



St. Luke's Catholic Academy

27th September 2019

Thought of the Week

Pope Francis: "May we always say thank you to God, especially for his patience and mercy."

Mike Mullen

We had Mike Mullen visit the school on Tuesday and talk to the children about growth mindset and determination. Mike shared some of his inspirational role models and then explained how they had resilience despite set backs.



As you can see he then showed us some of his tricks.

Some of the children even got to take part in some tricks. In the afternoon year 5 and 6 had a try at riding the bikes and realising anything is possible if you have a growth mindset. Thanks Mike a brilliant message for us to know.

Chaplaincy Team: 'Thought for the Week'

Following applications and interviews our Chaplaincy Team for 19-20 have had their first meeting. Having allocated roles they have been busy with their first task:- "Thought for the week". Every class in St Luke's will have a thought for the week posted in their class this helps us reflect on the kind of people we wish to be.

Thank you to all the children who applied- you were all very eloquent and passionate about living out our mission

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

Congratulations to:

Nissi, Samantha, Tez, Chloe, Simona, Jessica, JJ, Chloe, Johnny



Individual School Photos

The school Photographer will be in school on Monday 30th September to take photographs of the children individually and with siblings. If you would like to have family photographs with siblings who do not attend the school, you are invited to do so at 8.30am in the School Hall.

Celebration of Feast Days

This Tuesday it is the Feast Day of St Theresa. Pupils of this House have decided to hold a hula hoop challenge on this day during lunch. There will be three prizes for the most hula spins. See Mr Wix in the playground to take part—20p donation to enter with funds raised going to 'The Little Way Association'.

On Friday 4th October it is the Feast Day of St Francis. Pupils of this House will be holding a colouring competition. House representatives have been giving out colouring sheets - 50p picture. Please send all entries back into class by Friday 4th October. Funds raised will go to Greenpeace in response to Pope Francis' message sent at the end of August for pray and work to protect the worlds seas and oceans.

Attendance for 2018/2019

We expect children's attendance to be above **97%** for the academic year and need your support to ensure we hit this important mark.



Why is good attendance and punctuality important?

Education lays the vital foundations of a child's life. Regular and punctual attendance at school is key to both academic and social development, which in turn will improve the life chances of children and young people.

What does 90% attendance mean?

- 90% attendance = ½ school day missed every week!
- One school year at 90% attendance = 4 weeks of learning missed!
- Over 5 school years of school = ½ school year missed!
- All children and young people nationally whose school attendance is 90% or below are considered to be persistent absentees.

Family holidays and term time leave

Parents/carers should ensure that family holidays and any term time leave are arranged outside of school term time. Holidays during term time will not be authorised.

Parents/carers should not remove their child from school during term time without having first requested a leave of absence in writing from the Head of School.

All requests for authorised absence will be responded to in writing and will only be authorised in the most extreme circumstances. If permission is not granted, but the child is still absent, the absence is classed as unauthorised and parents/carers may be issued with a penalty notice.

Online Safety

Wednesday 2nd October 7pm – 8.30pm

We are pleased to invite you to an information meeting on the very important and urgent subject of online safety. We have "The 2 Johns" hosting the evening. The 2 Johns are both qualified Police Trainers and provide training across hundreds of schools.

They are both CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) Ambassador trainers and are qualified to deliver Think You Know (TUK) training courses. They have trained every Youth Officer within Essex Police and qualified them to run online safety assemblies in schools throughout Essex.

We are very lucky to have secured their time. I strongly recommend that you attend, irrespective of the age of your child. It is essential that you, parents, grandparents and friends, know the dangers that are online. Please do invite neighbours and friends. The more people who attend the more children we can keep safe.

School Census Dinner

On Thursday 3rd October it is the Autumn School Census day, where funding is allocated to the school for all Free School and Universal Infant Free Meals taken.

We will be holding a Promotion Party on this day and look forward to seeing lots of orders for school dinners. Remember, school meals are delicious and nutritious, please encourage your child to try a meal.

Promotion Party

Our most popular dinner will be available on

Thursday 3rd October

All Day Breakfast & White chocolate muffin

Made by our wonderful cooks, Mrs Fullen and

Mrs Platt, our dinners are sourced by Ashlyn's Farm



Harvest Festival 4th October

On Friday 4th October the pupils will be celebrating the Harvest Festival in assembly. We welcome any donations of items listed below, which may be brought to your child's class during the next week. Following the assembly, representatives of the Mini Vinnie group will take the items to the Harlow Foodbank to support our local community.

Urgent items needed by the foodbank are: Long life juice, tinned vegetables, tinned meat, tinned fruit, coffee, hot chocolate, sugar, biscuits, tea.

Please try to get the longest 'use by' date as possible.



**HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK
WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST**

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.



Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

Thank you so much to our wonderful Mini-Vinnie group for hosting today's coffee morning to raise money for this worthy charity. It was lovely to see so many of you join us and get to know some of new families. We have so many cakes left that we will sell them on Monday at breaktime for 10p or 20p.

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!

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**.

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	-	94
St Francis	-	124
St Paul	-	87
St Anne Line	-	100
St Bernadette	-	111
St Thomas More	-	116

Well done to St Francis who won this week with 124 points!

Menu from Monday 30 September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mexican Chicken Wrap served with Brown Rice & Salad	Beef Lasagne served with Mixed Green Salad	Roast Gammon & Yorkshire Pudding served with New Potatoes and Sliced Carrots	All Day Breakfast including Hash Browns	MSC Battered Cod Fillet served with Oven Chips and Minted Peas
Mexican Quorn Wrap served with Brown Rice & Salad	Macaroni Cheese served with Mixed Green Salad	Roasted Vegetable & Lentil Strudel served with New Potatoes and Sliced Carrots	All Day Meat Free Breakfast including Hash Browns	Cheese & Potato Pasty served with Oven Chips and Minted Peas

Calendar Dates

September

Monday 30th – Individual School Photo's

October

Wednesday 2nd 7pm Online Safety Parent Meeting

Monday 7th – Friday 11th - Year 6 PGL Residential visit

Friday 11th Coffee morning – How to help your child learn to read.

October, continued

Friday 18th St Luke's Day

Tuesday 22nd – Parents Evening (Early)

Thursday 24th – Parents Evening (Late)

Friday 25th School closed to children

Monday 28th – Friday 1st - Half Term

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.

Mr Shelley

After 27 years of dedicated service to the children of St Luke's, Mr Shelley has taken the difficult decision to commence his retirement at Christmas. We will of course miss him dearly and know he will continue to be a friend of St Luke's.

We are now advertising for a new caretaker shortly however, for the moment please continue to greet him with the usual love in the mornings.

DONATE FOOD

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

Don't forget...

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Get together | Get collecting | Get active

We're collecting Team GB stickers with Aldi's Kit for Schools.

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T&Cs apply.