



This week the Gospel tells us to turn the other cheek. To love our enemy and to pray for those who we do not get on with. This is a really hard message to hear. It is easy for us all to be friends with those we like. The children heard the story of St Francis when he tamed the wolf who terrorized a village and considered how we must try hard to love our enemies however hard it may seem. As we start our Lenten journey we ask God to help us with these things that challenge us. -Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School

"How powerful prayer is!" **Pope Francis**

**Pupil of the Week:**

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

- Reception- Julia
- Year 1 – Ehi
- Year 2 – Whole Class
- Year 3 – Ryan & Anashe
- Year 4 – Alexandra
- Year 5 – Shalom
- Year 6 – Rueben



**House Points:** Well done to **St Anne Line** this week's winners with **104** points!

- St Bernadette – 103
- St Francis – 90
- St Paul – 100
- St Theresa – 81
- St Thomas More – 96
- St Anne Line – 104

**Year 2 assembly:** Thank you so much to year 2 for a wonderful assembly today on the theme of the Great Fire of London. They sang some marvellous songs and shared some great learning with us.

**Ash Wednesday Mass:** On Wednesday we marked the beginning of Lent with a special Mass where we reflected on our own preparation for Easter. Thank you to Fr Bernard for celebrating with us and year 4 who prepared and delivered the readings so beautifully. It is always lovely to welcome parents and members of our community to Mass.

**PSHE Healthy Me:** This week we launched our new PSHE topic- Healthy me. Children reflected on what we need to do to keep us healthy- much like keeping a car safe for driving. Over this term all children will explore what we need to ensure we keep our minds and bodies healthy.

**Preparing Pizzas:** Year 3 had a wonderful time making pizzas on Tuesday as part of their topic Bella Italia! They certainly do look tasty- follow this link [Year 3 - A little taste of Italy](#) to find out more.

**Open Door:** On Tuesday, we welcomed the Great Open Door assembly. Through drama, songs and games, they reminded us about how to share any worries we may have and that by praying to Jesus, he can guide us when we are having troubles. We just need to trust in Him.

**CAFOD Earthquake Appeal:** Thank you for your kind donations before half term, with your support the CAFOD Club raised £208.37 for the appeal. If you would like to make a donation or see how CAFOD are using the donations please see here [Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal.cafod.org.uk)

**Book Week:** On Thursday 2nd March 2023 we will again be celebrating World Book Day - a day where we can explore and experience all of the wonders that books have to offer us. This year our theme will be bedtime stories. On the day we would like the children to come in their pyjamas or onesies and bring their favourite bedtime story with them to share. The children will take part in some lovely activities connected with some of our favourite stories.

**Stations of The Cross:** One of the many traditions during the Lenten period is to pray the stations of the cross. They tell the story on Good Friday through to the resurrection. We will be praying them in school during this time. Parents and members of our parish community are very welcome to join us if they wish. Dates are as follows: Tuesday 28th February 9.05am, Monday 13th March 9.05am, Tuesday 21st March 9.05am.

**School Photographs:** A reminder that individual, sibling and class school photographs are being held on Monday 27th February.

**Life Online:** Please find [here](#) guidance and help about how to talk to your children about life online and the different issues and dangers they may face.

**PTA Events:** The PTA will be holding a Decorate an Easter Bonnet or Egg competition, the choice is up to you. We will be asking for a donation of £1 per entry. This will take place on 31st March 2023, we will need your entry in by 27th March 2023 along with your donation.

The PTA will also be holding another film night on Thursday 23rd March. More details will follow.

Please see the attached poster for details on our next Bags 2 School collection.

**After School Welcomes at Harlow Library:** The next session will be held on **Wednesday 1st March**. Using games that the whole family can get involved, in these fun and interactive tutor-led sessions are designed to make learning fun and give you and your child skills to use at home! Family food time and free snacks are also include, please find further information and bookings [here](#).

**Dinner Menu:** Our School Dinner Menu can be located [here](#). Week commencing 27th February is week 1

**Please see attached special menu for World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March.**

**Upcoming Dates:**

- Monday 27th Feb:** School Photo Day
- Tuesday 28th Feb:** Year 4 Mass 2.30pm
- Thursday 2nd March:** World Book Day
- Tuesday 7th March:** Year 1 prayer service 2.45pm
- Wednesday 8th March:** Oral Health workshop 2.30pm
- Friday 10th March:** Reception Class Trip
- Tuesday 14th March:** Year 2 Prayer Service 2.45pm
- Tuesday 14th March:** Year 4 Class Trip
- Friday 17th March:** Nursery Mother's Day Breakfast 8.45-9.30
- Friday 24th March:** Year 1 Class Assembly 9.05
- Thursday 30th March:** Year 3 & Year 4 Easter Play 2.15pm

See the link for further key dates within the academic year. [Key Dates 2022-2023](#)

