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To start this week our Gospel assembly reminded us how we must treat everyone in the same way we would treat Jesus. Children were able to give ways that they can be true followers of Jesus and I can certainly see it in the way they treat one another here at St Luke's.

Throughout this week we have been completing some assessments to see how well our children are progressing. I have been really proud of the way the children have put in their best effort. This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and we look forward to starting this journey with you to Christmas. The children are already preparing some lovely things to share with you in a different way at this special time. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School

"God does not love you because you behave well. He loves you, plain and simple. His love is unconditional; it does not depend on you."

- Pope Francis

Advent: This Sunday marks the first Sunday in Advent. Children will bring home a prayer card we wish to share for each family to use during Advent.

Diocese of Brentwood: The Diocese have shared a free Jesse Tree package, available for download from the [Diocesan website](http://www.brentwooddiocese.org.uk). Again, please do send in your pictures of these to the home learning email if you do make a Jesse tree.

Christmas Cards: As you know it is very difficult for us to receive items from home. Therefore, this year if your child wishes to send their class Christmas good wishes they can send in their own creation of a Christmas card to the home learning email and the teachers will produce a virtual whole class one on their screen.

Christmas Jumper Day: This will be held on Wednesday 9th December (non-uniform day – pupils do not have to wear a Christmas Jumper) – this year we are requesting donations (suggested £1) for Brentwood Catholic Children's Service. (Usually we raise funds for this Charity through our end of term events but we will be unable to do so this year). Do check the Arbor message Mr Kendal sent out last week about Christmas too.

Book Recommendation: This week's recommendation from our Year 3 class is "How Winston Delivered Christmas" by Alex T. Smith. *Winston the mouse is on a very important mission. On Christmas Eve, he finds a letter to Father Christmas that did not make it to the post box – so, with no time to lose, he sets out to deliver it himself in time for Christmas Day! He has a lot of very exciting adventures on his very important mission and makes some wonderful friends along the way. A great book to get yourself into the Christmas spirit!*

Reading Champions: Congratulations to the following children who joined Mrs Kendal for a socially distanced outdoor hot chocolate treat in recognition for great improvement in reading.

Year R – Alfie	Year 4 – Amelia
Year 1 – Edward	Year 5 – Yasmin
Year 2 – Mirielle	Year 6 – Veronica
Year 3 – Dionis	

They are now reading champions and have a badge to show for it. The children had a lovely time sharing their thoughts on their favourite books. Great work- our next Hot Chocolate afternoon will be in January!

Pupil of the Week: Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception – Talia May
Year 1 – Kaiden
Year 2 – Owen
Year 3 – Isabelle
Year 4 – Harrison
Year 5 – Yasmin
Year 6 – Lacey



House Points: Well done to St Paul!

St Paul – 102
St Bernadette – 100
St Francis – 97
St Anne Line – 96
St Therese – 93
St Thomas More – 92

Poetry Competition: Calling all children in Key Stage 2. Today we are launching our poetry competition. Children are invited to compose their own poem on the True Meaning of Christmas in 2020. This can be sent into the home learning email, for the attention of Miss Fisher - closing date 9th December. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd! Plus a chance to have your poem read aloud to the whole school by your chosen teacher.

Winter Reading Challenge: This winter Essex Libraries are running the 'Reading Agency Winter Reading Challenge'. It will be held online and FREE to complete! Children will need to read three books of their choice and add each title to their Winter Reading Challenge website profile with a review which will unlock a virtual badge and certificate to print off and keep! [The Winter Challenge](http://www.winterchallenge.org.uk) starts Tuesday 1st December and finishes Friday 15th January 2021 and is great fun to do.

Upcoming Dates:

30 th November – Yr2 Flu Immunisations
18 th December – End of Term 1pm finish
9 th December – Christmas Dinner; details to follow (Christmas Jumper/Non-uniform day)
4 th January – Inset day
26 th February – Individual & Class Photos



Through God's love we learn together, grow together and achieve together.

