



Jesus is the Good Shepherd – as we heard in the Gospel this week. The students considered how a shepherd looks after his flock and how Jesus looks after us. I would like to share a lovely prayer that was written in response:

Dear Jesus, Thank you for you are the best loving Father ever because you love everyone. You're caring. I know you are with me because you are in my heart. Amen (S y2)

Today would have been Captain Tom's 101st birthday. We sent him a birthday card last year and will be joining in the Captain Tom 100 today – our school challenge is to give 100 compliments by Tuesday!

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

Good Shepherd Sunday is a beautiful Sunday, one of peace, meekness, and tenderness because our Shepherd cares for us. "The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want" (Ps 23). – Pope Francis



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

Reception – Hayden
Year 1 – Alex
Year 2 – Edith
Year 3 – Blessy
Year 4 – Deajay
Year 5 – Kyra
Year 6 – Tomi



House Points: Well done **St Theresa** who win this week with **301 points!**

St Bernadette – 244 Points
St Francis – 247 Points
St Paul – 223 Points
St Theresa – 301 Points
St Thomas More – 272 Points
St Anne Line – 283 Points



The Big Pedal: Wow! As a school you have done so well!

Currently we are third in the country for schools of similar size. We will get an update of how we did for next week. Do feel free to continue to walk, pedal or scooter to school. It has been great to see parents joining in too. Well done everyone!

May – the month of Mary – begins next week. We will be praying the Rosary during each week in May. Do join in from home too. There is a section on our school website "Believe, belong, become" to support this. Monday is a **Bank Holiday** so we look forward to seeing everyone on **Tuesday** next week

Nursery Applications: There are currently Pre-School spaces available for September. Please complete an application form available on the school [website](#) should you require a place.





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Today would have been **Captain Tom's 101st birthday** and to celebrate his life, the hope and joy he brought to millions, and his sense of fun, The Captain Tom Foundation is inviting everyone, of all ages and abilities, to take part in the [Captain Tom 100](#).

We are taking up the challenge to reach 100 compliments given out by Tuesday. We will collect in totals from the students on Tuesday morning and hope to share them in assembly on that day.

We are doing this just as a way of spreading joy. If you do wish to donate to [The Captain Tom Foundation](#) please click the link here.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for the Virtual London Marathon taking place over 24 hours on 3rd October 2021. This can be run anywhere and on completion, runners will receive the official London Marathon Finisher's medal and New Balance T shirt. They will also have access to the London Marathon App allowing them to plot their run on the official London Marathon course. If you would like one of our places and think you could raise a fundraising total of £300, please email Julie.jabbott@bccs.org.uk for registration details.

Absence Procedure: If your child is absent please inform the office by 9.30am on the days that they are absent. Please call the absence line on: **01279 425 383 option 1**. You must leave a clear message with your child/rens name, year group and reason for absence. If you fail to contact the school regarding an absence a home visit may take place and may result in a attendance meeting.

Local Library Project: The library is creating 'A Life in Lockdown' exhibition and we would really love for our pupils to take part and represent the school in this community event. Please encourage them to be creative and become involved. It could be a piece of artwork, story, list of books enjoyed reading or anything! **Items need to be taken directly to your local library by the 8th May.** Please find full details [Here](#).

Collection time at the end of school is 3.15pm.

Please do arrive to collect your children at this time. We do have an after school club available for a fee, though please note this has restricted numbers and places and needs to be booked in advance (preferably the day before) to avoid disappointment.

COVID-19: If your child or a member of your family develop a symptom or become ill with Covid 19 please email school or leave a voice message.



Through God's love we learn together, grow together and achieve together.

