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Our central message in the gospel this week is LOVE. John reminds us of those important words "Love one another as I have loved you." This as you know, at the centre of our values. On Thursday we celebrated Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day across the trust. The children learnt about the children of Fatima and produced beautiful paper flowers to hang in our front entrance to honour Mary in the month of May. Today we celebrate further by wearing non-uniform with a donation to Mini-Vinnies charity (SVP) whose motto is "See, Think, Do." Thursday was also Ascension Thursday an important feast when Jesus ascended into heaven following the resurrection. The disciples may have felt abandoned but we were left with the Holy Spirit to give us strength and God's words of love that inspire us each day.

Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School

"Those who love may be sure that none of their acts of love will be lost, nor any of their acts of sincere concern for others, nor any single act of love for God, nor any generous effort, nor any painful endurance. All of these enfold our world like a vital force."

- Pope Francis



Year 2 Prayer Service with Father Bernard They reflected on Pentecost and how through their actions they spread the Good News of the Holy Spirit.

Pupil of the Week: Pupils who gained a

certificate this week are:

Reception – Miyah

Year 1 - Ollie

Year 2 - Caelan

Year 3 – Miley Year 5 – Rosie Year 4 – Elizabeth Year 6 – Nirelle

House Points: Well done St Theresa!

St Bernadette - 99

St Francis - 115

St Paul - 86

St Theresa – 126

St Thomas More - 83

St Anne Line - 114

Sports Day: Next Tuesday is Sports Day for YR-Y6. The students will be taking part in a variety of sports and activities within their classes. For just next week, PE Kit should be worn on **Tuesday** for **all classes**. Due to covid restrictions we are unable to invite parents to watch. Photos (where permission is given) will be posted on the website <u>class pages</u>.

Census Day: Thursday 20th May is the Summer School Census day. Please encourage your child to try a school dinner on this day, remember, school meals are delicious and nutritious. Our menu for this day is;

Beefburger in a Floured Bun served with Potato Wedges & Baked Beans Frozen Ice Lolly

Leave of Absence: Children should not be removed from school during term time, however, should there be exceptional circumstances that require a leave of absence we would like to remind parents that an application for leave should be requested and completed in advance. These can be obtained by contacting the school office.

Government Guidance: Some of the restrictions on what you can and cannot do will change on 17th May. However, many restrictions remain in place. Keep up to date with the latest guidance here.

Essex Activate: Active Essex is offering a range of ActiveAte clubs over the half term. More information and booking details can be found here.

Online Safety Please do speak with your child if they are using devices, about what they are doing and with whom.

Netaware (with NSPCC) have some useful webpages —

Getting to know what your child is doing online

Online safety advice

On the front page you can search for apps and games to find specific advice. Do click on boxes and drop down arrows for more information on the advice pages

EssexConnects: Visit the <u>website</u> to find local activities and help you get in touch with hundreds of local charities, voluntary groups and community sector services.

Community Embrace UK: The annual Around The World Food Festival fun day will be taking place on Saturday 21st August at The GPCA in Harlow and is a celebration and showcase of the diverse cultures, nationalities, skills, talents, local groups, organisations in Harlow. Stall Holder, Volunteering and Enquiries 07800 839 033, 07855 047 770 or communityembranceuk@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates:

18th May – Sports Day YrR-Yr6 Children to wear PE Kits

20th May – Census Day

25th May – Year 1 Prayer Service

7th June – All children back to school 22nd June – Reception & Nursery Prayer

Service



