



Dear Parents, we have had an incredibly busy term and the children have been working so hard. In all areas of the school, the children have been focussing on their learning and through observation; I can see that great progress has been achieved since the start of the term. The school environment is calm and purposeful due to the adoption of our smart silent walking and smart silent lining up. The children are responding positively to respecting other peoples' learning and encouraging one another to be the best they can be. Next term is always a busy one, but we will ensure that learning is our priority and the children feel safe and happy in school. I wish you all a restful break and look forward to working with you and your children again next term. Mrs Price

Masses this term

- 5<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am Mass in school
- 19<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am Mass in Church
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December 9.30am Mass to mark the start of Advent in school 9.30am
- 17<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 am Christmas Mass in school

Parents, carers and parishioners are all invited to come along and join us for Mass and to stay for refreshments afterwards provided by the school PTA.

All of Key Stage 2 joined the Parish for Mass on Tuesday. Father Brett read Matthew's Gospel reading where Jesus condemns the Pharisee's for showing off and not following through what they preached. Father Brett encouraged the children to think of others, to pray for people in war torn areas and to be charitable.

Father Brett would like to thank those parents who have come forward to volunteer to do children's liturgy on Sunday mornings at the 9.15am Mass.



The Mini Vinnie group have sent cards of encouragement to people in prison. The group wanted them to know that they are not alone and abandoned and there are people who are praying for their redemption and rehabilitation.

**Our final Cafod total was £120 and we sent 10 bags of dry foods to the Sudbury foodbank.**

Class	Dates	Theme
Noah	5 <sup>th</sup> November 9.00am	Maths
Moses	12 <sup>th</sup> December 9.00am	English
Elijah	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2.30-3.00pm	Maths
Abraham	20 <sup>th</sup> November 2.45pm	Multiplication and Division
Solomon	29 <sup>th</sup> October 9.00am	Accelerated reader
Samson	8 <sup>th</sup> October 9.00am	Calculations
	8 <sup>th</sup> November 9.00am [rescheduled]	Spelling strategies

Please remember to make learning conversation appointments on line. Appointments will be available for a three-week window during November. This is an opportunity to come into school for a 30-minute slot to discuss your child's progress and their next steps.



**PTA News** – We had a PTA meeting on Wednesday at the Bull in Long Melford at 7.15pm. Although not many people could attend, the committee had received many offers of help. The PTA do so much to support the school to purchase additional resources, subsidise trips, organise and subsidise parties and discos and generally make St Joseph's the wonderful community school it is.

- Christmas cards and gifts. All children received a letter explaining the fund raising initiative. Order forms and pictures need to be returned by **October 28<sup>th</sup>**.
- This term the PTA will be hosting an autumn disco for Key Stage 2 children on 8<sup>th</sup> November between 5.30-7.00pm. The cost will be £2.50 and £1 for siblings, the children will be given a drink, crisps and a small bag of sweets to depart. At the disco, the children will be able to purchase glow sticks for 20p.
- Later in the term, the PTA will be asking for contributions toward the Christmas hampers to be raffled at the Christmas performances. We will also have a **Non-Uniform day on the 13<sup>th</sup> December** for last minute contributions.
- On the 13<sup>th</sup> December Key Stage 1 Christmas Party with entertainer 2.15-3.15pm



I would urge parents to come along to the Class drop-ins. The Teacher's try to make them interactive, where you have the opportunity to work alongside your children. It will give you an insight into how we teach skills, which may be different from when you were at school. Most importantly, it will give you the opportunity to mix and get to know the other parents in your child's Class. Pictured Zya and parents doing subtraction activities.



Year 6 children joined hundreds of other children from across the county at Ipswich school. Mr L-S was extremely proud how the children conducted themselves and represented our school. Violette came 32<sup>nd</sup> out of 245 other year 6 and year 7 children and Daisy, Kieron, Evie and Bella all came in the top third of finishers. Well done

**The school nurses are available for parents to have confidential meetings on the 26<sup>th</sup> November. Please phone the school office to make an appointment.**

### Diary dates

**Half- Term 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

**Monday - 28<sup>th</sup> October return to school**

- 1<sup>st</sup> November All Saints Mass in Church 9.30am
- 5<sup>th</sup> November Flu immunisation- PARENTS PLEASE GO ONLINE to give consent
- 5<sup>th</sup> November Mass in School Hall 9.30am
- 6<sup>th</sup> November- Open Morning 10.30-11.30am
- 8<sup>th</sup> November Autumn DISCO
- 15<sup>th</sup> November Individual school photos – Kittle Photography
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November Re-scheduled Science workshop with Dr Rawlins
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December Mass in school Advent 9.30am
- 6<sup>th</sup> December Pyramid Advent Service- St Benedict's
- 13<sup>th</sup> December Non-Uniform Day for Hamper contents and KS 1 Christmas Party
- 16<sup>th</sup> December EYFS & KS1 Dress rehearsal
- 17<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm EYFS & KS1 Production
- 18<sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm EYFS and KS1 Production
- 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm KS2 Christmas Concert
- **Christmas Holidays- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December -Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

We are still collecting Aldi stickers and we have nearly completed one poster.