



**8th November 2019**

**Thought of the Week**

Pope Francis: "Carry peace with you to give it to others with your life, with a smile, with works of charity".

**NSPCC**

This week we welcomed the NSPCC to come and talk with the children about their Speak Out and Stay Safe Campaign .

The children learned how to be safe and what to do if they have any worries. Sharon and Trevor introduced us to Buddy the speech bubble mascot who reminded us that speaking out is a good thing. We all learnt an easy way to remember the number for childline: 0800 1111.



**Samaritan's Purse**

Our Chaplaincy team launched this appeal this week. Children are asked to create a Christmas Box for children around the world who do not receive much at Christmas. Shoe boxes are a perfect size for this. The children have been given information about this and further details are

attached here or available in the front reception office. If you require a box there a limited amount available in the front office. The closing date to have the boxes in school is **Friday 15th November**. See the website for more details:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

**Remembrance**

As it is the month of November we will be opening a book of remembrance. The children are invited to write anyone in that has died that they would like us to pray for during this month. We have been selling poppies throughout this week before school and will also do so on Monday. We are having a remembrance service on Monday 11th November at 9.15am. Parents are warmly invited to join us.

**ALDI TEAM GB Stickers**—Please bring your stickers to school by 15th November.

**Children In Need—Non Uniform Day Friday 15th November**

In order to support Children in Need next Friday we will be holding a non-uniform day. Children are invited to make a suggested donation of £1 for this worthy cause.

## Year 6 Class Assembly

Thank you to year 6 for a beautiful and poignant assembly this morning for Remembrance.

We were treated to music and dancing from World War 2 and the children had learnt some remembrance poems.



## Staffing

As you know Mr Shelley is retiring at the end of this term. We are pleased to inform you we have been successful in find his replacement. From 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019, Mr Keith Hampson will work alongside Mr Shelley and will be our fulltime caretaker from the start of the Spring term.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Bell at the end of this term. Mrs Bell is moving on to pastures new and we wish her every happiness and success in her next adventure. Mrs Bell has been with St Luke's since September 1999 and has demonstrated great love and dedication to our community and our children.

We are currently advertising for a Inclusion Leader and will inform you when we recruit.



## Coffee Morning 15th November, 9am

Our next coffee morning will be on Friday 15th November to look at 'How you can help in early maths'.

This will be for parents to come and enjoy, meet other parents and learn some helpful tips. We hope to see you there!

## St Anne Line

We were visited by Mrs Fisher from the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society whom St Anne Line house have chosen as their charity.

Each class will have a Piggy bank collection box and we ask that you donate to their 35th Anniversary Perfectly Purple Piggies.

"In doing so you will not only help us to raise vital funds for the children, young people and families whom we support, but you will also help to increase awareness of our work. We hope this will allow us to reach more families who may need our specialist care.

bccs is an established and reputable children's charity delivering vital mental health and emotional wellbeing services in schools across Essex and East London."



## **Football Tournaments**

Well done to the children who took part in the football tournaments today.



## **Headlice**

Please check your child's hair for headlice as we have had some reported cases.

Please see the NHS advice on how to treat headlice

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

## **School Admissions September 2020**

School Parent Tours for September 2020 admissions will be held on Tuesday 19th November at 9.15am and then every other week (3rd & 17th Dec, 7th Jan).

Please contact the office to book your visit.

School Applications open next week and the deadline is 15th January 2020. Applications must be made online with Essex County Council and also for School with a Supplementary information form.

## **St Luke's PTA Film Night**

Tuesday 26th Nov Film Night- Toy Story 4- 3.15-5pm.

Please see the flyers sent home today.

## **Update on the Year of God Who Speaks**

"The Launch of the Year of the God who Speaks took place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October with Bishop Alan opening the Year. Video of the events of the day, including the talks by Fr Adrian Graffy on the Book of Genesis, can be found on the website [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

The next event will be a study day at Gidea Park led by Fr Nicholas King SJ on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November on the topic 'The Scriptures in Advent'. Full details on the website. Copies of the recently published Revised New Jerusalem Bible, edited by Dom Henry Wansbrough of Ampleforth Abbey, continue to be available at £30 (reduced from £39.99). Please contact the parish office at Gidea Park on 01708 449914. The Bishops' Conference has a very rich website for the Year of the God who Speaks. Go to [www.cbcew.org.uk/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/) and follow the links.

Pope Francis in his recent Motu Proprio has decreed that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (26<sup>th</sup> January in 2020) will be kept as the Sunday of the Word of God. This is an opportunity to underline the importance of prayerful listening to the Word". Fr Adrian Graffy

### Pupil of the Week

Well done to the following children.



### House Points

St Therese	-	112
St Francis	-	76
St Paul	-	103
St Anne Line	-	96
St Bernadette	-	74
St Thomas More	-	118

Well done to St Thomas More who won this week with 118 points!

### Menu Next Week: Also available daily: Jacket Potato & filling, wholemeal bread & salads

Week2	Spaghetti Bolognese with garlic bread or veggie mince bolognese with garlic bread and sweetcorn (V)
Monday:	
Tuesday:	Ashlyns Pork Sausage or Meat free sausage (V) served with mashed potatoes, carrots and baked beans
Wednesday:	Roast topside of beef & Yorkshire pudding or Baked lentil & vegetable loaf (V) served with Roast Potatoes and vegetables
Thursday:	Chicken Tikka Masala or Quorn (V) Tikka Masala served with wholegrain rice, minted cucumber riata, tomato salad & naan bread
Friday:	Battered cod fillet Or Spinach & Cheese Spanakopita (V) served with Oven Chips and Peas

### Calendar Dates

<b>November</b>	<b>December continued</b>
<b>Monday 11th Remembrance Service, 9.15am</b>	Wednesday 11th—Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 14th Year 3 Dinosaur Day	Thursday 12th—Brentwood Choir Concert, Year 5
Friday 15th Children In Need—Non Uniform	Monday 16th— Candlelight Service, 9.30am
Friday 15th—Coffee Morning 9am	Tuesday 17th Y1&2 Christmas Production, 2.15pm
Friday 22nd School Closed to children	Thursday 19th EYFS Nativity 9.15am
Friday 29th—Year 5 Class assembly, 9.15am	Friday 20th Children break up for Christmas - finish at 1pm
<b>December</b>	
Monday 2nd—Advent Assembly 9.15am	
Tuesday 3rd—Pantomime, Jack & the Beanstalk	



# Shoebox Ideas

## SOMETHING FUN

Skipping rope  
Building bricks  
Yo Yo  
Slinky  
Dominoes  
Kaleidoscope  
Spinning top  
Jigsaw puzzle  
Toy binoculars  
Puzzle cube  
Wind-up torch  
Toy car/train/truck  
Animal figures  
Musical instruments:  
-Kazoo  
-Bells  
-Harmonica  
-Bells  
-Mini Maracas  
-Recorder  
-Castanets  
-Whistle

## SOMETHING TO LOVE

Cuddly toy  
Rag Doll  
Barbie Doll  
Wooden/plastic play people  
Hand puppet  
Finger puppets  
Wind-up toy  
Small ball (Tennis, Rugby, Bouncy)  
Inflatable beach ball  
Deflated football & pump  
Finger skate-board

## SOMETHING CREATIVE

Chalk  
Crayons  
Colouring book  
Drawing pad  
Stickers  
Magnetic drawing board  
Mini Etch A Sketch  
Mini Stampers (pre inked)  
Click together model  
Play-Doh  
Glider kit (non military)  
Bead kit (age appropriate)  
Small sealed sewing kit (10-14)  
Mini scraper foil kit (10-14)  
Watercolour paint set (solid)  
Stencils  
Mini Spirograph

## SOMETHING TO KEEP CLEAN WITH

Toothbrush  
Soap  
Flannel  
Washmitt  
Sponge  
Hairbrush  
Comb  
Push up deodorant stick (not liquid or aerosol)  
Chapstick  
Emery board  
Nail clippers  
Compact mirror

## ITEMS TO AVOID

War related items e.g. toy guns and soldiers, knives, camouflage items etc.  
Religious items or literature  
Sweets, chocolate or other food items  
Toothpaste  
Hand made toys with stuffing  
Glass items that could break  
Liquids  
Aerosols  
Sharp objects  
Medicines  
Books with many words  
Unwrapped scented items  
Clothing other than that stated  
4 suit playing cards

## SOMETHING TO PUT ON

Hat  
Gloves  
Mittens  
Scarf  
Fashion scarf  
Cap  
Head bands  
Ribbon  
Hair clips  
Bracelet  
Necklace  
Small handbag  
Sunglasses  
Draw string bag  
Dress up items - animal ears, crowns etc

## SOMETHING TO LEARN WITH

Writing pens  
Writing pencils  
Sharpener  
Eraser  
Solar Calculator  
Geometry Set (10-14)  
Ruler  
Exercise book  
Notebook  
Highlighters  
Colouring pencils  
Felt tip pens  
Pencil case  
Safety scissors  
Glue stick  
Picture books (2-4)  
Dry wipe white-board and pens  
Mini board-games  
Water bottle

## SOMETHING HOMEMADE

Hand made toys knitted, sewn or crocheted bags  
pencil cases, hand puppets etc

*Please note we cannot accept any hand made items containing stuffing*

Felt play board  
Wooden toys  
Home made card or letter with a photo

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