



Happy New Year. I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas time with family and friends.

In our Gospel Assembly this week we remembered Epiphany, the feast of the Three Kings, which was celebrated last week. We reflected on how the Three Kings would have felt following the star and knowing it would lead them to something special, something that would fulfil all their dreams. As we start our new PSHE topic of Dreams and Goals, we too will be thinking about our own journeys to search for what makes us happy and know that God is with us on our way to guide us to fulfil our dreams. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Being God's children began on the day of our Baptism, which immersed us in Christ and we became beloved children of the Father" **Pope Francis**

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception- Francesca

Year 1 – Pola Year 2 – Adanna

Year 3 – Alfie Year 4 – Elis

Year 5 – John-Isaac Year 6 – John John



House Points: Well done to **St Anne Line** this week's winners with **130** points!

St Bernadette – 120

St Francis – 127

St Paul – 116

St Theresa – 112

St Thomas More – 126

St Anne Line – 130

Aspirations Week 30th January: Do look out for our special letter about Aspirations week that came out on Thursday. We would really like to hear from you.

Carol Singing: On the last week of term some of our brilliant key stage children visited the Abbot care Home and the Wellbeing Hub across the road to bring some Christmas cheer with some wonderful carol singing. The residents were so impressed with them, and we received lots of lovely smiles and good wishes. Well done children for caring for others in the community.

Contact Information: If you change address or phone number, it is essential that you inform the school immediately so that we are able to update our records. It is very important that we are able to contact you in case of any emergencies.

Clubs: Clubs will resume next Tuesday for children in Key Stage Two. Parents will be informed of the club allocated on Monday 16th January.

RE Newsletter: As a Catholic school our RE curriculum is distinctive. Please see attached the RE newsletter for the whole of this term. This covers the topic areas, feast days and ways of supporting your child with the Religious development and understanding at home.

PTA Film Night: Thank you to the PTA for a wonderful film night on Thursday. The children enjoyed Encanto and we raised lots of money for our school.

First Holy Communion: Please pray for our children who are on their first holy communion programme at this time. We will be keeping them in our prayers as they learn and grow closer to God preparing for this sacrament. (See picture above)

The Big Garden Birdwatch: "Be wowed by your local wildlife. Big Garden Birdwatch is for everyone, whether you're a complete beginner or a birding expert. Simply count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park for one hour between 16th and 29th January 2023." Our school is entered and you are all invited to take part. Students will be bringing forms home next week to assist with counting. For help identifying a bird you can use the following link

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/identify-a-bird/>

Please return forms during the first week of February.

Harlow Library Homework Club: A new Free Family Homework Club has launched

in Harlow Town Library with the next session being 15:30-17:15 on Wednesday 18th January. It is a bookable service that will support you and your child with homework based on the curriculum for their age. You will then sit and have food together. Please see [here](#) for more information and booking.

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](#). Week commencing 16th January is week 2. Please note there will be a switch in the menu next week between Tuesday and Thursday.

Tuesday will now be

Mild Beef Chilli Con Carne/Veg & Lentil Con Carne

Thursday will now be

Pepperoni Pizza / Cheese & Tomato Pizza

We do wish to encourage the students to 'Have a try' with school dinners, which are freshly prepared by our wonderful cooks Mrs Fullen and Mrs Platt.

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday 17th Jan: Year 6 Parents Virtual Sat's Meeting 5pm

Thursday 19th Jan: Year 3 Class Trip

Thursday 2th Feb: Aspiration week dress up day.

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

