



St Luke's Catholic Academy Newsletter

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The feast of Christ the King reminds us of the true characteristics that a King should have; love, kindness and forgiveness. We remember that our King was part of a poor family who travelled a long way to Bethlehem, experienced hardship and took refuge in another land. He grew to be a leader who served his people. As we prepare for this journey ourselves help us to be more like him: loving, kind and forgiving. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"The Lord is always there waiting to give us his love: it is an amazing thing, one which never ceases to surprise us!" **Pope Francis**

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:
Reception- Hamna

Year 1 – Rosie Year 2 – Niamh
Year 3 – Kristielle Year 4 – Frank
Year 5 – Eros Year 6 – Michael



House Points: Well done to **St Thomas More & St Francis** this week's winners with **175** points!

St Bernadette – 169

St Francis – 175

St Paul – 168

St Theresa – 155

St Thomas More – 175

St Anne Line – 142

Reading Champions: On Monday the Reading Champions visited our local library to learn about the Winter Reading Challenge and what the library has to offer. They spent some time exploring the books available and reading in the wonderful space. They left book reviews for other children to read of some of their favourite books. They were even able to take out some books to take home. They were able to share what they found out with the whole school in assembly.

Sports Activity Day: On Wednesday Sports Cool came in to teach the children new sports they maybe haven't tried before. Reception did mini Olympics, Years 1 & 2 did ultimate frisbee and Years 3-6 tried fencing.

"It was brilliant! We loved it because you got to try fencing with the foil. We also played rock, paper scissors shoot." - Year 3.

"We want them to come back so we can try it again." - Year 6.

Children in Need: Well done and Thank You for all your donations for last Friday's Spotacular Day for Children in Need. We raised £217.83.

Nursery story session: Nursery parents are invited to our Autumn Story Session on **Tuesday 29th November at 9am.**

Advent Service: On **Monday 28th November at 10am** we have our Advent Service.

Parents are welcome to join us as we start this important season together. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be served afterwards to get us all in the spirit of Christmas.

Travelling Crib: We are pleased to be able to invite you again to take our nativity crib into your home for one night. As a family, you can unpack the box and set up the crib scene. There will be a candle, song, prayer and a book of the Nativity story, which can be read to the children, telling the Christmas story. The children can also draw a picture or write a prayer inspired by the night your family had the travelling crib (these may be displayed in our school too). The crib scene will then need to be carefully packed away and taken back to the school office the next day so that it can visit another family's house. If you would like to take part, please email the School Office and your name will be added to the list.

CAFOD School Volunteer Recruitment: CAFOD reaches out to Catholic schools through volunteers who deliver assemblies and workshops using the excellent resources produced by CAFOD's Education group. Would you, or someone you know, be interested in joining the team? We provide training and termly refresher sessions, arrange for you to have a DBS check and pay your travel expenses. The role is especially suitable for someone looking to return to work after a career break, thinking about a career in education or recently retired and looking for a volunteering opportunity where they can make a difference. For more information contact Marcela Keech at mkeech@cafod.org.uk or Jane Crone jcrone@cafod.org.uk 07779 804252.

Is my child too ill for school? Please find attached poster and [NHS website guidance](#). In regards to temperatures the NHS advise "if your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away" With a high temperature being given as 38c or more.

Panto 1st December: We would like to arrange Hurricane Productions to perform "Dick Whittington" as special treat for the children this

Christmas. Suggested voluntary contribution of £3 is available on your child's Arbor account.

Should there not be sufficient contributions we may not be able to go ahead.

PTA: Thank you for all your toy donations, we are no longer accepting these.

Any donations for the Christmas hamper can now be brought in. We will also be sending out information about a school film night we have planned.

Reception School Admissions: Applications for Reception 2023 school places have opened and must be completed by **15th 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.**

Dinner Menu: Our School Dinner Menu can be located [here](#). W/C 28th November is week 2.

Upcoming Dates:

Monday 28th Nov: Advent Service 10am (Parents Welcome)

Tuesday 29th Nov: Nursery Autumn Story Session 9am

Tuesday 29th Nov: Flu immunisations for Reception-Year 6.

Tuesday 29th Nov: Year 1 prayer service. 2.45. (Parents Welcome)

Thursday 1st Dec: Panto for Reception-Year 6.

Friday 2nd Dec: PTA Toy Sale 3.15pm

Tuesday 6th December: KS2 Reconciliation Service.

Wednesday 7th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day.

Monday 12th Dec: Y3-Y6 Carol Service 9.15am.

Tuesday 13th Dec: Y1 & Y2 Christmas Nativity 2pm.

Thursday 15th Dec: Nursery & Reception Nativity 9.15am.

Thursday 15th Dec: PTA film night – More details to follow.

Thursday 15th Dec: Y2 Theatre Trip

Tuesday 20th Dec: Last Day of term 1pm Finish

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



Through God's love we learn together, grow together and achieve together.

