



Friday 4th December 2020

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We started this week with a beautiful advent service led by year 6. As classes logged in virtually year 6 decorated our tree whilst we listened to the meaning of the decorations and its tradition. Starting with the creation story we moved to the story of the spider who spun a web to protect the Holy Family as they fled from King Herod. This week we have also celebrated poetry week- listening, learning and enjoying lots of lovely poetry. The children will be sharing a very special poem with you at the end of term. I hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to the second week of advent together next week.

Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School

"Hope needs patience, the patience of knowing that we sow, but it is God who gives growth. Jesus helps us understand God's patience, opening our hearts to hope."

- Pope Francis

Christmas Nativity The children have been busy preparing their nativity to share with you on our website. Please ensure your permissions for both the website and filming are updated on Arbor by Monday 7th December otherwise you will not be able to see your child.

Christmas Dinner -Wed 9th December

- Next week is Christmas Dinner day. A hot Christmas dinner is available for all children (R-year 6) in school and can be ordered on the day. If your child does not want a Christmas dinner they can bring in a packed lunch. **See menu attached.**
- Children can also wear a Christmas Jumper for the day – a donation of £1 for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be welcomed on the gate in the morning.
- As it is PE for many of our children on Wednesday children can still wear their tracksuit bottoms with their Christmas Jumper.

Christmas Cards: 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. homelearning@ourladyoffatimatrust.essex.sch.uk

Re-opening of Churches

Churches are hoping to re-open for Masses this weekend with restrictions as before: The Parish of Holy Cross and St Luke's Mass will start on Saturday 5th December at 5:30pm, the Second Sunday of Advent. Masses will then be back to their normal times, 5.30pm on Saturdays, and 9am and 11am on Sundays.

Brentwood Youth Services:

The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service are holding a Virtual carol service on Sunday 6th December at 4pm. Please see the link here if you would like to participate.

<https://bcys.net/events/adventcarols/>

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

Reception – Dasia
Year 1 – Mayowa
Year 2 – Amenze
Year 3 – Chase
Year 4 – Lacey
Year 5 – Hanna
Year 6 – Megan



House Points: Well done to St Theresa!

1st = St Theresa - **123 points**
2nd = St Francis - **121 points**
3rd = St Anne Line - **120 points**
4th = St Thomas More - **115 points**
5th = St Paul - **111 points**
6th = St Bernadette - **109 points**

Poetry Competition: Calling all Key Stage 2 children. Do not forget to send in your entries for our poetry competition by Wed 9th December to FOA@ Miss Fisher - homelearning@ourladyoffatimatrust.essex.sch.uk

Book Recommendation:

This week's book recommendation is from Year 2. The Pilot and the Little Prince is based on the life story of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry - an aviator, adventurer, pioneer and war hero, as well as becoming the author of one of the world's most beloved children's books, The Little Prince. This book makes you want to explore the world through his eyes as it takes you on an emotional rollercoaster. The ending really surprised us in Year 2!

Winter Reading Challenge: This winter Essex Libraries are running the 'Reading Agency Winter Reading Challenge'. It will be held online and FREE to complete! [The Winter Challenge](#) starts Tuesday 1st December and finishes Friday 15th January 2021 and is great fun to do.

School Dinners: Tuesday 5th January 2021 there will be a slight increase in the dinner charges. The meal price will increase to £2.10 per day. This price will have no impact on those children entitled to Free School Meals.

Free School Meals If you believe that you are entitled to free school meals, please make your application with Essex County Council: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>.

Upcoming Dates:

9th December– Christmas Dinner
(Christmas Jumper/Non-uniform day)
15th December- Virtual Pantomime KS2
18th December – End of Term 1pm finish
4th January – Inset day
26th February – Individual & Class Photos



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

