



This week's reading at church was reminding us to be prepared for anything. We never know the time that Jesus is coming. Everyday should be the best it can be- as if it were our last. Yesterday is **history**, tomorrow is a **mystery**, but today is a gift. That is why it is called the present...so we are told in Kung Fu Panda- a very wise saying. Let's take advantage of the wonderful gift of today and give it everything. I hope you enjoy the gift of the INSET day!- **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"The life of Jesus is a life for others. It is a life of service." **Pope Francis**

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

Reception – William  
Year 1 – Dion  
Year 2 – Harper  
Year 3 – Jordan  
Year 4 – Jeremy  
Year 5 – Samuel  
Year 6 – Sanna



**House Points:** Well done to St Thomas More this week's winners with 157 points!

St Bernadette – 59  
St Francis – 88  
St Paul – 119  
St Theresa – 102  
St Thomas More – 157  
St Anne Line – 127

**INSET DAY TOMORROW – No School for pupils 19<sup>th</sup> November**

**New Reception:** Applications are now open for Reception Class September 2022. You will need to apply via: [Primary school places - Essex County Council](#) by the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. If you want to visit the school, we have tours available on the following dates. Contact the office to book a place: 15<sup>th</sup> Nov, 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov at 9.45am. **All applications to St Luke's will additionally require a SIF to be completed which can be found [here](#) on our website or requested from the school office.**

**Twice weekly LFT:** With the rise in COVID-19 infections in primary school age children, we encourage you to help limit the spread of the infection by testing your child twice-weekly. You can collect Lateral Flow Test kits from your local pharmacy using one of the codes provided [Here](#).

**Recycled Art Gallery Competition:** School Council are going to be holding a recycled art

project. Children will be invited to make their own piece of art using recycled materials. All entries must be in by 25<sup>th</sup> November. These will be displayed on the playground on the 26<sup>th</sup> November and judged. Cost to enter 50p. Please make sure you don't use any sharp hard plastic or glass.

**COP 26:** All our pupil voice groups have already worked very hard to help us understand our role in saving our planet. As part of learning about COP26 all the children have made a personal pledge to stop climate change.

**Anti-Bullying Week:** The theme for this week was One kind word. During our celebration assembly the children shared how their class had interpreted this message. It is so lovely seeing the kindness and thoughtfulness around our school.

**Children in Need:** Thank you for all your contributions today. It was so lovely to see the children dressed so beautifully, all for a very important charity. We will let you know how much we have raised next week.

**Breakfast:** I am pleased to inform you that we will be receiving further support for the National School Breakfast Programme. This ensures we have access to bagels for all children as they arrive for soft start. A healthy breakfast is an essential way to start a day full of learning and our children certainly do enjoy them.

**New Reading Champions-** see above sharing their favourite book!

**Supervision:** Please note there is **NO** supervision for your children in the morning and after school. Miss Kendell and I may be on the gate to welcome your children. We are not able to ensure your children get to the classroom door or exit the site safely.

**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 do let the school know if you or a family member contract Covid 19, then we can be extra vigilant around the school.

**Harlow Teacher Training Partnership** is led by our school staff and is a part of Saffron Walden Hub. If you, or someone you know is interested in becoming a teacher, please see the attached posters or enquire through our office.

**Dinner Menu:** Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website.

**Attending larger school events:** As you will see in the list below, we are allowing parents to join us at some communal events. We would like to see proof of a negative Lateral Flow Test when you attend.

**Upcoming Dates:**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November:** School closed staff training day

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December:** Flu Immunisations

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December:** Last Year 5 Swimming Lesson

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:** Aladdin Panto

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** 9.30am Key Stage 2 Candlelight Service

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** 2.15pm Year's 1&2 Christmas Production

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** 9.15 Nursery and Reception Nativity

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Children break up for Christmas -finish at 1pm

