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In our assembly this week we talked of Jesus' integrity. He always did the right thing, even when it was hard, and he did not want to do it. Integrity is one of our values and like the writing in a stick of rock, integrity runs through us all, guiding us to be a stronger person making the right choices. In our E-safety discussions we have had this week we are reminded that doing the right thing, even when others are not there, will also keep us safe. I hope you have had time to discuss some of these very important issues with your children during this week. Enjoy your weekend - *Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School* 

"As believers, we do not look at the world from without but from within, conscious of the bonds with which the Father has linked us to all beings." - Pope Francis

**Pupil of the Week:** Pupils who gained a certificate this week are: Reception – Francesca

Year 1 – Ada Year 4 – Evie Year 2 – Ollie Year 5 – Lacey Year 3 – Leona Year 6 – Chloe-Ella

House Points: Well done to St Pauls!

St Bernadette – 109 St Francis – 120 St Paul – 127 St Theresa – 122 St Thomas More – 123 St Anne Line – 113

The Two Johns: On Wednesday children in key stage 2 all received a talk about e-safety from the Two Johns. Thank you to all the parents who then joined us for the parent meeting in the evening. The message they give is direct, informative, and essential for parents today. If you missed this do look at their website for further information and guidance on this.

Mini-Vinnies: This week our new Mini-Vinnies team were formed. Children from year 4,5 and 6 all applied for the role and had an interview conducted by our current team. They were really impressed by their ideas that they had considered for the new year see our website for the new team.

School Council: This week our new school council have also been voted in. Children were asked to prepare a presentation for their class and then the children were asked to vote who would represent them. Miss Gifford is really looking forward to working

with the new representatives this term. See the top of the page and our <u>webpage</u> for more details.

Year 6 Trip to St Mark's: On Thursday Year 6 visited our local Catholic secondary St Mark's to get an idea of what life at secondary school is like. They had a fabulous day. Parents were then given an opportunity to meet Mrs Long (head of year 7) to find out more about the application process for next year. If you would like further information, see the school's website. If parents wish to make an appointment to see the school parents can contact the main office. Remember applications for year 7 must be completed by: 31st October follow this link to apply: Admissions - Essex County Council

Trust Mass: On Friday we celebrated the start of the year with a trust MASS at Our Lady of Fatima church. The chaplaincy teams from both schools represented us at the church by reading and presenting some symbols of unity. All classes were able to join virtually. Thank you to our priests (Fr Bogdan, Fr Leszek, Fr John, Fr Bernard, Deacon Michael and Deacon Tony), for their support to all our families and schools.

Macmillan: Next week our Mini-Vinnies Team will be hosting a cake sale at the end of school day on the playground. Do join us for a cake and get baking (remember no nuts please). Further details during the week from the Mini-Vinnies.

**Covid-19**: Please be reminded that any child presenting one of the stated symptoms will be sent home for

you to arrange a PCR test. The government documentation states the following - "If anyone in your school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, you should send them home and they should follow public health advice." Please also note: If you or any member of your family test positive for

Covid, there is not a need for your child to isolate. Children only isolate once they test positive. However, NHS Track and Trace could direct a class or school closure, if the numbers of positive cases rise – please be aware that you may still need to collect your children at short notice. Please do let the school know if you or a family member contract Covid 19, then we can be extra vigilant around the school.

Parking Please be mindful of our neighbours when you park to collect your child. There should be no parking on double yellow lines. This is illegal and very dangerous for our children.

Clubs: Clubs are due to restart for children in KS2. You will now have received an email confirmation if your child secured a club place, please read all emails in full.

Advanced Notice: there are no clubs on

**Dinner Menu**: Our school dinner menu can be located <u>here</u> on our website. Please note that next week (Monday 20th September) we will be on Week 2.

## **Upcoming Dates:**

**Monday 4th October** 

24<sup>Th</sup> September - MacMillan Cake Sale 12<sup>th</sup> October – Prayer service for the memory of Mrs Kidby 13<sup>th</sup> October – Flu immunisations (information to follow) 18<sup>th</sup> October – St Luke's Feast Day Mass

## Also Attached:

RE Newsletter Let's Talk About Life Online



