



On Monday we celebrated St Luke's feast day. We had a lovely Mass together where the children sang and read beautifully. Fr Bernard blessed our St Luke prayer cards that we have made, and these have now been distributed to the children. They can continue to pray to our patron saint with our own special prayer. On Friday afternoon all classes took part in story telling activities using the gospel of St Luke. St Luke was a great storyteller and this afternoon our children have really grown to know more about the important stories he tells in the gospel. Thank you for all your support for our community in this first term. Have a restful half term break. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Today and tomorrow, one million children around the world pray the Rosary. May we confidently recite the rosary every day." **Pope Francis**

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

Reception – Abena

Year 1 – Talia

Year 2 – Molly

Year 3 – Joni

Year 4 – Evie & Michael

Year 5 – All of Year 5

Year 6 – Calista



**House Points:** Well done to St Bernadette this week's winners with 129 points!

St Bernadette – 129

St Francis – 108

St Paul – 120

St Theresa – 114

St Thomas More – 125

St Anne Line – 124

**Year 5 Assembly:** Thank you to year 5 who delighted us this morning with their brilliant learning in their class assembly. You certainly showed your growth mindset in your delivery. Some well-chosen songs to help teach us the importance of never giving up and a bit about space too!

**Library Visits:** Over the last week our classes have taken the opportunity to go to the library. Now that our local library is back open it is so important to take advantage of this excellent resource. The children enjoyed choosing some books to bring home. Becoming a member is really easy. Do take the opportunity to take your child and enjoy some fabulous stories together.

**On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November (11am) parents are invited to join us for mass to remember All Saints Day.**

**Black History:** As part of Black History month each class has learnt about a key British figure who has inspired others by their actions. This

morning in our assembly they shared their learning and have created a beautiful display to celebrate this.

**New Reception:** We are now approaching the time when applications will open for Reception class next year. You will need to apply via: [Primary school places - Essex County Council](#) by the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. If you want to visit the school, we have tours available on the following dates. Contact the office to book a place: 1<sup>st</sup> Nov, 8<sup>th</sup> Nov, 15<sup>th</sup> Nov, 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov at 9.45am.

**CGP Books:** CGP produce some easy to use books to help support your child at home. These are now available to buy at a reduced cost via Arbor. Do follow the link under clubs to order your copy by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021. Copies of the books are available in the front office if you would like to view them.

**Reading Books:** Due to the inconsistency of schooling over the last two years school reading books have reduced in number. We would really appreciate it if you searched your shelves to see if you have any school reading books at home. Please do send it in as we are really running low and the cost of replacement is high.

**RE Curriculum:** In school we follow the RE programme Come and See. This is a distinctly Catholic RE programme. Over a term we teach three topics as well as commemorate and celebrate feast days. Our termly newsletter (Sent on the 17<sup>th</sup> Sep) gives you further details of what your child is learning in class. There are even some suggested activities in here that you can use to help your child at home. We have attached it again this week for you to refer to over the remainder of the term.

**Poppies:** As we approach the month of November, we will be selling poppies on the gate before school each morning from 1<sup>st</sup> November until the 11<sup>th</sup>. Do support us in raising money for this worthy cause.

**Christmas Card Competition:** Robert Halfon has opened a competition for all primary school aged children in Harlow which closes on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. The winning pupil and their family will be invited to the House of Commons when restrictions permit. Entries should be emailed to [halfon4harlow@roberthalfon.com](mailto:halfon4harlow@roberthalfon.com)  
Card design requirements are:

- Be on A4 and fill the page, include child's name, age, school
- Only pens, pencils, crayons, paint used to create and design to be Christmas themed, include Father Christmas and a ladder

**Year 7 applications:** If you would like further information on how to apply for St Mark's, see the school's [website](#). If you have done a SIF form for St Mark's please note you must also still apply through the website below. Remember applications for year 7 must be completed by: **31<sup>st</sup> October** follow this link to apply: [Admissions - Essex County Council](#)

**New Dinner Menu:** Our new school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website. Please note that after half term will be on week 1 of the new Winter Menu 2021.

**Attending larger school events:** As you will see in the list below, we are allowing parents to join us at some communal events. We would like to see proof of a negative Lateral Flow Test when you attend.

#### Upcoming Dates:

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November:** 11am Mass for All Saints Day (Parents welcome)

**4<sup>th</sup> November:** 2.45pm -3.10pm -Phonics Workshop for Reception, year 1 and year 2 parents

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November:** 9.05am year 6 class assembly (Parents of year 6 only)

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November:** School closed staff training day

