



We enjoyed watching Pinocchio in our assembly this week as it told the story of a boy learning to be good and "let his conscience be his guide". This linked with what Jesus had told his disciples, that it is better to enter the kingdom of God with one foot or one hand if the other had sinned. This is a harsh message, but it reminds us that we must say sorry when we have done wrong and learn from it. I am always so impressed at how our children are able to solve their difficulties with friends so well and use the values of forgiveness and kindness so readily. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"St Therese of Lisieux invites us to practise the little way of love, not to let the possibility of offering a smile to slip by, or any small gesture that sows peace and friendship" -

Pope Francis

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

Reception – Lucas
Year 1 – Adanna
Year 2 – Erica
Year 3 – Olivia
Year 4 – Meadow
Year 5 – Siso
Year 6 – Samantha



House Points: Well done to St Anne Line this week's winners with 218 points!

St Bernadette – 165
St Francis – 184
St Paul – 171
St Theresa – 151
St Thomas More – 149
St Anne Line – 218

Try School Dinner Day! There will be a change to the dinner menu for next week on Thursday 7th October, to give all children an opportunity to try a lunch. If your child has packed lunch usually and you would like them to try a school dinner but are a little unsure, please do talk to their class teacher.

**All Day Breakfast
or**

Jacket Potato

Home Made Flapjacks

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: **31st October** follow this link to apply: [Admissions - Essex County Council](#)

Clubs- Please be reminded that Clubs will not be open on **Monday 4th October** as we have additional staff training that evening. Clubs will resume on Monday 11th October.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon -Well done to the Mini-Vinnies and to all of you for supporting our Macmillan Cake bake. We made an astonishing £102.65 thank you so much for all your support for this worthwhile charity.

Dr Bike! We have been fortunate to have gained a free visit from the Dr Bike team on Friday 8th 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. Attached is the Dr Bike form. Please return to the office ASAP

Gates: Just a reminder: Our gates open at 8.40am to allow families to enter the playground. Classroom doors do not open until 8.45am. Can you be reminded that during this time you are responsible for your children. If the weather is wet we will endeavour to open the doors as soon as we can.

Caritas Curriculum, The curriculum we have designed for our trust is named caritas. Caritas means "Christian love of human kind". As a catholic school it is vital that this message of love is weaved into all we do. Look at our display at the top of the page and on the website to see what each class is focusing on through this term's topics.

Harvest School dinner Please see the attached poster to learn more about our special school dinner.

Y3 & Y4 Multiplication Check: Next Wednesday (6th October) Mrs Black (also Maths Lead) is hosting an information Teams meeting about the Multiplication Check that students now have to take at the end of year 4. If you would like more information on this, please join the meeting using the link emailed to you.

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 4th Oct) we will be on Week 1 and there is a change to menu Thursday 7th October.

Upcoming Dates:

6th October 4.30-5pm – Year 3 and Year 4 Virtual Online parent meeting – Multiplication Check
8th October- Dr Bike
12th October – Prayer service for the memory of Mrs Kidby
13th October – Flu immunisations (information to follow)
18th October – St Luke's Feast Day Mass
19th & 21st Oct – Parent Consultations (details to follow)

Also Attached:

Dr Bike Form
Try a School Dinner Event

