

**10th January 2020**

**Thought of the Week** Pope Francis' list of New Year's Resolutions: 1. Don't gossip, 2. Finish your meals, 3. Make time for others".

## **Athletics Years 1&2**

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



## **Would you like to know what is being taught in RE this term?**

Attached to this newsletter is this term's newsletter for RE covering each year group. Our Themes this term are: Community, Relating and Giving. Please do speak to the class teacher if you have any questions on this.

## Masses and Prayer Services

For the new term we will be having class Masses and Prayer service in school with Father Bernard. Each class will be allocated a time and the children will prepare the service or Mass based on their current learning in class.

We would like to welcome all parents to come and share these special times with us. Most will be at 2.30pm on a Tuesday during this term.

An Arbor invitation will be sent to remind you when your class time will be. Please see below a timetable for this term.

We look forward to seeing you joining us in these celebrations.

Prayer Service Year 2 Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	2.30pm	Year 2
Class Mass year 4 Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	2.30pm	Year 4
Prayer Service year 3 Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	2.30pm	Year 3
Class Mass year 5 Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	2.30pm	Year 4
Prayer Service Year 1 Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	2.30pm	Year 1
Class Mass – year 6 Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30pm	Year 6
Prayer Service year R 17 <sup>th</sup> March	1.45pm	Reception
Ash Wed – 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11am MASS and ashes	Whole School

## **Menu 13th January: 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:	Savoury minced beef in a Yorkshire pudding served with creamed potatoes and sliced carrots
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

### **Thank you**

Mrs Bell would like to thank you for all the lovely gifts she received from the PTA and children.

### **Jigsaw**

This week we launched our new PSHE scheme- Jigsaw.

The children were introduced to some new friends: Jenie, Jack, Jo, Jino, Jaz, Jez, Jem and Jello, not to mention Jerrie the cat who helps us to understand our emotions.

More information to follow soon.



### **Piano**

Due to circumstances beyond our control Piano lessons have been disrupted. We are seeking a solution and will update you as soon as possible.

**Woodwind and Guitar Lessons will start next week.**

### **Clubs**

Please see the email sent home about afterschool clubs.

Should you child wish to attend a club please make your choice on Arbor before 15th January at 4pm. We will confirm the clubs on Friday 17th January.

Should any clubs be oversubscribed we will try to ensure you child has at least one of their choices.

Please note the clubs start on week commencing 20th January and will finish on the week commencing 23rd March. With the exception of the KS2 football club which is only for the first half term.

### **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

## Uniform reminder

Please ensure your child is in correct uniform. Thank you for your continued support

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
White Blouse School Tie Grey Skirt/pinafore Navy cardigan with school logo White, grey, black tights or socks Black Shoes (no boots or trainers) Hair ties in school colours Rain Jacket (optional)	White Shirt School Tie Grey trousers Navy jumper with school logo Grey/ white socks Black shoes (no boots or trainers) Rain Jacket (optional)
<b><u>Summer Option</u></b> Blue and white check dress White/ Navy cardigan School cap (Play suits are not permitted)	<b><u>Summer Option</u></b> Short sleeved white shirt Short grey trousers School cap (optional)
<b><u>PE</u></b> Black shorts and PE top with school logo Black plimsolls for inside sport Black or white Trainers for outdoor sports and play time (if required – football etc) (Coloured trainers not permitted) Football shirts are not permitted Navy Blue Joggers and Navy Blue sweat top for outdoor games in winter	

## **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.

## Outdoor Pitch

As you can see our new all-weather outdoor pitch is now ready for use.

The children are enjoying playing on it!

In order to keep the surface well maintained children must wear trainers (no studs) in order to keep it mud free.

Children are asked to bring in a pair of trainers that they can change into when they play on the pitch.

It is now available for booking in the evenings and at weekends. If you know of a group or club who would want to hire it in the evening or weekends please contact Ms O'Brien on 01279 423 499.

### Before



### During



### After



## School Admissions September 2020

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

## **Pupil of the Week**



## **House Points**

St Therese	-	127
St Francis	-	156
St Paul	-	119
St Anne Line	-	145
St Bernadette	-	192
St Thomas More	-	140

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

## **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

## **Class Assemblies**

Please note that dates for class assemblies across the trust have now been added to the diary dates.

Friday 6th March

Year 2

Friday 20th March

Year 1

Friday 1st May

Reception

Friday 5th June

Year 4

Friday 3rd July

Year 3

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## SPRING TERM 2020 COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics.

### LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

(6/1/20 to 31/1/20)

Early Years	<b>CELEBRATING</b> - People celebrate in Church
Year 1	<b>SPECIAL PEOPLE</b> - People in the parish family
Year 2	<b>BOOKS</b> - The books used in Church
Year 3	<b>JOURNEYS</b> - Christian family's journey with Christ
Year 4 and	<b>COMMUNITY</b> - Life in the local Christian community ministries in the parish
Year 5	<b>MISSION</b> - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)
Year 6	<b>SOURCES</b> - The Bible, the special book for the Church

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.

Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

### EUCHARIST - RELATING

(3/2/20 to 6/3/20)

Early Years	<b>GATHERING</b> - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1	<b>MEALS</b> - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Year 2	<b>THANKSGIVING</b> - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3	<b>LISTENING &amp; SHARING</b> - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4	<b>GIVING &amp; RECEIVING</b> - Living in communion
Year 5	<b>MEMORIAL SACRIFICE</b> - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
Year 6	<b>UNITY</b> - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives.

Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

### LENT/EASTER - GIVING

(9/3/20 to 3/4/20)

Early Year	<b>GROWING</b> - Looking forward to Easter
Year 1	<b>CHANGE</b> - Lent: a time for change
Year 2	<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b> - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Year 3	<b>GIVING ALL</b> - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Year 4	<b>SELF DISCIPLINE</b> - Celebrating growth to new life
Year 5	<b>SACRIFICE</b> - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Year 6	<b>DEATH &amp; NEW LIFE</b> - Celebrating Jesus' death and

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity.

If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.

# **IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

## **MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

1 January

## **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

5 January

## **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

12 January

## **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

2 February

## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

26 February

## **ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

19 March

## **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

25 March

## **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

5 April

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

9 April

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

10 April