



**"Love one another as I have loved you" was the Gospel message shared this week. Each class shared ways to show love so that we all may do something each day to show we care. The most popular answer was to share a smile – universal in any language, something as simple as a smile can indeed share love, warmth and brighten a day!**

**This week, we have also celebrated Ascension Day and Our Lady of Fatima Day. Please see the section below about the photo on this week's newsletter.**

**Mrs A M Black. Head of School**

*"Those who love may be sure that none of their acts of love will be lost, nor any of their acts of sincere concern for others, nor any single act of love for God, nor any generous effort, nor any painful endurance. All of these enfold our world like a vital force."*

- Pope Francis

#### Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day

We celebrated our Feast Day with Mass, the Rosary and a decorated ceiling. Each student made a flower to represent a prayer for Mary. These have been put together to make a flower ceiling in the school front entrance.

#### Pentecost Novena

We are all invited to join a Novena (9 days of prayer) for Care of Creation beginning today. The Prayers are provided by the God Who Speaks site. Mrs Black and the Chaplaincy Team are recording a family version of these each day – please visit the Believe, Belong, Become section of our website to join in, which can be found [here](#)

#### Sports Day

Next Thursday is Sports Day for yR-6. The students will be taking part in a variety of sports and activities within their classes. For just next week, PE Kit should be worn on **Tuesday and Thursday for all classes.**

Due to covid restrictions we are unable to invite parents to watch. Photos (where permission is given) will be posted on the website class pages.

On Thursday, there will also be a 'Children's Choice lunch' of All Day Breakfast. As usual this will be prepared by the wonderful kitchen staff, Mrs Brady and Mrs Leonard.

**Online Safety** Please do speak with your child if they are using devices, about what they are doing and with whom.

Netaware (with NSPCC) have some useful webpages –

[Getting to know what your child is doing online](#)

#### Online safety advice

On the front page you can search for apps and games to find specific advice. Do click on boxes and drop down arrows for more information on the advice pages

#### The Big Pedal - <https://bigpedal.org.uk/>

The School have **won a micro scooter** from the Big Pedal competition.

On Monday we hold a special draw – with all the students names being put together and one being drawn as the lucky winner.



**Reading Champions:** We celebrated today our Reading Champions to receive recognition for their wide reading. Congratulations to

Year R – Castiel  
Year 1 – Ahmed  
Year 2 – Jessie E  
Year 3 – Aistis  
Year 4 – Kyle  
Year 5 – Phoebe  
Year 6 – Mimi



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

Reception – Julia  
Year 1 – Carol  
Year 2 – Liz  
Year 3 – Adoabi & Blake  
Year 4 – Jessie  
Year 5 – Joanna  
Year 6 – Sophia S



#### House Points:

Well Done to [St Thomas More](#) & [St Francis](#).

[St Bernadette](#) – 217

[St Francis](#) – 264

[St Paul](#) – 243

[St Theresa](#) – 262

[St Thomas More](#) – 264

St Anne Line – 190



**Pre-School Applications:** If you require a pre-school place for your child please complete an application form available on the school [website](#).

#### Attendance: Punctuality

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. Registration closes at 8.55am. We are keeping the gates open until 9.00am at this time but please do ensure you arrive before then.

**Arbor** Please check your child's Arbor accounts and ensure all payments are up to date. Please be reminded that Breakfast Club, Afterschool Club and School Dinner payments should all be in credit balances. Thank-you for your support.

**Essex Activate:** Active Essex is offering a range of ActiveAte clubs over the half term. More information and booking details can be found [here](#).

**EssexConnects:** Visit the [website](#) to find local activities and help you get in touch with hundreds of local charities, voluntary groups and community sector services.

**Government Guidance:** Some of the restrictions on what you can and cannot do will change on 17<sup>th</sup> May. However, many restrictions remain in place. Keep up to date with the latest guidance [here](#).

#### Upcoming Dates:

20<sup>th</sup> May – Sports Day YrR-Yr6

Children to wear PE Kits

31<sup>st</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June - Half Term

7<sup>th</sup> June – All children back to school

