



St. Felix RC Primary School December 2020 Newsletter



"Our soul waits for the Lord: he is our help and shield. Yes, our heart is glad in him" (Ps 33:20-21). The confident expectation of the Lord allows us to find comfort and courage in the dark moments of our lives.

Pope Francis 17 Dec 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for the many gifts and cards we have received over the last few weeks. The gifts are obviously much appreciated, particularly in this difficult time for many families but the recognition and simple thank you is really touching.

This has been a long and challenging term for both staff and pupils and the end of a difficult year for us all. When I conducted a pupil survey last week, the main response to pupil's experience of lockdown was loneliness and the best thing about coming to school was the return of friendships. The children acknowledged gaps in learning but felt they had already made up lots of ground thanks to their teachers. I must pay tribute to the staff at the school who have been amazing despite the additional physical, academic and emotional challenges of this term and are now ready for well-earned rest.

Yesterday was Maya's funeral and a chance to say goodbye. It was also our first chance to say hello to one another; when we gathered outside in our Covid secure bubbles, it was the first time the school had assembled in person since March. This was Maya's gift to us and the pupils sang beautifully as their gift to her.

We say a sad goodbye to Mrs Burrell-Campbell who has been a great asset over the last two years and a welcome back to Mrs Teixeira in Potter Class.

We all hope 2021 will bring brighter news about Covid 19 but the end is still some way off. Thank you for your help with restrictions and testing – this has enabled us to have a whole term without any positive cases in school. Remember to email admin@st-felixrc.suffolk.sch.uk if your child develops symptoms or has a positive test result on Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th December.

Have a safe Christmas and I hope you have chance to spend time with some of the people you love. Don't forget you will need to book your space in church for Christmas Masses through the parish. We look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year on January 5th.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Dodds

Advent Services

We have been very lucky to see much more of Father John since Lockdown 2 lifted and he has helped us work with technology to continue with our Advent traditions. We had a Zoom Reconciliation Service across KS2 on 8th December and on Tuesday of this week we had a digital crib service with classes bringing their nativity characters together and the story told by KS2 pupils. It was charming and a huge thanks to our House Captains for their key role with this. Congratulations to the EYFS and KS1 teams on their creative drive to produce fabulous digital nativities.



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Thank you –
we raised £175 with our Christmas jumpers.

Reading

It was a great pleasure to work with the children this week to produce our final digital assembly of 2020

They were able to articulate how their reading has improved and how they will continue to build on this at home and in school and how important they recognise it is.

I hope Father Christmas is as fond of reading as we are and the hoped for books arrive. Enjoy and encourage reading over Christmas and we look forward to fresh book recommendations in 2021.



Test and Trace in January

Covid reporting - IMPORTANT

- If your child displays any Covid-19 symptoms (dry, persistent cough; high temperature or loss of taste / smell) you should keep them at home and arrange a test. Please remember that you need to inform the school immediately should a member of your household test positive for Covid-19.
- As part of the track and trace system we are required to track 48 hours back from the onset of symptoms or the test date (where the pupil was asymptomatic). Therefore, please be aware that if we receive a positive case for a pupil and that pupil has not been in school for 48 hours or more prior to the onset of symptoms, we will not inform the school community.
- Please also note that the isolation period has now been reduced from 14 days to 10 days in accordance with Government guidance.