



**Issue 19 – 15th February 2019**

**Thought of the Week — Encouragement**  
“If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely.” - *Roald Dahl*



**Half Term**

We hope you all have a wonderful Half Term and look forward to seeing the children back to school on Monday 25th February energised and ready to learn.



**Coffee Morning**  
Our next coffee morning will be held on Friday 8th March 2019 at 9.00am with a focus on how we teach Maths in school. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing many of you there.



**Family Phonics Course**  
A big thank you and congratulations to all the parents who attended the Family Phonics course over the past five weeks. The course aimed to give parents an understanding of how phonics is taught in school and games and activities to play with your children at home. The children especially enjoyed sharing the games that their parents had made.



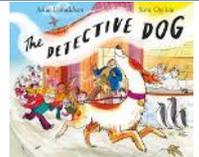
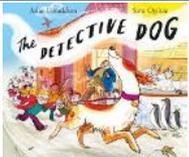
**Zoo 4 You**  
This week the children met Zoo 4 You which brought along a curious collection of animals from a snake and a gecko to a rabbit called Harvey Hairy Bottom. Highlight of the morning was watching Mr Wix making friends with a parrot who mistook his red sweatshirt for a female parrot.

**Year 3 Class Assembly**  
On Friday 15th February, Year 3 celebrated their learning from this year in a class assembly. This included their topics on the Victorian Era and Dinosaurs. Year 3 put on a fantastic show and wowed the audience with their amazing knowledge and interesting facts. Well done.

**Reception Chicks**  
On Monday 4th February the Reception class were very 'eggcited' to welcome some new arrivals. These were eggs that the children had the opportunity to watch as they hatched into chicks. The children have had a fantastic time looking after their feathery friends and have done lots of work all about them.



**Reading Recommendation KS1**  
Mrs Sturt recommends  
'The Detective Dog' By Julia Donaldson





### Year 4 & 5 Golf

On Friday 15th February, there was a Golf tournament for Yr4 and Yr5. We had 8 courses which we had 5 minutes on and we also had a chart to show our points. It wasn't about how high points were, the lower the points the better, altogether our team got one hundred and eighty five points. Ava and Margaux got 45 points each, JJ got 46 points and Keannan got 49 points. All schools did exceptionally well and we got certificates. We represented St Luke's quite well and our team tried their hardest.

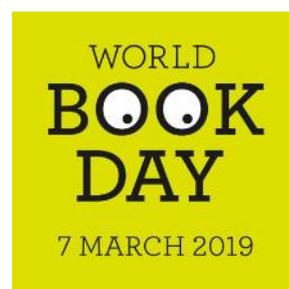
*By Ava, Margaux, JJ and Keannan*

### Parking

It is unacceptable that we must remind a minority of parents again to be respectful when parking. Double parking, parking on double yellow lines, parking across driveways, in others' parking spaces and on the grass is unfair. May I also add dropping children off outside the school is illegal. Please can I encourage you to park a little further away and enjoy the short walk to our school. Please park respectfully. Thank-you.

### World Book Day

After the half term break we will be starting our World Book Day celebrations. We will be using the month of March to host a range of book related events and activities! Keep your eyes peeled on the reading section of our website for updates and photos. On the 1st March St Luke's will be launching a 'readathon' where children will choose an amount of books they think they can read during March and then they ask people to sponsor them; all money raised will be spent on our school library. A 'book in a box' competition will also take place (letters will go out on 15th February 2019) and the closing date for this will be March 4th. On the 7<sup>th</sup> March (World Book Day) there will be an opportunity for children to dress up as their favourite character, as well as this there will be a book themed lunch. We are also very lucky to have the Young Shakespeare Company coming in during this month, more details will follow as we receive them. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask Miss Fisher.



### St Luke's & Holy Cross Youth Group

There is a youth group for Year 4 and above which meets on the last Friday of the month in Holy Cross Parish Hall. **The next meeting is on 15th February 2019 at 6.30-7.45pm, the cost is £1.00 per child.** This is a great opportunity for the children to socialise with friends and make new friends, play table tennis, pool, games and activities.

### Drop in Speech and Language Clinics

The speech therapy team are holding drop in clinics for parents of pre-school aged children, who are concerned about their speech. The clinics will be held at First Floor Nuffield House Surgery The Stow Harlow CM20 3AU. Sessions will be held on Wednesday mornings between 9.15-11.00 am on the following dates  
6th March, 27th March and 17th April.

### Bug Busting

Please make a special point of checking your children's hair – and the rest of the family – for any signs of head lice. If an infestation is found, it should be treated accordingly to current advice from your pharmacy or health visitor. Being vigilant and treating as soon as they are spotted is the only way to eradicate this annoying bug!



## Pupil of the Week—

### Friday 15th February 2019

Well done to the following children who received certificates this week.



## House Points

St Thomas More	-	84
St Paul	-	121
St Therese	-	114
St Francis	-	124
St Bernadette	-	117
St Anne Line	-	126

Well done to St Anne Line who win this week with 126 points!

## Menu from Monday 25th February to Monday 4th March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Monday
Pasta Bar with a selection of toppings, (Creamy Cheese & Ham, Bolognese or Tomato & Vegetable) served with mixed salad & herb bread	Southern Style Breaded Chicken with Braised Vegetable Rice (skinless b/less thigh)	Roast Topside of Beef & Yorkshire Pudding served with Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower Florets, Carrots & Gravy	Baked Ashlyns Sausage Crushed New Potatoes & Baked Beans	Battered Fillet of Cod served with Oven Chips & Garden Peas	Pepperoni Pizza served with Coleslaw & mixed bean salad
Pasta Bar with a selection of toppings, (Creamy Cheese & Ham, Bolognese or Tomato & Vegetable) served with mixed salad & herb bread	Southern Style Breaded Quorn Strips with Braised Vegetable Rice	Lentil & Vegetable Loaf & Yorkshire Pudding served with Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower Florets, Carrots & Gravy	Baked Quorn Sausage Crushed New Potatoes & Baked Beans	Courgette & Tomato Wholemeal Quiche with Oven Chips & Garden Peas	Margarita Pizza served with Coleslaw & mixed bean salad

## Calendar Dates

February	March	April
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Half Term	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> —Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Play (2.15pm)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Children return to school.	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> – World Book Day	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> —KS2 Reconciliation Service 9.15am
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> — Yr1 Church Visit	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> —Coffee Morning	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> - Children break up for Easter 1pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> —Y4 Class Mass 9.15am	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> —Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Easter Break
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Class Photo's	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Bank Holiday
	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening (Early)	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Children return to school
	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> —Y3 Class Mass 9.15am	
	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Parents Evening (Late)	
	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> —Year 2 Class Assembly	
	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> —Year 6 Crucial Crew	
	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> —Y1/Y2 Room on Broom	
	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> —Year 1 Class Assembly	

**Please note that latest updates are displayed in bold print**



# St. Luke's Catholic Academy



**SUPER STAR SPORT** Monday 18th - Friday 22nd  
**FEBRUARY SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP**

**HILT**  
 Harlow Leisure Zone  
 Additional Learning

Britain's Got Talent Competition, Soft Archery, Olympic Games, Multi-Sports, Dodgeball & MORE

Boys & Girls Welcome, All Children Get Medals & Prizes, Fun Games For All Ages

**Scopay**  
 www.scopay.com  
 A. 8am - 3pm is £24  
 B. 8am - 4pm is £28  
 C. 8am - 5pm is £32  
 D. 9am - 3pm is £20  
 E. 9am - 4pm is £24  
 F. 9am - 5pm is £28

**Henry Moore Primary School**  
 Kiln Ln, Harlow CM17 9LW

**Ages 4-12 Years**

If your child does not attend a HILT school, please call 01279 427 465 or email kerry.barrow@henrymoore.essex.sch.uk

We accept Childcare Vouchers  
 Children who attend a HILT school can book and pay via scopay

Please wear suitable clothing & footwear  
 Please bring a packed lunch & plenty of water.  
 No nut policy.

**DBS CHECKED**

**February Half Term 2019 Kids Activity Programme**

**Exciting and fun activities for Tot's to 13 years**

**www.harlowleisurezone.co.uk**  
 Harlow Leisurezone, Second Avenue, Harlow, Essex, CM20 3DT  
 Tel: 01279 621500 Info@harlowleisurezone.co.uk

**MINI SHOOTERS FEBRUARY HALF TERM FOOTBALL FUN CAMP**

MONDAY 18th - FRIDAY 22nd FEB 2019  
 10am - 3pm (9am drop off for busy parents)

**£20 per day £60 for the week**  
 CERTIFICATES FOR ALL THE CHILDREN AND PRIZES TO BE WON

AGES 5 - 11 YEAR OLDS  
 (CURRENT SCHOOL YEARS: RECEPTION - YEAR 6)

**TO BOOK YOUR SON / DAUGHTER**  
 TEL: 07469717386 | EMAIL: info@mini-shooters.club  
 (ALL COACHES ARE FA QUALIFIED AND DBS CHECKED)

SHOOTERS - RAYLEY LANE, NORTH WEALD, ESSEX, CM16 6AR

## Jolly Pods



Jolly Pods will be running at St Alban's Catholic Academy through the February Half Term.  
 This is from 18th February to 22nd February, 8am—6pm.  
<https://www.jollypods.co.uk/>



**Escape more often**

Simply spending time outdoors improves your wellbeing. At Essex Country Parks there is plenty of space for the children to just run around, and plenty to explore.

Retreat to the garden and 17th century barns at Cressing Temple, build sandcastles and enjoy the new play area at Cudmore Grove, discover the Gruffalo at Thorndon Country Park or rise above it all with Sky Ropes at Great Notley.

**The choice is yours. Escape to Essex Country Parks.**

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**Fantastical Creatures!**

Great Parndon Library  
 Wednesday 20 February  
 10am-12Noon

Join in with crafts and other activities to help find fantasy creatures hidden around the library.

For further information contact Essex Libraries on 0345 603 7628 or visit libraries.essex.gov.uk/events

Essex County Council

**Wednesday 20th February 11am - 1:30pm**  
 (drop in session)

**THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR™**

At Harlow Town Park Learning Centre (near Pet's Corner café)  
 CM20 2QB

**Family Fun Day**

Craft, quiz and Messy Play based on the story of

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar**

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE

For more information contact Mona - 07772582882

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