



As we come to the end of the liturgical year, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and National Youth Sunday; a time when we celebrate our young people. We remember they have been told to stand up for our beliefs as we are appointed by God to use our talents as witnesses to our faith. As we prepare for the start of Advent and Jesus' coming, let us all remember the great gift we have in our young people; they are the future. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Dear young people, do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Do not be afraid to dream of great things!" **Pope Francis**

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

Reception – Isla  
Year 1 – Valerie  
Year 2 – Alfie  
Year 3 – Skyler-Mai  
Year 4 – Dionis  
Year 5 – Luke  
Year 6 – Oliver



**House Points:** Well done to St Paul this week's winners with 223 points!

St Bernadette – 162  
St Francis – 187  
St Paul – 223  
St Theresa – 170  
St Thomas More – 210  
St Anne Line – 194

**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.**

**The Travelling Crib:** This is on its journey once more. If your family would like to borrow the crib for an evening and share with your family then please email Mrs Walsh in the office. We would really like to see your prayers and images when it is with you so do send them in via email.

**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](#).

**Complaints:** Whilst the majority of our families are very happy with the care that we offer, when something goes wrong, we do ask you to speak with the class teacher in the first instance or our senior leaders. Please be reminded that aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated.

**Sports Festival:** This week several of our children had the opportunity to attend a special sport festival at Harlow leisure centre. They took part in a variety of exciting sports including curling, sitting volleyball, golf and climbing.

**Art Recycle Project:** Our school council have run a very exciting art project this past week and we had some brilliant entrants. From to peacocks to flowers, there was lots to see. Do enjoy the selection of art things this afternoon on the playground as you go home. Well done to Lucas (R) our winner!

**Year 6 Residential:** This week we held an information meeting for our residential trip. Each year our year 6 children can go away for a week on an outward-bound adventure experience. The children develop team building skills and have a marvellous time. I would encourage parents to hear the experiences of our children by talking to our year 6 parents this year.

**Open Door Assembly:** On Tuesday morning we welcomed visitors from the Great Outdoors Assembly. The children learnt about how 'Love is shown in all that we do.' We learnt about the meaning of loving our neighbour. It was a very exciting morning with lots of singing and dance moves!

**Christmas Pantomime:** As a special treat for the children, we have arranged for Hurricane Productions to perform "Aladdin" in school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The performance will be for the whole school, and we are asking to help cover the cost a voluntary contribution of £3.60 per child which can be made online through Arbor under trips.

**Christmas Dinner:** Please see attached the menu for our Christmas Dinner on Wednesday

8<sup>th</sup> December. Children will be able to order in class on the day. Please ensure their Arbor meals account is in credit for their dinner cost. Christmas Dinner will be charged at the normal school meal price of £2.20

**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. 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.

**New Dinner Menu:** Our new 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.

**Clubs:** The last session for staff led clubs this term will be on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Karate club last session will be Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**Upcoming Dates:**

**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

