

St Louis Catholic Academy Newsletter—February 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

We are almost half way through the school year already. This week our Year 6 class sat some practice SATs test in the school hall and we were very proud that they applied themselves very well in this new environment. The rehearsal will help them to become accustomed to more formal situations like SATs.

Meanwhile, our Reception classes have been busy learning about space and we welcomed some fantastic little astronauts, space aliens and rockets into school for a day of space-linked learning.

Mrs Cox is busy responding to the Fairtrade Leaders' many plans for Fairtrade Fortnight. These include dressing in Fairtrade colours of yellow, blue and black, bringing in Fairtrade goods to sell and a goal shoot game using a Fairtrade football. As usual, we'll be inviting Trina to serve her delicious Fairtrade hot chocolate on one of the days.

We are fast approaching Lent, our time for fundraising for CAFOD.

After many months of planning, the teaching kitchen is finally nearly finished. We are awaiting Building Control sign off but it is completed to a high standard and will be a great resource for the children, families and the wider community

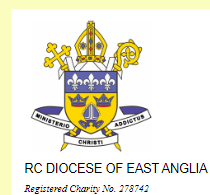
If you have a few hours to spare on a regular basis, can you help us with reading with children, running the school library or helping in other ways? We are so grateful for the first of our new volunteer team to step forward .

Finally, we continue to look for new Foundation Governors to join our committed team.

Please speak to Bethan Byrne, Chair of Governors if you can give time to this role as a volunteer and would like to find out more.

God Bless

Sue Blakeley,
Headteacher



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Our school supports the work of



Cafod <https://cafod.org.uk/>

Coming soon during Lent: Walk Against Hunger

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We are here to help

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Newmarket **Open Door**

Churches Together With People in Need



Our next collection will be Thursday 9th February for tinned foods and cleaning products.

THANK YOU

Non Food Items

- Toiletries – deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes.
- Household items – laundry liquid detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid.
- Feminine products – sanitary towels and tampons.
- Baby supplies – nappies, baby wipes and baby food.

Free School Meals

Your child will get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

Income Support; Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance; Income-related Employment and Support

Allowance; Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit but no element of Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190

If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work fewer hours per week

Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (£616.67 per month), as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).

To check if your child is eligible, apply online www.suffolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals for an immediate response or call 0345 606 6067 for advice.



Message from Friends PTA

We are just finalising plans to help purchase the brand new super exciting playground equipment, plus PTA TRUSTEES have approved the School Council's request for a Friendship bench which will no doubt be a very special addition to the playground. THANK YOU AGAIN for supporting last year's Summer Fair and Advent Fair as without you NONE of this would be possible.

Event for Parents:

Quiz Night (adults only) - Friday 24th March at 7pm

The cost per adult is £15 which includes a hog roast or veggie option (bring your own bottle). Orders and money should be returned in a sealed envelope marked with **your child's name, their class and 'Quiz Night' and whether you require a hog roast or veggie option by Friday 24th February 2023** so that we can confirm food numbers.

There will be tables of 10 people and we ask that you please fill your table, and then send in a note with the team member names, together with £150 to secure your place. However, if you are struggling for a team please let us know as we will be matching people up with any spaces we know of.

Please note that we are unable to give any change for this event so please only send the exact amount. PLEASE GIVE ENVELOPES TO CLASS TEACHERS who will collate them for us.

We very much look forward to seeing you at this fun social event.

If you have any queries regarding this event, please contact us at friendsofstlouis2020@gmail.com.



Sport and Staying Active at St Louis

Competition News

We are in the finals!

St Louis children are back attending competitions and we have had a fantastic time at the recent athletics competition winning 20 out of 24 events and bringing home the prestigious shield. We are now off to the County Final at Newmarket Leisure Centre on 3rd February. We will be praying hard for a great result. Well done to all of our athletics team.



Forest Heath Primary Schools' Sports Association

Outdoor gym for fitness coming soon!

The PTA members are making an application to Sports England to try to increase the money gifted by the PTA towards the new outdoor gym. We are very grateful for the time and effort that the PTA are giving to match fund their £4,000 contribution.



Some free spaces for after school clubs are offered to children in receipt of Free School Meals and children registered with Suffolk Young Carers <https://suffolkfamilycarers.org/young-carers/> and <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals>



The Big Lent Walk to help fight global poverty one step at a time is back and we'll be organising some walks.
Fairtrade Fortnight 2023 is taking place

27 February – 12 March 2023.

There is a Fairtrade sale after school on
Friday 10th March 2023

Dress in Fairtrade colours of blue, yellow and black in the day and bring something Fairtrade to sell at the fair.



God of abundance,
 you entrust to our care
 your gift of creation,
 our common home.
 Open our ears to hear
 the cry of the earth
 and the cry of the poor.

God of justice,
 you show us how to live in
 gratitude and solidarity.
 Open our mouths to speak out,
 challenging greed and inequality,
 and standing up for all among us
 in desperate need of food.

God of hope,
 you share with us your vision
 of a world renewed.
 Open our hearts to compassion.
 As we hold before you
 the people of East Africa,
 may we reach out in love.

Amen.

Skillsbuilder Essential Skills



Our February focus is creativity and we are working across the school towards our Lenten display. We are using the focus of our helping hands that can support people across the world. Our younger children are busy painting our globe with the sea whilst older ones will be given the task of painting in the land masses. Meanwhile all classes are developing hands with older children writing how they can serve others. These hands will be used to support the world.

Families can access many activities to use at home at
<https://www.skillsbuilder.org/homezone>

January	 Staying Positive The ability to use tactics and strategies to overcome setbacks and achieve goals.
February	 Creativity The use of imagination and the generation of new ideas.
March	 Problem Solving The ability to find a solution to a situation or challenge.
	 Speaking The oral transmission of information or ideas.
April	 Aiming High The ability to set clear, tangible goals and devise a robust route to achieving them.

ST LOUIS FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

27TH FEBRUARY TO 12TH MARCH 2022



Friday 10th March Fairtrade Sale at 3.30pm

We are asking that children come to school in the Fairtrade colours on this day and bring something to sell at the after school Fairtrade Fair.

You could:

Make something using a Fairtrade ingredient: there are lots of online recipe ideas,

https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/fairtradebananabread_72082

<https://www.coop.co.uk/recipes/ultimate-fairtrade-chocolate-cake>

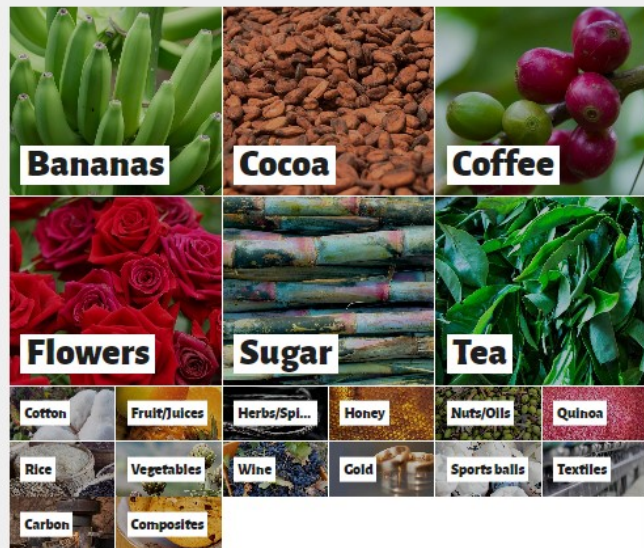


Donate a food item to sell using the Fairtrade logo to guide you. There are very many things to donate to the Fairtrade Fair run by the Fairtrade School Group.



Fairtrade products

There is an enormous variety of products covered by the Fairtrade Standards. Each purchase of a Fairtrade product can make a real difference for farmers and workers around the world. Learn more about the leading Fairtrade products below.



Welcome Little Friends of St Louis

Stay and Play

Our stay and play session for pre-nursery families are growing. If you would like to be invited, contact acorns@stlouisacademy.co.uk

Miss Le Serve and Mrs Das invite you and your friends to this group to welcome families of younger children into school for a chat and play with coffee and biscuits and the opportunity for children to mix and make new friends. It is a great way for them to meet children joining school in September in Nursery or Reception.

Dates to join us are...

**Tuesday 14th March Tuesday 9th May Tuesday 13th June
Tuesday 11th July (all 9.15am to 10.30am). Access is via
the Rayes Lane gate entrance.**



Catholic life



Bishop Peter Collins will visit us on Monday 20th March 2023 to celebrate a whole school Mass and to bless our new teaching kitchen. The kitchen was partly funded by Alive in Faith and Bishop Emeritus Alan Hopes will also join us on the day because he oversaw the Alive in Faith donation.

We will keep you updated on our plans for this special Mass. We are most grateful to Deacon James who assisted us in making the bid for funding.

Ten Ten
Resources



Model Catholic RSE Curriculum - the Catholic Education Service



What is Life to the Full?

It's a programme in Relationships and Health Education based on the Department of Education guidance which became statutory during the academic year 2020/21. This programme is rooted in a Christian understanding of the human person, based on "[A Model Catholic RSE Curriculum](#)" provided by the Catholic Education Service.

TenTen has an online portal for families and you use your login to access information about what your child is learning.

The Online Parent Portal provides parents of children in schools who subscribe to **Life to the Full** with:

- Information about the programme children will be following;
 - Access to resources;
 - Suggestions for further activity at home.

To access it, follow the links to the year group your child is in. Your school will provide more details about what lessons your child will be learning and when,

Got a question?

Please talk to your class teacher if you have a question. There is a helpful introductory 10 minute film for you to watch that explains the TenTen Life to the Full curriculum.

Save the date!
 Friday 3rd March 2023

With a programme of exciting events, brand new activities for home and school, and our fantastic line-up of £1/£1.50 books - World Book Day 2023 is shaping up to be the best ever




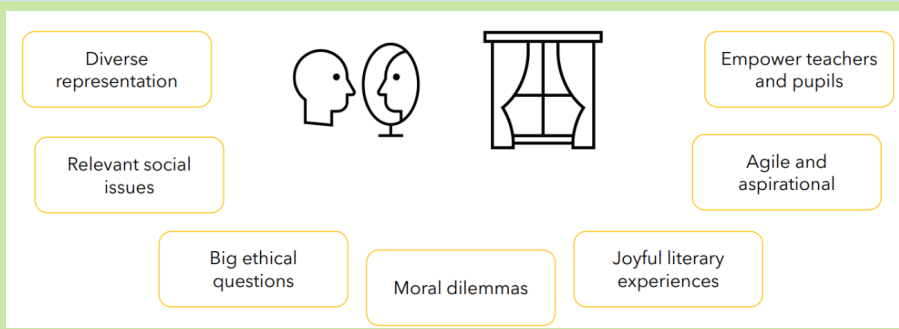
WORLD
**BOOK
 DAY**
 Friday 3rd March 2023



Thanks to volunteer parents, we plan to open the school library soon for book loans after school. We'll draw up a timetable so that each family has a regular book slot swap day. The volunteers will also be arranging book exchanges at lunch breaks. Once we have all the safeguarding checks in place, we'll be ready to start. **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS**

There are 6 elements which support a child reading for pleasure:

1. Being read to regularly
2. Having books at home and school
3. Having a choice in what to read
4. Finding time to read
5. Having trusted help to find a book
6. Making reading FUN!

We have ordered many new books for classrooms that reflect the world today. We expect these books to arrive during February. Our next challenge will be to restock the library choosing books that reflect our diversity,

ethical and moral dilemmas faced today and joyful reading experiences to inspire life-long reading.

Ideas for great books to buy for your child can be found at the Book Trust <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/> or <https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/> has good age related recommendations.



Bookstart
 Bookstart gifts free books to children at key ages before school to help families read together every day and inspire children to develop a love of books and reading.

BookTrust transforms lives by getting children and families reading

Each year we reach millions of children across the UK with books, resources and support.



February	UKS2 mini music concert Monday 6th February at 2.15pm
February	EYFS Mass in Spring Term date to be confirmed
February	Valentine's Disco—Friday 10th February
February	Fairtrade Fortnight 27th of February to the 12th of March.
Lent will begin on Wednesday, 22nd February	CAFOD Fundraising
March	Weds 1st March 10.15am KS 1 Mass in school (Fr. Leo) Weds 8th.March 10.15am KS 1 Reconciliation service in church in
March	World Book Day Friday 3rd March—dress as your favourite book character
March	Friday 10th March Fairtrade After School Fair 3.30pm Dress in Fairtrade colours that day and bring something to sell at the Fairtrade Fair
March	Parent Consultation Meetings 20th March and 22nd March
March	Monday, 20th March Bishop Peter Collins and Bishop Emeritus Alan Hopes Celebrate Mass at St Louis and bless our teaching
March	Friday, 24th March PTA Quiz night
April	Weds 26th April 10.15am LKS2 Mass in school (Fr. Leo)
May	w/c 1st May Coronation Picnic Saturday 6 th May, 2023. Coronation of King Charles
May	Weds 17th May 2023 10.15am UKS2 Mass in school (Fr. Leo)
June	Ss Peter and Paul - Thursday 29th June - 9:30am
July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass date tbc

Free Community Event

RIVERS OF LIGHT

Newmarket
YELLOW BRICK ROAD

SAT FEB 18TH 2023

MARKETPLACE
Everyone welcome!

SCAN ME
6:30PM START

FREE PUBLIC WORKSHOPS
Thurs 16th & Friday 17th Feb
THE RACING CENTRE 10 am to 2 pm

Contact: Newmarketcommunityarts@gmail.com

Newmarket Youth Fair

(Aimed at 11-19 Year olds, 25 with SEND)

Thursday 16th February 11 - 3pm
Abbeycroft Leisure centre, Newmarket

Local clubs information. FREE!
Giveaways for young people, parents and carers. 11-1pm: Active communities team at Abbeycroft Leisure, this will include Multi-sports and activities such as: Teen Chill and Explore Outdoor.
1-3pm: Newmarket Badminton Club and Kuk Sool Won.

20+ Stalls providing support on subjects including:
• Mental health.
• Careers and work.
• Sexual health and identity.
• Online safety.
• SEND and parenting support
• Local activity providers
• and much more.

FREE!
Pizza and refreshments for young people at lunch. (When it's gone it's gone!)

On the spot Gaming van!

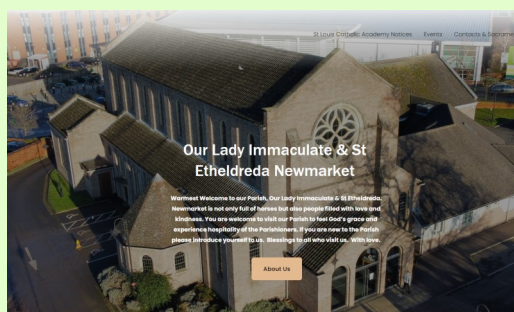
For further details please call Susie on 07713 093 090 or email - susie.meivor@suffolk.gov.uk

West Suffolk Council Suffolk County Council Abbeycroft Leisure

St Louis School KS2 Choir has 40 members!

Let us know if your child wishes to join after Easter.

Monday 3.30pm to 4pm led by Mr Justin from Norwich Catholic Cathedral.



Our Parish Church
<https://www.olise.co.uk/>

