

17th January 2020

Thought of the Week Pope Francis' 'Try reading the Gospel for at least 5 minutes every day.'

Athletics

Well done to the children who took part in the Athletics tournament last Friday.

Year 5&6



Year 3&4



Aspirations Week 10-14 February

As a school we will be celebrating Aspirations Week from Monday 10th Feb – 14th Feb. During this week the children will be thinking about their hopes and aspirations for the future. They will be exploring the process of applying for jobs, interview questions as well as tasks and projects around a variety of different roles and careers.

On the last day of our week the whole school will celebrate their aspiration with a dress up and take over day. Children are invited to wear clothes and costumes related to jobs and careers (however creative!). The children will be finding out more about this in school.

We need our parents and community support to make this week absolutely amazing for our children. Therefore if any parents can support us by;

- Giving up any time on Friday 14th February to come in and share your work with the children.
- Supporting us with any resources from your jobs that can be used for role play.
- speak to your employers about how they can support – Police/Fire/Ambulance. If you are able to accommodate any groups or classes visiting your workplace during the week.

If you have any ideas, need clarification or can support in any way please contact me or return the slip on the letter sent home. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 2 Prayer Service

On Tuesday afternoon Year 2 prepared our first prayer service. They led us through the journey of their current RE topic: Books. We learnt about favourite books and important books in our faith. We heard about the Gospel writers and heard a reading from Matthew's gospel. Together we sang some lovely hymns and reflected on the message Jesus brings us in the bible. Thank you children for such a reflective service and thank you to the parents who were able to join us. Our next prayer service is on Tuesday 4th February at 2.30pm for year 3. Our next Mass is Monday 27th January at 2.30pm for year 4.



School Games Mark Award

We are the only school in Harlow (out of .31) to receive the Sports Games Platinum Award this year.

Thank you to our staff particularly Ms Wisniewska for supporting the children. Thank you to parents in encouraging and supporting your children in their sports endeavours.

To obtain this award we have offered a huge variety of sports and games to many different children throughout the last year.



Piano, Flute & Guitar Lessons

Please contact the office should you like your child to have Piano, flute or guitar lessons.

Clubs

We are very lucky to have a dedicated team of staff who give their time freely to enrich the school curriculum by providing after school clubs on a Monday (and occasionally at other times) Our teachers are not paid to do the clubs. You may not know, our teachers work exceptionally hard, well beyond the school day and regularly into the evening. I believe one of the reasons why our school is so wonderful is because they give their precious time voluntarily to your child.

Some of the clubs are too popular, we have had 60 children applying to a club which can only take 10. Sadly, some of our children will be disappointed. We need your support in helping the children understand and help them enjoy their second choice.

Please collect your child promptly at the stated end time out of respect of the teachers. You will be informed today of the club your child has been allocated.

Catholic Life

At St Luke's we provide opportunities for pupils to deepen their engagement with the Catholic life of the school through our Junior Mission Team. Our Junior Mission Team comprises of:

Chaplaincy Team

Mini Vinnies

Houses Saint Teams

Over the coming weeks, each Team will provide a little more information on some of the actions they have been taking.

Special People Assembly, Reception & Year 1

Reception and Year 1 welcomed Roy Evans on Tuesday to tell them all about the important people who help us.



Year 6

On Wednesday 15th January our Year 6 pupils were extremely lucky to visit the Royal British Legion in Harlow. It was a wonderful morning, where children got to meet and chat to war veterans and handle artefacts from both World Wars. They tried on gas masks, look through a periscope and handled a vast number of handmade postcards and newspaper articles from WW1. It was a wonderful morning, and as always, the children were a credit to the school. We would like to thank all the volunteers from the Royal British Legion who gave up their time to make this visit such a success.



Attendance—Sickness

We are experiencing a high level of sickness in school at present.

Please continue to encourage your children to wash hands thoroughly and use tissues when they have a cold. Thank you.

Gymnastics Club

There are spaces in the Gymnastics club for Reception to Year 4 aged children run by Karen & George on Thursdays afterschool to 4.30pm.

Sessions cost £6 to be paid termly.

To book: contact Karen 07807 766 245

Thank you

Mr Shelley would like to thank parents, staff and children for all the good wishes and gifts he received.

Hoax

We were notified by another school of an incident reported last week. A primary school received information from a parent that someone purporting to be a School Nurse contacted them by text to ask questions about their child. This was reported to the Police and has been confirmed as a hoax. Virgin Care wish to ensure all schools are aware of this and to provide the following advice to schools to share with parents:

School Nurses do not send text messages as their first contact with parents.

If you receive a text message requesting information about your child from anyone purporting to be a School Nurse, please DO NOT engage.

To check the validity of any request received, please contact the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service Single Point of Access:

West Essex 0300 247 0122

Forest School

Please ensure that your child has old clothes and wellington boots with them on the required day.

Tuesday 21st January—Year 3

Tuesday 28th January—Year 6

Tuesday 4th February—Year 5

Tuesday 11th February—Year 4

Pupil of the Week



House Points

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| St Therese | - 131 |
| St Francis | - 205 |
| St Paul | - 159 |
| St Anne Line | - 179 |
| St Bernadette | - 185 |
| St Thomas More | - 158 |

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

Menu 20th January: Also available daily: Jacket Potato & filling, wholemeal bread & salads

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| Week 1 | Ham & Pepperoni Pizza or Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) with a selection of toppings served with Wholemeal Pasta Salad (V) |
| Monday: | |
| Tuesday: | Mexican Style Beef Chilli with Boiled Long Grain Rice and Mixed Salad or Veggie Mince Chilli (V) |
| Wednesday: | Roast Chicken Thigh with Sage & Onion Stuffing served with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Fresh Vegetables & Gravy or Quorn Fillet (V) |
| Thursday: | Ashlyns Pork Sausage in a Bread Roll served with Crushed New Potatoes and baked Beans or Meat Free Sausage (V) |
| Friday: | Breaded Fish Fingers served with Oven Chips and Peas or Vegetable & Cheese Wrap (V) |

Calendar Dates

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| <p>January 27th—Class Mass Year 4, 2.30pm 28th—Year 3 Fire Safety Talk</p> <p>February 4th—Year 3 Prayer service, 2.30pm 5th—Year 3 Victorian Day, St Alban's 10-14th—Aspirations Week 11th—Year 5 Class Mass, 2.30pm Monday 17th -Friday 21st Feb Half Term 26th Ash Wednesday Mass</p> | <p>March 3rd—Year 1 Prayer Service 5th— World Book Day 6th—Year 2 Class Assembly 12th—Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop 17th—Reception Prayer Service 1.45pm 17th—Year 6 Class Mass, 2.30pm 20th—Year 1 Class Assembly</p> <p>April 2nd April—Last day of term, 1pm finish</p> |
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Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Services Bulletin

Please see the Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Services Bulletin we will email home. The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service (ECFWS) is delivered by Virgin Care Limited in partnership with Barnardo's, to deliver children and family services across Essex, including local children's community health provision. Services are commissioned by Essex County Council and West Essex CCG, and work closely with partners within education to change outcomes for children and young people.

Every month, we promote and support specific local, national, and international campaigns by providing information and resources to schools, communities, and organisations that can improve health and wellbeing for all. Our campaigns are interactive with real-life practical learning examples, including web links to resources. These can be used in the classroom or at home.

Our focus this month is on Healthy Lifestyles. Please see the bulletin in your email.

Term Dates 2020

Please be advised that the Bank Holiday originally on Monday 4th May 2020 has changed to Friday 8th May 2020.

Spring Term 2020

Friday 3rd January 2020—Friday 3rd April 2020

Half term Monday 17th February 2020 —Friday 21st February 2020

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April 2020—Friday 17th July 2020

May Bank Holiday Friday 8th May 2020

Half term Monday 25th May 2020—Friday 29th May 2020

Inset Days

Monday 2nd September 2019

Friday 25th October 2019

Friday 22nd November 2019

Friday 3rd January 2020

Friday 3rd April 2020