



We started our new year with the Feast of the Epiphany, where the Kings' revealed Jesus born as the Son of God. A new year heralds a time of resolutions and fresh beginnings. Like the three kings we discover and set new goals to improve ourselves and live life anew. In our new PSHE topic of "Dreams and Goals" we explored the challenge having these dreams realised offers us. The children were resolute in their desire to achieve their goals. I know as we start this new year we all hope and pray for a time of health and stability. I wish you and your families a very Happy New year and look forward to serving you this year. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

"Like the Magi, we too are called to allow ourselves to be attracted, illuminated and converted by Christ: He is the journey of faith, through prayer and the contemplation of God's works, which continually fill us with every new joy and wonder." **Pope Francis**

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](#)

With the change in rules can we ask that if your child has a positive Lateral Flow Test you log it immediately on the GOV website found [Here](#) and send the result to the school.

RE Newsletter: As a Catholic school our RE curriculum is distinctive. Please see attached the RE newsletter for the whole of this term. This covers the topic areas, feast days and ways of supporting your child with the Religious development and understanding at home.

New Class Pages : As we begin our new term each class has launched their new topic.

Do go to the [website](#) class pages to find out about what your children will be learning and some exciting new

home learning that can be achieved over the spring term.

Epiphany Mass: Fr Bernard very kindly joined us on Thursday to celebrate Epiphany. Year 5 led the readings and all the children sang and took part beautifully.

Colder weather: Please make sure all children have suitable outdoor coats, hats, gloves scarves as the weather gets colder. The children are outside for some time at lunch and need to stay warm. In order to ventilate classrooms windows and doors and opened for periods of time so if your child does get cold ensure they wear a vest under their shirt.

Aspirations Week: As part of our PSHE topic "Dreams and Goals" our aspirations week this year is the WB: 31st January. To make this a successful week we require your support. Further information will be sent out next week.

Reception: Applications are now open for Reception Class September 2022. You will need to apply via: [Primary school places - Essex County Council](#) by the 15th January 2022. **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.**

Covid-19: Please be reminded that any child presenting one of the stated

symptoms will be sent home for you to arrange a 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.

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website. W/C 10th January will be week 3

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday 11th January: Year 3 payer service

Tuesday 11th January: Year 6 parents SAT meeting. 4.15pm

Thursday 13th January: Year 4 Swimming lessons start

Monday 17th January: Clubs Start

Tuesday 18th January: Reception Payer Service

Tuesday 1st February: Nursery Prayer Service

Tuesday 8th February: Year 5 Mass

Tuesday 22nd February: Year 4 Mass

Monday 28th February: School Photo's

