



As we listened to the Gospel this week we heard how Jesus helped a deaf person hear. We reflected that Jesus wants us too, to have our ears open to the Good News as we encounter God's word, God's way and God's plan through the Bible.

It has been wonderful to have our first full week in school and the smiles and kindness to each other continue to be seen all around our school. There was particular excitement in Year 3 this week as the students told me they found dinosaur eggs! 'I wonder which dinosaur they will be?' (I), 'It's amazing!' (T) - do visit their class page to find out more.

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

### "Nature is filled with words of love"

- Pope Francis

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

Year 1 – William

Year 2 – Rhys

Year 3 – Myleene

Year 4 – Blake

Year 5 – Serena

Year 6 – Rio



**Prefects:** Today our prefectships were awarded. Members of y6 have special responsibilities such as Hospitality, School News Reporting, House Captains and Vice Captains – congratulations to all!

**Home learning:** Home learning is now available on your new [class page](#).

Do go to your class page to find out more about your child's new year. Home learning is a valuable way of developing your child's confidence and understanding in class. A variety of activities are suggested for you to do together and share with the teacher – as well as weekly reading and mathematics. For Years 1-2 home learning is now allowed to be brought into school inside their home learning books. For Years 3-6 pupils can submit their home learning using their student accounts.

**Dinner Menu:** Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website. Please note that next week (Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September) we will be on Week 1.

**Flu Immunisations:** Paper forms have been sent home to all children in YR – Y6 due to West Immunisations electronic system not currently being available. **Please complete and return these to school asap.**

**Free School Meals:** Automatic entitlement to a free school meal finishes at the end of Year 2 and only children from **low income families** are eligible from **Year 3**. If your household income is less than £16,190 per year, or you receive Income Support or an equivalent benefit, you will need to make an application if you want your child to receive a free school meal from September. Applications can be made at [www.essex.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.essex.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) or by calling 0345 603 2200.

**Two John's Online Safety Event:** The Two Johns will be leading Online Safety workshops for some of our students on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>. There will also be an invitation going out soon about an online E safety event for parents to attend. These have proved very popular previously. This will be virtual on the evening of 15<sup>th</sup> September (8pm–9.30pm) – more details to follow shortly - Save the date!

**Arbor Accounts:** Please ensure you check and update the school office on [adminstalbands@ourladyoffatimatrust.essex.sch.uk](mailto:adminstalbands@ourladyoffatimatrust.essex.sch.uk) of any changes to contact details.

Arbor accounts are also required to be kept in a zero or credit balance for your child's school dinners.  
(Dinners are charged at £2.20 a day)

**PE:** PE days are Tuesdays for KS1 and KS2. Children should come to school in their PE kit. Please ensure your child has spare plimsoles/trainers for playtimes.

**Trust Mass:** On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September we will be having a TRUST MASS at Our Lady of Fatima Church with St Luke's to mark the start of the new academic year. Representatives from our chaplaincy team will attend, and the remainder of the school will join virtually.

### Mass Times:

A Special Children's Mass is being held at The Assumption of Our Lady on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September, at 12 noon.

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/>

### Upcoming Dates:

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Sept Two John's Parent Workshop (VIRTUAL 8pm - 9.30pm)  
Year 6 visit to St Mark's and year 6 parent meeting at 2.30pm at St Alban's  
Thur 16<sup>th</sup> Sept Year 5 swimming starts  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Sept Flu immunisations (YR-Y6)  
Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept MacMillan Coffee Morning (details to follow)

### Also Attached:

School Readiness Timetable  
ACL information