

St. Felix RC Primary School November 2020 Newsletter



Lord, Father of our human family, you created all human beings equal in dignity: pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit. Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world, a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war. #FratelliTutti Pope Francis 26th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As lockdown lifts next week, we now find ourselves in Suffolk in Tier 2.

This means we have to continue to limit the mixing of bubbles in school and access by parents. This has a real impact on the activities we would normally associate with Advent and we are having to be creative to provide some of the opportunities we would normally associate with this time of the year at St Felix. KS1 and EYFS are still preparing simplified nativities to share with the other classes digitally, Advent wreaths were made by staff in Covid bubbles this week and we are planning to decorate our classes, have a Christmas lunch and a Christmas Jumper day.

Thank you to Olivia and her HSA team who have shown remarkable initiative to work around the current challenges and are providing access to a digital pantomime for the pupils to enjoy at the end of term as well as providing additional resources from teacher wish lists.

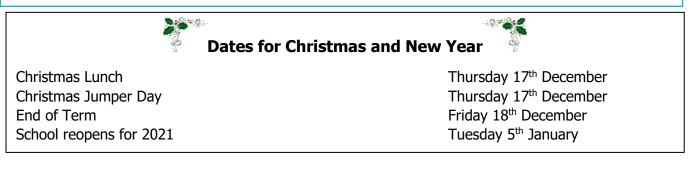
The other challenge we are experiencing in school from Covid 19 is the need to keep spaces well ventilated. Although the heating is on, the temperature in classes at times is lower than usual so please ensure your child has a school jumper or cardigan and consider additional layers they could wear underneath to stay warm as the weather gets colder.

Please keep your children with you in the mornings and evenings whilst waiting for gates to open. Although we have limited access to most traffic, some members of staff still need to access the car park to meet their contractual obligations and children running freely between cars can place pupils at risk.

Thank you for all your help to keep us Covid free so far and let's hope we can continue in this way for as long as possible.

Keep warm and well.

Mrs A Dodds





Our whole school project this year is EMERGE and its aims, based on Fratelli Tutti are:

- Think like a 2020 Catholic;
- Dream as a single human family where we are all brothers and sisters;
- Build on the new ways of learning we have discovered;
- Turn great ideals into tangible ways to advance;
- Find new ways to worship.

The pupil's visions so far include:

- Keep the world clean and tidy to save the animals;
- Ozone layer is stronger;
- A place where everyone is treated fairly and we love everyone for who they are;
- Live like Jesus;
- A world with belief.

If you need any advice about online safety at home, the government guidance can be accessed <u>here</u>.

Inspired by Pedro Arrupe

Love will decide which paths you take,

Love will decide what decisions you make,

Love will decide who you will marry,

Love will decide the cross you carry,

Jesus loves you and so should you,

So love decides what you do.

Graceful and kindness

Love decides what's timeless.

God is your father

So don't lie but rather

Love your neighbour and be merciful.

Love decides.

By Samuel Anyaegbu

House Captains

Congratulation to our House Captains:

St Elizabeth	Yassmine / Nikola
St Francis	Arvin / Mary Faye
St Peter	Martha / Harrison
St Catherine	Vandhana / Theresa

They are having to adapt to a different role to previous house captains but have provided input into two whole school digital assemblies already.

Attendance

A huge thank you for your efforts to encourage your child to attend school as normal. A child can still attend school with a cold or other minor ailments. They should only be at home if they are displaying coronavirus symptoms, self-isolating, following doctor's advice or are too unwell to learn in school.

Christmas Cards This year we want to enjoy our usual Christmas activities but in a safe way which means the Christmas card post box won't be possible. Instead we are asking pupils to only bring cards into school for those in their own bubble.

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>

