 19 <sup>th</sup> TBC
<b>End of Term</b>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July