



This week we talked of forgiving, but not just once but repeatedly. In a week where we remember those who have died in wars this could not be more important. Forgiveness and peace begin at home with our own community. We pray particularly for all families and communities effected by wars at this time. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Peace is a precious gift which must be protected and promoted." **Pope Francis**

#### Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception- Sophia

Year 1 - Zuzanna Year 2 - Kai

Year 3 - The Whole Class

Year 4 - Mirielle Year 5 - Max H

Year 6 - The Whole Class



**House Points:** Well done to **St Thomas More** this week's winners with **98** points!

St Bernadette - 74

St Francis - 45

St Paul - 87

St Theresa - 45

St Thomas More - 98

St Anne Line - 94

**Year 6 Assembly:** Year 6 immersed us in the past today with their wonderful assembly about the world wars. Their knowledge was tremendous as was their delivery of poems and even a bit of 1940's dancing. They certainly got us in the mood! Thank you for such a memorable assembly to help us commemorate Remembrance day.

**Year 3 Prayer Service:** Thank you to Year Three for preparing a lovely prayer service on the theme of Promises. It was lovely to see how you valued promises in your life.

**Food Bank:** Mini-Vinnies took a quick trip today to take all the food you donated to the food bank. They had a chance to see where the food is stored and how it is distributed. Thank you again for your generosity- it is good to see it helping those in need.

**Polite reminder:** During Covid we instigated an entrance and exit flow system for parents and children. This does run through our car park. However, we have kept it in place as it has prevented a build-up and possible collisions around the edge of the reception classroom, and it is also a really safe way of

ensuring children enter and leave safely. Recently several people have tried to enter via the car park. For all our children's safety please ensure you enter the premises via the pedestrian gate and exit via the car park. Do remember that dogs are not allowed on the premises and bicycles and scooters are not to be ridden on the playground to ensure the safety of all.

**Year 3 Experience Day:** "On our Wow Day we learnt about the stone age. We made dens from large sticks, cookies and jewellery. We had fun and didn't want the day to end." - The Year 3 students.

**Children in Need:** Next Friday is Children in Need. The theme this year is Spotacular. Therefore, children are invited to wear their own clothes with the theme of spots in exchange for a £1 donation to Children in Need.



#### **Holy Cross Christmas Bazaar Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**November after 11am Mass:** Bottle stalls are always the most popular stall at a Christmas Bazaar. Buy a raffle ticket and win a bottle- of anything! We would really like to support Holy Cross parish in their efforts to raise much needed funds for the running of the church. If you are able to donate a bottle of any sort for them to use at their bottle stall we would be very grateful. **Please bring in on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> NOV Collections on the gate**

**Christmas Dinner Day:** This year we require you to pre-order your child's Christmas Dinner Day choice. Please complete the form by **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**. [Christmas Dinner Day Form](#)

**Reception School Admissions:** From 7<sup>th</sup> November applications for Reception 2023 school places opens and must be completed by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. Applications can be made online via [Primary school places - Essex](#)

[County Council](#). **All applications to St Luke's will additionally require a SIF form to be completed which can be found [here](#) on our website or requested from the school office.** If your child will be Reception age for September 2023, we are running tours of the school. Dates and times can be found [here](#).

**Flu Immunisations Reception-Year 6:** Please remember to complete the electronic consent form sent on 1<sup>st</sup> November for your child's flu immunisation. Please ensure that consent forms are completed before **25<sup>th</sup> November** if you would like your child to receive this in school.

**PTA:** Toy donations for the PTA toy sale can be passed to the class teacher from now (labelled PTA Toy Sale). **Please bring any Bag 2 School donations on the 21<sup>st</sup> November.**

**Dinner Menu:** Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#). W/C 14<sup>th</sup> November is week 3.

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Year 2 prayer service 2.45pm *Please note NEW time*

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Children in Need dress up day.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Flu immunisations for Reception-Year 6.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Year 1 prayer service. 2.45. *Please note NEW time*

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec:** Panto for Reception-Year 6.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec:** PTA Toy Sale 3.15pm

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Y3-Y6 Carol Service 9.15am.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Y1 & Y2 Christmas Nativity 2pm.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Nursery & Reception Nativity 9.15am.

See the link for further key dates within the academic year. [Key Dates 2022-2023](#)

