



Jesus makes the impossible possible this week, when he asks the disciples to cast their nets once more. They return to dry land with the boat overflowing with fish. A miracle indeed but also a reminder that nothing is impossible with God by your side. God has certainly been by our side as we continue to navigate the challenges that Covid has presented us with and are grateful for the support that you as parents offer us. I hope you have a restful half term break and enjoy time with your children.- **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Dear young people, Jesus wants to be your friend, and wants you to spread the joy of this friendship everywhere." **Pope Francis**

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

Reception – Leo
Year 1 – Blake
Year 2 – Maya
Year 3 – Caelan
Year 4 – Olivia
Year 5 – Anotidaishe
Year 6 – Loe



House Points: Well done to **St Thomas More** this week's winners with 291 points!

St Bernadette – 145
St Francis – 209
St Paul – 288
St Theresa – 245
St Thomas More – 291
St Anne Line – 189

Safer Internet Day: This week we celebrated safer internet day and all the children have been learning new ways to stay safe. Do look at our [website](#) if you require further information on how to keep your children safe online.

Library Visit: "There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island." – **Walt Disney**

This week year 2,3 and 6 have visited the library. They have all had a wonderful time choosing books and discussing their choices with friends. We are very lucky to have Staple Tye library so close as a resource for the children. Do take the time to visit it during the half term holiday.

House Team Meetings: Well done to our House Captains and Vice Captains who planned and delivered this week's House Team Meetings. Their focus was raising awareness for the charity which their House is linked with. All our teachers agree on what a fabulous job you all did - well done

Children's Mental Health Week: As part of this week children have taken time to go out and draw a landscape that they believe is beautiful.

The five ways to wellbeing encourage us to take note of the



wonders around us. We have linked it to our work on God's gift of creation which inspires us every day. See our display at the top of the newsletter.

Y6 'Now's the time for change' workshop

On Thursday, Y6 were lucky enough to take part in a 'resilience' workshop. Our visitors taught the children different techniques to use if they are ever feeling anxious or angry. They spoke about the importance of exercise to improve our mental health. We learnt about how important it is to be kind to ourselves and focus

on the positive things we have in our lives. It was a really worthwhile session!

COVID-19: If your child tests positive on an LFD test, they should isolate immediately and for the next 10 days, they do not require a PCR test. **Please log the result immediately on the GOV website found [Here](#) and send the result to the school.** If they get a negative LFD test on day 5 and 6 (24 hours apart) they can then return to school on day 6. The day symptoms started, or the test was taken if no symptoms is counted as day 0.

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

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

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website. W/C 21st February will be week 2.

Upcoming Dates:

Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February: [Half Term](#)

Tuesday 22nd February: Nursery Prayer Service
Friday 25th February: Year 2 Class Assembly 9.05am

Tuesday 22nd February: Year 5 visit to St Mark's School

Monday 28th February: School Photos

Thursday 3rd March: World Book Day

Tuesday 8th March: Year 6 Prayer Service

Wednesday 9th March: Year 4 School Trip

Friday 11th March: Year 1 Coronation Day Workshop

Friday 25th March: Year 1 Class Assembly 9.05

Thursday 31st March: Year 3 & 4 Easter Play 2.15pm

Friday 1st April: 1pm Finish for Easter Holidays



Synod: In October the Pope opened a special SYNOD (meeting) with the theme: "For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission." He is eager to know the views of all

Catholics and their experience within their catholic communities. In doing this he hopes to develop the church of the future. Here at the trust the children have been asked important questions about their experience of faith both at school and in their parish. We will be sharing our thoughts with other Catholic schools in Harlow and then with Bishop Alan.

Garden Afternoon: Thank you to the Chaplaincy team and Mini-Vinnies who gave up their own time to weed and clear our garden areas this week. They have also planted some bulbs and are hopeful we will see them appear this spring!

