



# St. Felix RC Primary School

## December 2023 Newsletter



The way we use these technologies to include the least of our brothers and sisters, the vulnerable and those most in need, will be the true measure of our humanity.

*14 December Pope Francis*

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is nearly the end of a long and tiring term but, despite this, the children are still working hard and we have enjoyed some wonderful performances in the last two weeks from nativities to poetry. The nativity plays are such a lovely start to Christmas and the KS2 Carol Service will hopefully bring our Christmas term to an equally festive close.

We have reminded the children to take care when crossing the roads locally as some of older children have been walking into the road without due care and attention and it is hoped you can reiterate this at home.

An enormous thank you to all the members of the HSA who have worked so hard this term to bring us a super disco last night and today's lavish raffle. It makes such a difference to have these wonderful extras for our children.

Thank you for all the cards, gifts and good wishes we receive as a school team. We wish you all a very happy, holy and safe Christmas and a great start to 2024.

Best wishes,

Mrs A Dodds

### **Upcoming Dates**

Book Flood	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 1pm
Christmas Carols KS2 led	
In Church - Parents welcome	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm
<b>End of Term</b>	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Back to School</b>	
Epiphany Mass in Church	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
KS2 Mass	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2pm
KS1 Liturgy	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2:15pm
	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2:15pm

## Ofsted Update

We have used the festive season as a chance to further strengthen our reading objectives. Next week the children will have a Book Flood on Tuesday when they share a new Christmas book as a class donated by The National Literacy Trust and celebrate the joy of reading when you're warm and snug.

The children have also put together their Christmas reading recommendations from their Book Clubs. These may give you some last-minute Christmas gift ideas! The full lists can be found on our website next week:

EYFS: The Greedy Goat / Hey You! / Socks / The Lion Inside

Y1: The Enormous Crocodile / Lettice / Pugicorn / The Runaway Pea

Y2: The Twits / DW in Trouble / Snow Bears / A Hug for You

Y3: Egyptology / A Twist of Tales / Mummies Unwrapped / Return to the Isle of the Lost

Y4: The Thirteen-Storey Treehouse / Pinocchio / Matilda / South Asian Folktales, Myths and Legends

Y5: Dog Man / Going Solo / Wonder / Lottie Brooks

Y6: The Nowhere Emporium / Holes / Once / Loki / Spiderwick Chronicles / Giant

### From our local PC Steve to Schools

Concerns have been raised about parking on Braeburn Road during drop off / pick up hours. It is apparent that parents are parking on the road and pavement to use the new footpath. If anyone has concerns about these issues please report this to the council via their website.

Last week, at the end of the school day, it was noted people parked opposite Burton End on the grassed area, causing a fair bit of damage due to the wet weather.

Enforcement action will be taken against those that continue to do the above. Parents are advised to use the Rugby Club Car and walk down the hill.

### Christmas Poetry

This afternoon each of the classes performed a Christmas poem off by heart for the rest of the school.

It was fantastic to see the performances including one in memory of Benjamin Zephaniah.

The poems were:

I Can Build A Snowman

The Snowball

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

The Grinch

Talking Turkeys

The Turkey Shot out of the Oven

### Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for taking part – we raised £110.



The whole day was great fun with Christmas craft, Christmas lunch and a Christmas film.



**KS2 Carol Service 20<sup>th</sup>  
December 2023  
1.30pm**

**St Felix Church**

**Parents Welcome**



### Thinking of applying to join Reception and Nursery at St Felix in 2024?

We are always happy to show parents around.

Just contact the office on 01440 703775 to arrange an appointment.

Please share with other parents who may be interested.

The deadline for applying for a place in Reception in September 2024 is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.



# 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  
Coffee, Cake and Calculate  
EYFS Open Morning– New Parents  
HSA Bags2School  
HSA Advent Raffle  
Advent Wreath Service in School  
Nativity Performances EYFS, Y1 and Y2  
Christmas Experience at St Mary's Y1  
Flu Vaccinations  
Reconciliation Service  
Christmas Jumper/Turnaround/ Christmas Lunch  
HSA Christmas Disco  
Christmas Tableaux and Carols KS2 led  
**End of Term**

## Back to School

New Year Mass in Church  
KS2 Mass  
KS1 Liturgy

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  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 1:15  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 9am  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 9:30-10:30  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2:30pm  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 10:40am  
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  
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 18<sup>th</sup> January 2:15pm  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2:15pm

EYFS Liturgy	Thursday 1st 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 14th 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

### **Start of Term**

PD Day – no pupils	Friday 12th 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 13th May – Thursday 16th 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
Reports out to parents	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July
Y6 Ignite Retreat	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July am
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 19th 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