



St. Luke's Catholic Academy

13th September 2019

Thought of the Week

“The Bible is not just a beautiful book to keep on a shelf. It is the Word of life to be sown”
Pope Francis

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 from the end of this term. We will of course miss him dearly and know he will continue to be a friend of St Luke's.

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

Crossing

Please take care when crossing the road, although there is a pedestrian crossing outside the school, drivers often go too fast therefore if you are able, please use the crossing at the traffic lights.

Please also remember to be considerate to our neighbours and park safely. Thank you.

School Gate

Either Mrs Kendal, Mrs Bell or Mr Kendal, are available at the school gate on most mornings during the week. This is an opportunity for them to greet the children and for parents to ask any questions they may have. These questions may reflect any concerns you may have or reflect anything they can help you with. We welcome your thoughts.

Punctuality

The school gate opens at 8.40am, and doors to the classroom open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. Please ensure that your child arrives on time. Arrival after 8.55am will be recorded as late. If a child arrives late they often disrupt the routine of the class. They may have missed the dinner register or the start of the lesson and can become unsettled and anxious as a result. Unavoidable or occasional lateness is completely understandable but we ask for your co-operation to ensure these are kept to a minimum.

Menu from Monday 16 September

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

Year 6 Parents Secondary Applications

The new secondary school admission round opens on Thursday, 12 September 2019, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2020. The statutory national closing date for applications is **31st October 2019**. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 98% of parents in Essex applied online last year. Please also see the council website for secondary school open event dates

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

Year 6 St Mark's Visit

Year 6 children will be visiting St Mark's on Tuesday 17th September. All parents are invited to meet with Mrs Long between 2.30pm and 3pm on Tuesday 17th September at St Luke's in the school hall. This will give all parents the opportunity to ask any questions you might have about St Mark's School.

Coffee Morning in support of MacMillan Nurses

We invite all new parents to join existing parents for our coffee morning on 27th September at 9am-10am. This is an opportunity to get to know more members of our community and raise funds for MacMillan Nurses. This event is supported by our Mini Vinnie group. Donations of cake on the day would be much appreciated (no nuts please).

Pupil of the Week

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

5th September



13th September



Gymnastics

The Gymnastics club will run on Thursday this term and will be open to Reception, Y1,2 & 3. Please see the booking forms which will be sent home on Monday with details and booking information.

Instrumental Lessons

Piano and Drum lessons will start with Mr Lester next week. Further information will follow on Guitar, Flute, Saxophone and Clarinet. Your child will have either received a letter, or you would have been contacted to notify of a waiting list place.

Change 4 Life Festival

Well done to the children who attend the Change 4 Life Festival today at Church Langley Primary School. They had a great time and participated in all the activities.



Calendar Dates

September

Tuesday 17th Y6 visit to St Mark's
Friday 27th 9-10am Coffee Morning, MacMillan
Monday 30th – Individual School Photo's

October

Wednesday 2nd E-safety Parent Meeting (venue tbc)
Monday 7th – Friday 11th - Year 6 PGL Residential visit
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

House Points

St Therese	-	159
St Francis	-	144
St Paul	-	127
St Anne Line	-	120
St Bernadette	-	105
St Thomas More	-	100

Well done to St Therese who win this week with 159 points!

Head Lice

We have had some cases of head lice in Reception and Year 1. Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary. Thank you.

Clubs

Club choices are now available on Arbor. All choices can be made up until the end of the day on Tuesday 17th September 2019. You will not be able to respond after this time. **Allocation of spaces will be notified by email on Friday 20th September 2019.**

Notice for Parents of Children in Year 3 - Free School Meals

Automatic entitlement to a free school meal finishes at the end of Year 2 and only children from **low income families** are eligible from Year 3. If your household income is less than £16,190 per year, or you receive Income Support or an equivalent benefit, you will need to make an application if you want your child to receive a free school meal. Applications can be made online at www.essex.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or by calling 0345 603 2200.



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