

4th October 2019

Thought of the Week

Pope Francis: "Grandparents are the treasure in the family".

Happy Birthday to Fr Bernard who celebrated his 70th Birthday with us on Tuesday. It was lovely that Fr Bernard happened to be visiting us on such a special birthday. The children prepared a fabulous card for him and sang Happy Birthday beautifully.



Year 2 enjoyed their Karate taster session with Mr Bessent on Monday.

On Tuesday for St Theresa's feast day Mr Wix and the Hula Hoop Competition! Well done we raised: £10 for the 'The Little Way Association'. Thank you.

Winners: KS1: Y1 Sophia, Alexandra, Frank
Y2: Shalom, Olivia, Meadow, Olivia
Lower KS2: Olaf
Upper KS2: Chloe, Jessica, Simon, Andrew, Jaleesa



Year 3 had a great trip to the library, learning more about dinosaurs.

Parents Evenings 22nd & 24th October 2019

Appointments are available to book on Arbor. There is a choice of an early session on Tuesday 22nd October 2019 with appointments from 3.30pm - 6.00pm or alternatively a late session on Thursday 24th October 2019 with appointments from 5pm - 7.30pm.

Please note that appointment times are provided on a first come first served basis and bookings will close at 12 o'clock on Friday 18th October 2019.

Once logged into your child's Arbor account you will see the option for Guardian Consultations on the main page of each child profile, with the early and late session options. To book your appointment please select either the early or late session and complete the details as requested. A confirmation email will then automatically be sent confirming your appointment.

On both evenings our Inclusion leader (Mrs Bell) will be available for you to speak with if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. She is able to support you in supporting your child's learning either in, or out of school. She will be happy to discuss any issues your child may have especially if they have any barrier to their learning. Mrs Bell is a wealth of information and an expert in children's learning. Please do come and speak with her.

If you have any difficulties completing this, please contact the school office.

Harvest Festival

Thank you for your Harvest Festival donations, representatives of the Mini Vinnie group will take the items to the Harlow Foodbank to support our local community.



Online Safety Talk

On Wednesday we welcomed the Two Johns Online safety training to our school. They delivered essential workshops to all the children in Key stage two and then for our parents in the evening. Thank you to all those who came– I know you all found it incredibly informative. If you want to keep update then do have a look at their website: <https://www.esafetytraining.org/> where you will find a wealth of resources or follow them on Twitter @Johnsthe2 or on Facebook: EST E safety training.

First Holy Communion Programme

Parents of children in year 3 and above who would like their child to make their First Holy Communion, please see Mrs Bell for an enrolment form which must be returned to school by Friday 8th November. The enrolment evening is Friday 15th November at 6.30pm in Holy Cross Parish Hall. Please bring £15 for the course book and to cover the cost of the programme. If your child wasn't baptised in St Luke's or Holy Cross Parish you will need to bring your child's baptism certificate.

The First Communion Masses will be on Saturday 9th and Saturday 16th May at Holy Cross Church.

Coffee Mornings 11 October & 15th November, 9am

We will be hosting two more Coffee Mornings:

Friday 11th October where we will be looking at 'How to help your child learn to read'.

Friday 15th November to look at 'How you can help in early maths'.

These will be for parents to come and enjoy, meet other parents and learn some helpful tips.

We hope to see you there!

Flu Consent Form

Your child has been given a Flu consent Form together with an information leaflet regarding protecting your child against flu.

The vaccinations will take place in school for Reception to Year 6 children on Tuesday 22nd October 2019. Please complete the form (even if you do not wish your child to be vaccinated) and return to the School by Thursday 17th October. Thank you

Donations gratefully received

We are always grateful for the **donations of uniform, toys and books** that we receive here at school. If at any time during the school year you are able to donate any items, we would be delighted to receive them.

As a particular focus over the next week we would be very grateful for any '**cause and effect**' toys e.g. push a button and something happens. Though we are happy to receive these or other items at any time. Thank you.

Reminder: Year 6 Parents Secondary Applications

Parents of all year 6 pupils, please be advised that the deadline for secondary school **applications is 31st October 2019**. It is **essential that your online application is completed before this date**.

Please note that for St. Mark's secondary school there is a gold form in the prospectus to complete in addition. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Building Works

You may have noticed exciting developments on our school field. We are having a multi purpose built. The children have really enjoyed watching the men busy at their work already.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Well done to everyone for bringing in cakes and the mini-vinnies for organising- we had a fabulous collection. Thank you for your generosity. **We raised £343!**



The Rosary

October is the month of the rosary. During this time teachers will be sharing the rosary in class and our newly established Chaplaincy team will be leading a prayer group on Tuesday and Thursdays in order to share the rosary together. Do bring in your rosaries to share with your class.

We extend our condolences to Mr Shelley, please keep him and his family in your prayers as his father passed away on Monday.

VACANCIES

The Trustees of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Multi Academy Trust wish to appoint for the following vacancies:

Position	Closing Date	Interview Date
Caretaker	Tuesday 8 th October - Midnight	Thursday 17 th October 2019
SEN Learning Support Assistant	Tuesday 8 th October – Midnight	Thursday 17 th October 2019

For further details please visit www.ourladyoffatimatrust.essex.sch.uk or alternatively call Mrs Irene Nelson, H.R. Manager on 01279 425383.

Pupil of the Week

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



House Points

St Therese	-	142
St Francis	-	169
St Paul	-	130
St Anne Line	-	172
St Bernadette	-	141
St Thomas More	-	138

Well done to St Anne Line who won this week with 172 points!

Menu from Monday 7th October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sticky Chicken Thigh served with Wholemeal Rice & Peas	Cheese & Bacon Whirl served with New Potatoes & Green Beans	Roast Topside of Beef served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Ashlyns Beef Burger in a Bun served with Pasta Salad	MSC Cod Fish Fingers served with Oven Chips, Pasta Hoops or Baked Beans
Wholemeal Roasted Vegetable & Chickpea Paella served with Peas	Cheese & Potato Whirl served with New Potatoes & Green Beans	Covent Garden Quiche served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Meat Free Burger in a Bun served with Pasta Salad	Cheese & Pepper Wrap Stack served with Oven Chips, Pasta Hoops or Baked Beans

Calendar Dates

October

Monday 7th – Friday 11th - Year 6 PGL Residential visit
 Friday 11th Coffee morning – How to help your child learn to read.

Friday 18th St Luke's Day—Please join us for Mass at 9.15am

Tuesday 22nd – Parents Evening (Early)

Thursday 24th – Parents Evening (Late)

Friday 25th School closed to children

Monday 28th – Friday 1st - Half Term

November

Monday 4th—Children return to school
 Friday 15th Children In Need
 Friday 22nd School Closed to children

December

Thursday 12th—Brentwood Choir Concert
 Tuesday 17th Y1&2 Christmas Production, 2.15pm
 Thursday 19th EYFS Nativity 9.15am St Luke's
 Friday 20th Children break up for Christmas -finish at 1pm

The Book Peoples Big Book Boost <https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost/schools>

The Book people will donate £1 to our School on books every time someone places an online order—so please help support the school. Thank you.

Free
Admission

Sunday 3 November 2019

The Showground, Harlow Town Park

Bonfire & Fireworks Night

A great night out for the whole family!

Bonfire 6.45pm • Fireworks 7pm

Harlow Playhouse Stage 6pm-7pm

Hosted by Fanny Galore

featuring:

- Livewire • Hip Hop Pop •
- Panto cast - Jack and The Beanstalk • live DJ •

Food and refreshment village

Fifth Avenue will close at 5.15pm and re-open at 8.30pm.

Free parking is available at the Post Office car park from 5.30pm to 8.30pm.

No parking at the Pearson's site due to redevelopment.

Limited on-site parking is available for Blue Badge holders arriving before 6.15pm.

These vehicles will not be allowed off the site until the event has finished.



Would you like to learn the basics of coding?



Swift Playgrounds is a fun app that makes learning Swift interactive and fun and it requires no coding knowledge! Solve puzzles to master the basics using Swift - then take on a series of challenges and step up to more advanced playgrounds.



Harlow College are offering a **NEW** coding club for school students in Years 5 -11 to learn the basics of Swift Code!

We have 4 after school sessions running on:

- **Monday 7th October 4-5pm**
- **Tuesday 8th October 4-5pm**
- **Monday 14th October 4-5pm**
- **Wednesday 16th October 4-5pm**

Spaces will fill up quickly so prior booking is essential.

Book your space today!

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Contact Kelly Herbert to find out more:
• kherbert@harlow-college.ac.uk

Admissions Team: 01279 868100

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Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



DONATE MONEY

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

Long Life Milk
Long Life Fruit Juice
Sugar
Tinned Meats
Instant Mashed Potato
Rice Pudding
Squashes
Coffee
Sponge Puddings
Tinned Fruit

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