



The Story of the poor widow, who gave all she had, was in the gospel this week and it gave us an important message: When we give, we must give with love. Mother Theresa of Calcutta did this in all her work and actions throughout her life. A reminder actions speak louder than words. This weekend our action of remembering all those who have fallen in war is a further sign to show our respect for those who have given so much. I hope you have a restful weekend. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"The world tells us to seek success, power and money; God tells us to seek humility, service and love." **Pope Francis**

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

Reception – Joel  
Year 1 – Naomie  
Year 2 – Jayden  
Year 3 – Zion  
Year 4 – Ameliah  
Year 5 – Filip  
Year 6 – Whole Class



**House Points:** Well done to St Theresa this week's winners with 175 points!

St Bernadette – 162  
St Francis – 119  
St Paul – 137  
St Theresa – 175  
St Thomas More – 135  
St Anne Line – 105

**INSET DAY next Friday – no school for pupils next Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Reading Champions:** Miss Fisher was overwhelmed with the numerous applications from children wanting to be a reading champion in their class. Thank you to all the children. It is so lovely to see so many children passionate about books. After a very long time reading applications and interviewing, our new team for this year have been chosen and are looking forward to sharing their love of books with all of us.

**New Reception:** Applications are now open for Reception Class September 2022. 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: 15<sup>th</sup> Nov, 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov at 9.45am. **All applications to St Luke's will additionally require a SIF to be completed which can be found [here](#) on our website or requested from the school office.**

**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](#). **Recycled Art Gallery Competition:** School Council are going to be holding a recycled art project. Children will be invited to make their own piece of art using recycled materials. All entries must be in by 25<sup>th</sup> November. These will be displayed on the playground on the 26<sup>th</sup> November and judged. Cost to enter 50p. Please make sure you don't use any sharp hard plastic or glass.

**Year 6 Assembly:** Thank you to Year 6 who shared a fabulous assembly with us today. The topic for this term is PEACE and they shared with us the important learning around how and why wars start. Some real memorable moments with poems and songs to sing and even some dancing!

**Children in Need:** Next week we will be raising money for Children in Need. Children will be invited to wear non-uniform to school on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November, in an exchange for a donation of £1 to this worthy cause.

**Remembrance Day:** We held a special service in remembrance for all those who have died on 11<sup>th</sup> November and observed the two minutes silence. We have raised £284.81 for the Royal British Legion.

**Uniform:** Please label all items with names, **all blue school jumpers look the same!** You may wish to use a small coloured thread or ribbon on the label to help your pupil identify theirs. Please check regularly to see if a written name is still clear or a label is still on, an initial and surname is usually enough for us to trace an owner.

**A Different Church is Possible:** You are warmly invited to the inaugural lecture of the Centre for Ecclesial Ethics on Thursday 2nd December at 6pm on zoom, in which Professor Jim Keenan SJ will explore how an ecclesial ethics of vulnerability can offer a pathway of renewal for our Church and enable us to become the different, attentive, and vulnerable Church that God calls us to be in service of a fragile world emerging from Covid. Tickets are free and bookings can be made [here](#) - All are welcome and further details at [www.mbit.cam.ac.uk](http://www.mbit.cam.ac.uk)

**Year 3:** On Wednesday Year 3 had a fabulous experience with the Natural History Museum Live when dinosaurs came to visit! Children learnt all about the many different types of dinosaurs and then took part in many wonderful crafts. Photos can be seen on their class page [here](#).

**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:** The 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 18<sup>th</sup> November:** Non-Uniform Day for Children in Need.

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

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December:** Flu Immunisations  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December:** Last Year 5 Swimming Lesson

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:** Aladdin Panto

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** 9.30am Key Stage 2 Candlelight Service

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** 2.15pm Year's 1&2 Christmas Production

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** 9.15 Nursery and Reception Nativity

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Children break up for Christmas - finish at 1pm

