



We started the week with a beautiful mass celebrating All Saints Day. Fr Bernard reminded us that we all know many saints. They are those who have gone before us and are in now in heaven with God cheering us on to the best we can be. We all need a champion, and they are there for us. As we start this month of November, we pray for all those who have died. We particularly remember this week Mrs McGuiggan, head teacher at Holy Cross Primary Academy, whose funeral it was this week. We pray that the school community may be conformed in their time of sorrow. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"To be saints is not a privilege for a few, but a vocation for everyone." **Pope Francis**

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

Reception – Isabelle

Year 1 – Lena

Year 2 – Lucas

Year 3 – Ysabelle and Naomi

Year 4 – Miley

Year 5 – Kyle

Year 6 – Tez



House Points: Well done to St Paul, this weeks winners with 122 points.

St Bernadette – 122

St Francis – 112

St Paul – 126

St Theresa –109

St Thomas More –119

St Anne Line – 104

COP26: As you are all aware the Climate Change Conference is ongoing in Glasgow. Our children are so engaged and proactive in wanting to preserve our wonderful world. This week CAFOD club shared their message of The Eyes of the World- this is to remind us how important our role is in making small changes in our life that will make a difference. Our Mini-Vinnies have asked us to make our own pledge for what we will do to change the world (see above).

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 15th January 2022. If you want to visit the school, we have tours available on the following dates. Contact the office to book a place: 8th Nov, 15th Nov, 22nd Nov at 9.45am.

Phonics Workshop: On Thursday Mrs Hawkins held an informative phonics workshop for parents, which was well attended. Learning to read is the most important thing in a child's life and it is achieved through a strong partnership with home and school. Understanding how we teach it in school will really help you as parents support your child at home. If you need to find our more information do go to our website [here](#).

Poppies: We will be selling poppies on the gate before school each morning from 1st November until the 11th. Do support us in raising money for this worthy cause.

Twice weekly LFT: With the rise in COVID-19 infections in primary school age children, we encourage you to help limit the spread of the infection by testing your child twice-weekly. You can collect Lateral Flow Test kits from your local pharmacy using one of the codes provided [Here](#).

Guides and Scouts 11th November: As a lot of our local Guide and Scout groups are unable to have a Remembrance Day Parade this year, we are asking all our Pupils who attend Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers and Cubs to come in their Guide or Scout uniform on 11th November.

Covid-19: Please be reminded that any child presenting one of the stated symptoms will be sent home for you to arrange a PCR test. The government documentation states the following - "If anyone in your school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, you should send them home and they should follow public health advice." Please also note: If you or any member of your family test positive for Covid, there is not a need for your child to isolate. Children only isolate once they test positive. However, NHS Track and Trace could direct a class or school closure, if the numbers of positive cases rise – please be aware that you may still need to

collect your children at short notice. Please do let the school know if you or a family member contract Covid 19, then we can be extra vigilant around the school.

New Dinner Menu: Our new school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website.

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:

Thursday 11th November: Guide/Scout uniform can be worn.

Friday 12th November: 9.05am year 6 class assembly (Parents of year 6 only)

Thursday 18th November: Non-Uniform Day for Children in Need.

Friday 19th November: School closed staff training day

Thursday 2nd December: Last Year 5 Swimming Lesson

Friday 3rd December: Aladdin Panto

Wednesday 8th December: Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day

Monday 13th December: 9.30am Key Stage 2 Candlelight Service

Tuesday 14th December: 2.15pm Year's 1&2 Christmas Production

Thursday 16th December: 9.15 Nursery and Reception Nativity

Friday 17th December: Children break up for Christmas -finish at 1pm

Attachments to this week's newsletter:

- Sleep Poster
- Girlguiding UK
- Community Embrace

