



6th December 2019

**Thought of the Week**  
Pope Francis: "Dear Young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!"

**Advent Service & Y6 Decorating the Tree**

On Monday we had a beautiful assembly lead by year 6 who decorated our tree whilst sharing the meaning of each of the decorations. It looked back to the story of creation in Genesis and also told the story of Mary, Joseph and Jesus fleeing from Herod. Thank you so much to the parents who joined us and made such a prayerful experience.



**Science Workshop**

On Wednesday several of children had the opportunity to take part in a Science workshop.

Learning about lenses and colours the children had the chance to wear some rather different eye wear!!!



On Tuesday we watched a magical and witty Panto of Jack and the Beanstalk to get us all into the Christmas spirit. The children really enjoyed the show and were very keen to take part.....Oh no they didn't!!!



### Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

On Wednesday 11th December will be having our Christmas Lunch. Please see options below (there is no Jacket Potato option that day).

Children can order lunch on the day.

On this day the Children are also invited to wear a Christmas jumper with their own clothes.



### St Luke's Primary School Christmas Dinner Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**Roast Turkey and Chipolata Sausage  
Or Quorn fillet (V)**

served with Sage & Onion Stuffing and Gravy,  
Roast Potatoes, Mixed veg,  
Yorkshire pudding and Brussels Sprouts.  
& Christmas Ice Cream Tub Or Fruit cocktail  
Christmas Lunch can be ordered on the day.



### The Travelling Crib

You are invited to take our nativity crib into your home for one night.

As a family, you can unpack the box and set up the crib scene.

There will be a candle and a book of the Nativity story, which can be read to the children, telling the Christmas story. The children, their parents and other family members may wish to sing a simple song and say a prayer, which will also be included in the box. The children can also draw a picture or write a prayer inspired by the night your family had the travelling crib. (These may be displayed in school too). The following day the crib scene will be carefully packed away and taken back to the school office so that it can visit another family's house.

If you would like to take part, please complete the form sent home and your name will be added to the list. This has proved very popular in previous years so we now have two travelling cribs!



**Kurling Festival** Well done to our Year 4 and Year 6 children who took part in the Kurling festival today.

They all really enjoyed the event and Year 6 came 1st! Well Done!



### **EYFS Craft Afternoon, Tuesday 10th December 2-3.15pm**

Reception and Nursery classes will be having a craft afternoon on Tuesday 10th December at 2-3.15pm.

Nursery and Reception parents are invited to attend and help us make some Christmas crafts.



### **Nativity Costumes**

We would be grateful for any nativity costumes that your children have outgrown or no longer use. Thank you.

### **Reminder: Super Hero Day 20th December**

As you know Mr Shelley will be leaving us at the end of this term. To celebrate his many super hero qualities we would like to dedicate our last day to super heroes. All children are asked to come into school dressed as their favourite super hero. We will look forward to making many memories for him on this day, so start thinking about what your costume may be!

## **Christmas Dates**

Wednesday 11th December — Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 12th December — Brentwood Choir Concert, Year 5

Monday 16th December — Candlelight Service, 9.30am

Tuesday 17th December — Y1&2 Christmas Production, 2.15pm

Thursday 19th December — EYFS Nativity 9.15am

Friday 20th December — Superhero Day & Children break up for Christmas - finish at 1pm

## St Luke's PTA

### School Disco Friday 13th December 3.15-4.45pm

See the permission slips sent home with your child. These must be returned to school by Wednesday 11th December with payment of £3.50 per child. This includes unlimited drinks.

Sweets & crisps will be available to buy. Children are welcome to bring a change of clothes for the end of the day.



### Christmas RAFFLE

To raise money for the school we will be having a raffle, which will take place on Monday 16th December. Tickets are £1 each.

Prizes include a brand new BMX bike, hampers and more prizes.

An envelope with Tickets will be sent home with your child today.

Should you like to take part please write your name on the back of each ticket, (keeping the copy) and return in the envelope provided with £1 per ticket to the school with 'Raffle' and your name on the envelope.



## School Admissions September 2020

School Parent Tours for September 2020 admissions will be held on Tuesday 17th December and 7th January at 9.15am. 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.

## Christmas Services at The Assumption of Our Lady Old Harlow

**22nd December:** Sung Mass 10am  
Carol Service 4pm (Followed by Mince Pies and mulled wine)  
Mass 6pm

**24th December:** First Mass of Christmas 8pm

**25th December:** Christmas Day: Mass 9am & 11am

**29th December:** Mass at 10am & 6pm as usual  
*Feast of the Holy Family*

### Pupil of the Week



### House Points

St Therese	-	191
St Francis	-	142
St Paul	-	158
St Anne Line	-	184
St Bernadette	-	208
St Thomas More	-	183

Well done to St Bernadette  
who won this week with  
208 points!

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

Week 3 Monday:	Chicken and Bacon Pasta or Macaroni Cheese (V) with mixed salad
Tuesday:	Sticky Chicken or Sweet potato, lentil & spinach Dahl (V) served with rice and seasonal veg
Wednesday:	<b>Christmas Lunch;</b> Roast Turkey & chipolata sausage or Quorn fillet (V) served with sage & onion stuffing, gravy, yorkshire pudding & sprouts
Thursday:	Ashlyns Beef burger in a floured bun or Meat Free burger (V) served with potato wedges and baked beans
Friday:	Breaded fish fingers or Cheese & onion whirl (V) served with Oven Chips and Peas

### Calendar Dates

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#### **January**

6th Children return to school

# *12 Days of Christmas Christmas Appeal*

If you are thinking of donating to  
**Harlow Foodbank**  
this Christmas then why not follow our  
12 Days of Christmas, Christmas appeal.

- Day 1 – A Jar of Pasta Sauce**
- Day 2 – A Box of Tea Bags**
- Day 3 – A £1 coin**
- Day 4 – A Tin of Tinned Meat**
- Day 5 – Some Deodorant (male or female)**
- Day 6 – A £1 coin**
- Day 7 – A Packet of Sugar**
- Day 8 – Some Crisps or Popcorn**
- Day 9 – A £1 coin**
- Day 10 – A Packet of Biscuits**
- Day 11 – A Carton of Long Life Juice**
- Day 12 – A £1 coin**

If you could get your donations to us by Tuesday 17th Dec.  
This then allows us to distribute them in time for Christmas.

*Happy Christmas from Harlow Foodbank*