

St Faiths' Primary School – Newsletter 5 – 30/11/2020

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Christian Value of this Half-Term:

God's Family

2 Corinthians 13:14 ~ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Welcome Back and Thanks

I'd like to offer a warm welcome back to Elm Class, who are re-joining us after their isolation period. In addition, a big 'thank you' to those of you who sent kind messages during isolation and school closure. Our staff here at St Faiths' have worked incredibly hard this year and it's great to be able to share the recognition with them.

December is here!

As we head into December, please can I remind you about social distancing and ensuring the children are sent to school in appropriate school uniform. It might start getting colder in the classrooms as we have windows open for ventilation so a vest or extra t-shirt might be good!

Office Contact

Please could I remind all parents of the social distancing rules that are in place. Even as we head out of lockdown and into Tier 2, household bubbles should not be mixing – and this includes at the school gate. To maintain hygiene, please could I ask that you refrain from coming to the office unless in an emergency and direct all contact with Sarah via telephone or email.

What is self-isolation?

When a 'bubble' closes at St Faiths', it means there is a chance your child has been in contact with a positive Covid case. We ask that your child self-isolates for 14 days, as instructed by the NHS and UK Government. This means your child ***should not leave the house*** for 14 days.

Home Learning

For those children learning from home, work will be uploaded to Tapestry (Reception and Year 1) and Teams (Years 2-6). Our teachers are going above and beyond to ensure the work is suitable and accessible to all and this means most pieces can be completed on paper. Please ensure you support the school by encouraging your child to complete their work and help them to upload it to Teams. If you aren't sure how to do this, please see this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kzZ8Xzw8Dew&feature=youtu.be>

This video will help those of you using an iPad: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VLNp2cwjuck&feature=emb_title&safe=active

After Christmas, Teams will also be the sole platform for homework submission as well so now is a good time to work with your child to understand this learning platform.



Children in Need

Although we didn't celebrate Children in Need in the traditional sense, we still enjoyed our non-uniform day and raised over £60. Thank you to everyone who donated. In addition, we held what I hope will be the first Annual St Faiths' Duck Race, which the children were very engaged in throughout the school. Duck race winners each received a small prize of their own rubber duck!

TTR – Rock Out 2020

We had a big push on times tables practise this month and the children didn't disappoint with their hard work and enthusiasm. In the Times Tables Rockstars Rock Out competition, all children in school with access participated and improved their times tables speed and recall. A special 'well done' goes to the following children for scoring the most points in their class:

Willow – Camilla

Oak – Henry

Chestnut – Billy G

Tempest Photography

So as no children miss their school photo opportunity, we made the decision to postpone last week's school photos. These will be rescheduled to take place after Christmas. Unfortunately, as things stand, sibling photos are unable to take place this year except where siblings are in the same class.

Reception Admission 2021

Children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 are due to start school in Reception in the school year starting September 2021. The easiest way for parents to apply is on-line at:

www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk

or you can request an application form from the Customer Services Centre on: 0344 800 8020. Additional information, and a link to the online application, is available on the County Council's website:

www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/admission-toreception-classes

Christmas Cheer

As we start counting down the days of Advent, I would like to share with you some of the festive events we have planned in school in the coming weeks:

Christmas Cards Project

We have teamed up with Archant (owner of the EDP and Evening News) to design and write some special Christmas cards. This year, these cards will be quarantined before being sent to care homes across Norfolk, to bring some Christmas cheer to those who aren't able to spend Christmas with their loved ones. Although it is just a small gesture, I know you'll be as proud as I am that our children are so kind and wanting to get involved in the project. We might even end up with a pen pal or two!

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 11th December, we'll be holding a non-traditional Christmas Lunch in our bubbles. A menu for this lunch has been attached. Please use Parent Pay to indicate whether your child would like this lunch option. We are inviting children to wear their best Christmas jumpers in aid of Save the Children. A small donation would be appreciated via any change you may have. The more we can raise and help those in need, the better.

Lockdown Panto: Rapunzel

We'll be joining schools across the country on Wednesday 16th December to watch a virtual production of Rapunzel. The show, in association with Norfolk Music Hub has some elements of interactivity and is a sure-fire way to get us into the Christmas spirit. As such, we are inviting all children to come to school dressed as their favourite panto characters. I'm hoping a few of the staff will dress up too!

If you want to get involved at home, you can do so by visiting:

<https://www.norfolkmusic hub.org.uk/site/rapunzel-resources/>

Password: RapunzelNorfolk

Here you'll find some of the songs that are going to be performed. As we can't sing in school, why not sing at home and share this on Seesaw/Tapestry?

Last Day of Term

We'll come to school in non-uniform for the last day of term. Each class teacher is busy preparing some Christmas crafts for the children to participate in and we hope to finish the term (and 2020) on a high. Please be assured that anything the children bring home on the last day will have been quarantined before the children use/make/collect them.

Attendance

School Target: 97%
So far this half term: 95.59%

				
Autumn Half-Term 1	97.46%	96.46%	96.44%	95.3%
Autumn Half-Term 2	94.21%	91.96%	99.1%	99.32%

Please note: Attendance figures include authorised covid-related isolation.

Superstars

A very big congratulations to the following children from each class for receiving their weekly 'superstar' award:

	Toby ~ Working hard with counting and playing kindly with others.
	Peggy ~ An excellent retelling of the story of Diwali.
	Maggie, Archie and Matthew D ~ Fantastic writing about refugees.
	Paige ~ A great visitor leaflet about Antarctica.

Key Dates for Your Diary

Blue = new

Month

Event

December 2020

Fri 11 th	Christmas Packed Lunch Day and Christmas Jumper Day
Wed 16 th	Virtual Panto – Rapunzel – Come dressed as your favourite Panto Character!
Fri 18 th	Non-Uniform Day Last Day of Autumn 2

January 2021

Mon 4 th	First Day of Spring 1
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February 2021

Fri 12 th	Last Day of Spring 1
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