



This week we reflected on what it means to be humble. Our gospel saw the disciples arguing over who is the greatest. Jesus of course reminds us, that the first will be last and the last will be first. We must put others ahead of ourselves in all we do and build them up with our positive comments. Our community grows from strength to strength through the positive comments that we all share. Thank you for all your continued support and positive comments to our teachers who work incredibly hard to deliver the best experience for our children. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"We celebrate the memorial of St Vincent de Paul Patron of charitable organisations. May St Vincent's example lead all of us to joyful and disinterested service to the most in need and open us to hospitality and the gift of life." Pope Francis

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



Reception – Melina  
Year 1 – Fiona  
Year 2 – Ryan and Kaiden  
Year 3 – Adrian  
Year 4 – Bartek  
Year 5 – Harrison  
Year 6 – Alan

**House Points:** Well done to this week's winners with 163 points!

St Bernadette – 140  
St Francis – 163  
St Paul – 147  
St Theresa – 129  
St Thomas More – 152  
St Anne Line – 143

**Residential-**This week our Year 6 children have been having great fun and wonderful weather on their residential at Gilwell Scout Grounds. I have visited them several times and it has been wonderful to witness some brilliant teamwork and resilience as they have attempted lots of new challenges. I know you will look forward to having them home with you this evening; they will certainly sleep well!

Parents in year 5 – we will be evaluating and looking into booking a residential for next year. Do take this opportunity to talk with parents about the experience. It

really is worthwhile experience for your children.

**Year 7 applications:** If you would like further information on how to apply for St Mark's, see the school's [website](#). If parents wish to make an appointment to see St Mark's parents can contact their main office. Remember applications for year 7 must be completed by: 31<sup>st</sup> October follow this link to apply: [Admissions - Essex County Council](#)

**Macmillan Coffee Afternoon** -Thank you so much for contributing home baked and bought cakes and attending the cake sale. The children have been so keen to contribute to and donate so generously. Once the Mini-Vinnies have counted their takings we will let you know how much we raised.

**International Day of Peace** This week we celebrated the International Day of Peace and children throughout the school have produced displays on different themes. Do follow this [link](#) to our website to see what they have learnt about.

**Dr Bike!** We have been fortunate to have gained a free visit from the Dr Bike team on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Bikes can be registered prior to the day. Pupils cycling to school can then leave their bike with the Dr. Bike in the morning who will then run a check on the bike and leave a note of work done and any advisory follow up work. Details of how to register are on a separate email.

**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.

**Dinner Menu:** Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website. Please note that next week (Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September) we will be on Week 3.

**Upcoming Dates:**

**6<sup>th</sup> October – Year 3 and Year 4 Virtual Online parent meeting – Times tables**  
8<sup>th</sup> October- Dr Bike  
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:**

**BCCS – Charity Christmas Cards 2021**  
**Bike to school week 2021**

