



This week we have returned and begun our new topic in PSHE, "Celebrating Difference". Children explore how wonderful our world is because of its diversity. Sadly it seems that our world is currently torn apart by our differences. As a school we focused on God's greatest commandments: to love God and to love our neighbour. We prayed that in these difficult times our world leaders and those whose lives who are so destroyed by war find peace soon. **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

*"When the saints recognised God's love, they followed it with all their heart ... Holiness is a vocation for everyone."* **Pope Francis**

#### Pupil of the Week:

Pupils who gained a certificate this week are:

Reception – Yasmin

Year 1 – Roy

Year 3 – Kai

Year 5 – Angelina

Year 2 – James

Year 4 – Nathanael

Year 6 – Olivia



**House Points:** Well done to **St Theresa** this week's winners with **82** points!

St Bernadette – 70

St Francis – 70

St Paul – 66

St Theresa – 82

St Thomas More – 72

St Anne Line – 52

**All Saints Day** This week we celebrated All saints day with a beautiful mass lead by Year 5. As a holy day of obligation we remember all those saints who have gone before us and lead their lives as great Christians. We prayed that we too could follow their example.

**Reading challenge** This week the Reading Champions have launched their new reading challenge. Each pupil wanting to complete the challenge needs to read a book that matches each of the ten categories written by the Reading Champions. Each book completed gets a sticker, with a prize available for those who complete it!

**Nursery story session** Nursery class enjoyed a lovely shared reading session to start off their Wednesday morning. Thank you to all of the parents that stayed and shared stories with their children - I wonder what adventures your stories will take you on next?

**PATHS Programme:** Do please have a close look at the letter sent out earlier this week about this new and exciting programme we will be starting in school that supports children in their social and emotional learning.

**School Council Art Competition:** Thank you all for the entries for the art gallery competition! You all did a fabulous job. Well done to our winners: 3rd place Isabelle in Year 2; 2nd place, Scarlett-Rose in Year 2 and 1st place Amelia in Year 1.

**Daily After School Club:** We would like to gauge parents interest in a daily after school club held at the school. Please complete the [After School Club Survey](#) to help us do this.

**Christmas Card competition:** Local MP Robert Halfon, is running a Christmas Card Competition and we would like to send entries from St. Lukes. To enter you must design a Christmas tree for Harlow, featuring ornaments inspired by places in Harlow! At the back you must put your name, age and school. Entries MUST be given to Miss Gifford by Monday 6th of November 2023.

**Earrings:** Please be reminded that it is Essex Policy here at St Luke's that children can only wear stud earrings in school. For PE all earrings must be removed. If your child is unable to do this then they must be done before school. If you are considering having your child's ears pierced please wait until the start of the summer holidays. PE is an essential part of the curriculum and all children must be fully taking part.

**Poppies:** Poppies will be on sale every morning next week before school to raise money for the Royal British Legion. Prices for additional items like wrist bands vary from 50p to £1.50. Please note no change is given as this is a donation.

**E-Safety** This week we wanted to highlight things to consider if you have smart speakers or if your child visits a house with them. Did you know you can set parent controls for them to help keep children safe?

Read more about this [here](#)

**School readiness for Nursery Parents:** From Friday 3rd November every Friday Harlow

Council's school readiness team will be holding free Reception preparation sessions for parents of Nursery age children. Please see the attached fly for more details. Please note there will be no session on Friday 10th November.

**Family Quiz night:** Please be

reminded tickets can be purchased on arbor for our family quiz night on 17th

November. Join us for an evening of community and fun.



**First Holy Communion:** Holy Cross will start their First Holy Communion programme after Christmas. If your child is in Year 3 or above and would like to make their First Holy Communion at Holy Cross please complete the enrolment form to show your interest. Forms need to be complete via this link below by the Friday 17th November. [First Holy Communion Form](#)

**Dinner Menu:** Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#). W/C 6th November will be week 2.

#### Next 2 weeks:

Tue 7th Nov: Y6 Class Mass 2.30pm (Parents Welcome)

Friday 10th Nov: Y6 Class Assembly 9.05am (Parents Welcome)

Tue 14th Nov: Y1 Prayer Service 2.30pm (Parents Welcome)

Tue 14th Nov: Y5 Virtual PGL talk 4.30pm

Thur 16th Nov: Y3 Class Trip

Fri 17th Nov: Y1 Class Trip

Fri 17th Nov: Children In Need Non-Uniform Day

Fri 17th Nov: Family Quiz night 6-7.30pm

**Key Dates:** Please see the link for key dates including [class assemblies, performance, and other school events](#) [Key Dates: 2023-2024](#)

#### Mass Times:

Holy Cross Parish Mass Times are:

**Saturday** 5.30pm **Sunday** 9am and 11am

[holycrosschurchharlow.co.uk](http://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/>

