



Our year 6 prepared and lead the Remembrance Assembly on Thursday this week. They shared learning, poems and prayers to remember those who have served in the past and present. All the students showed great respect, observed the two minutes silence and wanted to also contribute their own class learning, too. We were delighted to have members of the Rainbows and Guides in their uniforms too as part of their service, co-ordinated with their area groups.

Year 6 also lead our Celebration Assembly today through sharing their learning this term, enhanced with beautiful singing from the class. They have been challenging themselves to achieve their best, both in work and values, which was evident today and I am very proud of them all.

**Mrs A M Black, 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:

Year R – Josiah

Year 1 – Onyeka

Year 2 - Michael

Year 3 – Jessie

Year 5 – Jessica

Year 4 – Chris

Year 6 – Whole Class



**House Points:** There will be a double House Point collection next week, due to our special assemblies this week.

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

**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.

**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](#).

**New Reception:** Applications for Reception class next year need to be applied for 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 17<sup>th</sup> Nov and 24<sup>th</sup> Nov at 9.15am. Contact the office to book. **All applications to St Alban's will additionally require a SIF to be completed which can be found [here](#) on our website or requested from the school office.**

**Children in Need:** In order to support children in need next Friday, we will be holding a non-uniform day in school on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**November.** Children are invited to make a suggested donation of £1 for this worthy cause. There are lots of activities available on their website that the children can participate in at home, please see [here](#) for more details.

**Stone Age Workshop:** Year 3 were very excited this week to have The Travelling National History Museum visit and share lots of exciting facts and artefacts and about the Stone Age. The children were creative and worked collaboratively to make their own versions of Stone Henge, some marvellous cave art using their hand prints and beautiful clay jewellery. Some of the things that the children enjoyed the most from the day were: 'seeing their friends from St Lukes', 'learning about the Sabre Toothed Cat' and 'working together to make models of Stone Henge'.

**Brentwood Catholic Children's Society:** BCCS have a lovely selection of religious themed Christmas Cards in stock for purchase to aid with their fundraising. An order form is attached for your perusal and all information can be found on their [webpage](#).

**Dinner Menu:** Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website. Please note that next week (w/c 15<sup>th</sup> November) we will be on Week 3.

**A Different Church is Possible:** You are warmly invited to the inaugural lecture of the Centre for Ecclesial Ethics on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)

**Gate Opening Times:**

8:40am – 8.55am - after this time your child will be marked as late.

3.15pm – End of the school day

**Mass Times:**

Usual Sunday Mass times are 10am and 6pm <http://www.catholicchurchoftheassumption.co.uk/>

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Mass times are STM Church 8.30am

OLF Church: Saturday 6pm

Sunday 10.30am, 12.15pm (Polish)

<https://olfstm.weebly.com/>

**Attending larger school events:** We are hoping to have parents being able to join us at some events. We would like to ask that all parents who do attend an event show proof of a negative Lateral Flow Test when attending.

**Upcoming Dates:**

**Tuesdays** KS1 and KS2 PE (PE kit reqd)

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Nov Year 2 Library visit

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Nov Non Uniform – Children in Need

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Nov Inset Day – No school for pupils**

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Nov Yr 5 Residential Parent Meeting

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Nov Year 2 Library visit

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> Dec Reception craft afternoon

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Year 1 Library visit

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec School Panto - Aladdin