



This week our gospel was all about the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in preparation for his ministry. Lent is a time when we spend forty days preparing for his coming and sometimes we are tempted to make the wrong choice. Luckily the children here at St Luke's are so supportive of one another when things go wrong and are so forgiving that these temptations are easier to cope with. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Lent is a favourable time to seek out (and not to avoid) those in need; to reach out (and not to ignore) those who need a sympathetic ear and a good word; to visit (and not abandon) those who are lonely." **Pope Francis**

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception- Harrison

Year 1 – James Year 2 – Callum

Year 3 – Kristielle Year 4 – Liam

Year 5 – Max E Year 6 – Rain & Raina

House Points: Well done to **St Paul** this week's winners with **153** points!

St Bernadette – 118

St Francis – 132

St Paul – 1153

St Theresa – 99

St Thomas More – 116

St Anne Line – 123

World Book Day On Thursday the school celebrated World Book Day by dressing up in our pyjamas and snuggling down to read a bedtime story. The Reading Champions started our day with a wonderful assembly sharing ideas about how to choose a book and what your reading superpowers are. All classes used the Oliver Jeffers' book 'Here we are' to stimulate talk and writing. Year 5 even joined Swapna Haddow and Sheena Dempsey for a draw-a-long with their book Dave Pigeon.

Year 4 Mass: Thank you Year 4 for a lovely mass. The children read beautifully and listened closely to Fr Bernard's reflections. Afterwards children shared their RE learning with their parents, which was really lovely.

NSPCC online safety: See attached 3 tips from the NSPCC on talking with your child about online safety and behaviour.

Photos: Photo proof cards have now been sent home with the children. For free delivery to the school please place your order [here](#) before **Monday 13th March**. Class photo order forms will be sent home next term.

Digi-Concern Boxes: In a time when children are spending an increasingly large amount of time online we have introduced new Digi-Concern boxes. Delivered by House Captains this week, these are designed to take any questions, concerns or worries in a safe and anonymous way to a responsible adult so that we can address them swiftly. In addition to this we would always encourage children to talk to a responsible trusted adult if they were concerned.



Oral Health: We are holding an oral health workshop on **Weds 8th March at 2.30pm** in the school hall. Please see attached poster and advise your class teacher if your able to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

School Council: School Council has done a great job surveying the children's views and opinions because of this the PTA will be running lots of fun events. There will also be a collective time the children can come together to celebrate Easter! Great work!

Is my child too ill for school? Please find attached poster and [NHS website guidance](#). In regards to temperatures the NHS advise "if your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away' With a high temperature being given as 38c or more.

Dinner Menu: Our School Dinner Menu can be located [here](#). Week commencing 6th is Week 2.

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.
- Details on the PTA film night Thursday 23rd March have been sent home today.
- 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 8th 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! [Essex Libraries](#)

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday 7th March: Year 1 prayer service 2.45pm

Wednesday 8th March: Oral Health workshop 2.30pm

Friday 10th March: Reception Class Trip

Monday 13th March: Stations of the cross 9.05am (Parents Welcome)

Tuesday 14th March: Year 2 Prayer Service 2.30pm

Tuesday 14th March: Year 4 Class Trip

Friday 17th March: Nursery Mother's Day Breakfast in the school hall. 8.45-9.30

Monday 20th March: Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop

Tuesday 21st March: Stations of the Cross 9.05am

Thursday 23rd March: PTA film night 3.15pm-5.15pm

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](#)

