



St Luke's Catholic Academy Newsletter

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Welcome back to a new term. It has been wonderful to see the children looking so smart as they enter their new class after the summer holidays. This week we focused on the power of friends. Friends who we enjoy time with and friends who we can trust and care for. The children have been transferring this skill in how they welcome many new members to our community so that we can learn, grow and achieve together. **-Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Family is the first and essential place of education where, apart from first encounter with the Gospel, children learn that *"education is above all a matter of love and responsibility handed down from one generation to another"*. **Pope Francis**

Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Year 1 – Mattias Year 2 – Hadley
Year 3 – Triumph Year 4 – Whole Class
Year 5 – Whole Class Year 6 – Harry

House Points: Well done to **St Paul** this week's winners with **50** points!

St Bernadette – 33
St Francis – 28
St Paul – 50
St Theresa – 39
St Thomas More – 41
St Anne Line – 21

As we start the new year there are important documents for you to take note.

See link here to the new parent [handbooks](#)

This is the draft Child [Protection](#) Policy (to be approved by trustees) and all other important safeguarding documents.

Each class has a [webpage](#) where they will share with you important information. Do log in and follow what your child's class has been up to.

Playground Markings: You will have noted that out in the playground we now have some fantastic markings for the children to play with. The last school council had been canvassing our children on the types of equipment they would like and thanks to the PTA we are hoping to purchase this over the coming months.

Tour of Britain: The exciting cycling race is coming through Harlow today. Do see link [here](#) to more information about it in HARLOW.

Education Sunday: This Sunday 10th September celebrates education Sunday, a time when the Catholic Church remembers and reflects on all those who have helped to build and maintain catholic education. As the second largest provider of primary education the Catholic church invests greatly in the future generations and we are privileged to have such a dedicated staff who wish to serve you here at St Luke's. I ask for your continued prayers for St Luke's as we grow in God's love.

PTA: Our PTA has been going from strength to strength and last year were able to hold some lovely events for the children and so provide a variety of things for them. This included year 6 leavers jumpers and our planned playground equipment. They are always looking for new members and support. If you are able to give a little of time to help us we would welcome you to the AGM on Friday 22nd September at 2.30pm in the school hall. See the Key Date link for planned PTA events.

Measles Vaccinations: We have been asked to inform our parents that measles cases are on the rise in England. Measles is more than just a rash, with one in five children needing a hospital visit. If you would like to arrange a MMR vaccination for your child. This can be done through your GP practice. More information can be found on the [NHS](#) website

Governors: If you are interested in becoming a governor within any of our schools, please email us via the school office. We are particularly seeking governors/trustees with a financial or legal background.

Arbor: Please could all parents make sure they have access to their child's Arbor account. Arbor is used to book breakfast club, book parents evenings and to pay for school dinners and class trips. If you are having problems accessing Arbor please contact the school office.

Our Lady Of Fatima, First Holy Communion

Programme: Our Lady of Fatima Church are inviting practising Catholic parents who wish to enrol their children (Year 3 or above) in next year's First Communion programme to contact Fr. Bogdan on 01279 426017. Parents have until the end of September to register their interest.

E-Safety Roblox have released a new safety checklist to help parents with settings to allow safer play. The checklist is attached to this newsletter

After School Clubs: The sign up e-mail for KS2 Monday after school clubs was sent out on Thursday. Please make your choices by 2pm On Monday 11th September.

Free School Meals: Automatic entitlement to free school meals finishes at the end of Year 2 and only children from low income families are eligible from Year 3. An application for your child to receive a free school meal must be made [here](#) or by calling 0345 603 2200.

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#). W/C 11th September will be week 3.

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday 12th September: Welcome Mass 11am (All Parents Welcome)

Please see the link for key dates within the [Autumn](#)

[Key Dates: 2023-2024](#)

Mass Times:

Holy Cross Parish Mass Times are:
Saturday 5.30pm **Sunday** 9am and 11am
holycrosschurchharlow.co.uk
Our Lady of Fatima Parish Mass times are:
STM Church **Sunday** 8.30am
OLF Church: **Saturday** 6pm
Sunday 10.30am, 12.15pm (Polish)
<https://olfstm.weebly.com/>



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