



In the gospel this week Jesus is rejected by his own people. The feelings of rejection and being excluded cannot be nice for Jesus but he perseveres and goes on to spread his message of love to so many in other towns. The children thought about how it feels to be excluded and how we can always make others feel welcome. During this week they have practised this well as we have welcomed many virtual visitors for aspirations week. - **Mrs A M Kendal, Head of School**

“God is a compassionate Father who always takes care of us.” **Pope Francis**

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

- Reception – Ryan
- Year 1 – Nella
- Year 2 – Lucio
- Year 3 – Bruno
- Year 4 – Kaylee
- Year 5 – Talitha
- Year 6 – Steve



**House Points:** Well done to both **St Francis** and **St Paul's** this week's winners with 174 points!

- St Bernadette – 98
- St Francis – 174
- St Paul – 174
- St Theresa – 112
- St Thomas More – 136
- St Anne Line – 137

**Past Head teacher Mrs D Doyle:** I am sad to inform you that we have heard this week that Mrs Delia Doyle a previous head teacher of St Luke's and left the school in 2005 has passed away at the end of January.

We ask for your prayers for her family and friends at this time and thank her for her contribution to the school community.

**Aspirations Week:** What a wonderful week we have had! Thank you so much to all the very kind parents who offered to give our children virtual talks. They have been brilliant, and the children have learnt so much. On our take over day our children did a marvellous job of taking on roles and sharing with one another what they want to be when they grow up and the skills they will require to get there. We look forward to sharing the children's aspirations as they come into fruition in later life!

**Chines New Year:** Thank you to the kitchen who provided a fabulous noodle themed dinner to celebrate the year of the TIGER on Tuesday. The children really enjoyed it!

**Reception Prayer Service:** On Tuesday Fr Bernard joined reception as they came together to pray and reflect on the theme of Candlemas. The children had learnt about the story of Jesus being presented at the temple where Simeon was so blessed to see the light of the world. Father blessed our special candles which have been shared with every class as a reminder of God's presence in our life. The reception children sang beautifully for us all. Thank you to Mrs Hawkins for preparing a lovely service.

**Attendance:** The Academy is continuously focusing on attendance and punctuality. It is important that your child attends school on time every day, unless there are exceptional circumstances, every school day counts. We expect children's attendance to be above 97% for the academic year and need your support to ensure we hit this important mark.

Please note that as a school we have a COVID risk assessment in place to help us prevent the spread with in the school. We have maintained regular hand washing as well as ventilating the class rooms and regular cleaning of materials.

**Brentwood Catholic Children's Society:** The BCCS has several charity places for **The Vitality London 10K** run taking place on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022** on the original route in London. This May bank holiday event has a lovely atmosphere and takes in many of London's iconic landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with all the event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. For each place, they ask for a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of **£250** before Gift Aid which will go towards their work supporting children's mental health and wellbeing services in schools

throughout Essex and East London All information can be found on their webpage: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/all-events/vitality-london-10k>

**Headlice** Please check your child's hair for headlice as we have had some reported cases. Please see the NHS advice on how to treat headlice [Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

**COVID-19:** If your child tests positive on an LFD test, they should isolate immediately and for the next 10 days, they do not require a PCR test. **Please log the result immediately on the GOV website found [Here](#) and send the result to the school.** If they get a negative LFD test on day 5 and 6 (24 hours apart) they can then return to school on day 6. The day symptoms started, or the test was taken if no symptoms is counted as day 0. With the rise in COVID-19 infections in primary school age children, we encourage you to help limit the spread by testing your child twice-weekly. You can collect Lateral Flow Test kits from your local pharmacy using one of the codes provided [Here](#)

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 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 7<sup>th</sup> February will be week 1.

**Upcoming Dates:**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**February: Half Term**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February:** Nursery Prayer Service

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February:** Year 5 visit to St Mark's School

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February:** School Photos

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** World Book Day

