



# St. Felix RC Primary School

## April 2021 Newsletter



*For God, you are that little coin that the Lord seeks without pause. He wants to tell you that you are precious and unique in His eyes. No one can take your place in the heart of God. Pope Francis 20 April 2021*

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is good to be back being busy at school and both staff and pupils are working hard to recover as much of the disrupted learning as possible. However, we are still hoping to have some summer term events. At this time we have no new guidance from the DfE and will maintain our cautious approach until such guidance is received.

As we are currently blessed with good weather, please send a named sun hat into school for your child. A named water bottle is still an essential item, and as we enjoy the British weather in all its vagaries, a named coat is also advised.

Mrs Teixeira will be starting her maternity leave next week, 30<sup>th</sup> April, a little earlier than originally planned and we are currently in the process of recruiting a teacher for Potter Class from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May. I will confirm details when this process is complete.

Thank you for the parent questionnaires already completed, please take the time to tell us how you feel about St Felix using this [form](#).

Best Wishes,

Mrs Dodds

### Upcoming Dates

Captain Tom 100	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
NSPCC Number Day	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May
Pentecost Celebrations	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May
Half term	31 <sup>st</sup> May – 4 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 4 Multiplication Check	7 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> June – Non Statutory
Sports Day (pupil only)	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June
Reserve Sports Day (pupil only)	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July
Reports out to parents	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July
Parent Report Feedback sessions	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July
Y6 Leavers Activity Days	Mon-Tues 12-13 <sup>th</sup> July
Transition to Samuel Ward/Castle Manor	14 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> July



**On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April at St Felix we will be taking the Captain Tom 100 Challenge**

*Everyone is invited to take on a challenge around the number 100 anytime and anywhere over Captain Tom's birthday weekend. It's so simple.*

*Think up your 100 challenge. It can be anything you like – from walking 100 metres to baking 100 cakes or writing 100 letters*

We will not be fundraising in school but please feel free to donate directly via the website:

<https://captaintom100.com/>

### **St Felix PE Kit**

<https://www.stfelixhaverhill.com/parents/uniform>

We have noticed an array of different items being worn for PE lessons. The school PE Kit is blue shorts and a white t-shirt. During colder weather we encouraged additional layers. However, we are now seeing fashion t-shirts and other non-uniform items being worn instead of the basic PE uniform by some pupils. We understand Y6 may not wish to purchase additional kit at this late stage in their school career but a basic white t-shirt is the minimum expected. All other pupils are expected to wear correct PE Kit.

If you are experiencing Covid related financial hardship which prevents the purchase of correct uniform, please contact the office and we can discuss your options.



On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May we are planning active Maths activities to celebrate the fun of Maths. We would like the pupils to dress in something with a number on it or a countable set of objects. This is a fundraising opportunity for the NSPCC who provide vital services including the Childline Number 0800 1111 and so would request a donation from each pupil of £1 to be collected at the gate.

### **Pentecost**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May is Pentecost when we celebrate the birth of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. This is a special and joyful occasion which recognises that God's message is for all nations. We are very lucky to have pupils with links to many nations here at St Felix and as such are keen to mark the occasion.

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May we would like all pupils to dress in the colours of the Holy Spirit – red, orange and yellow. We will have a service in school led by Father John which will be shared via the magic of Teams across all classes.

There is no donation required but please avoid clothing with logos and slogans which are not in keeping with the school's ethos and mission.



### St Felix Dates for 2021-22

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
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

## Internet Watch Foundation campaign launched to raise awareness of “self-generated” child sexual abuse material

In the last year, [“self-generated” child sexual abuse imagery](#) has increased by 77% and is a third of all child sexual abuse material identified and removed from the internet. These included images of girls aged 11 to 13 whose abuse had been recorded via a webcam in a domestic setting. To help prevent the creation of this type of abusive imagery, a campaign has been launched by the [Internet Watch Foundation](#) (IWF) backed by the Home Office and Microsoft. It aims to help raise awareness of this type of criminality among parents and carers of young teens, empower and educate girls aged 11 to 13+ to spot the techniques used by sexual predators and give them the knowledge to Block, Report, Tell someone they trust. It is a national campaign running from Wednesday 21 April for six weeks. You can find out more on the [IWF website](#), as well as specific sites for [parents](#) and [young people](#).

