



'Jesus is the children's friend' we heard in the Gospel Assembly this week, as shared by members of The Chaplaincy Team. Knowing that you are welcome really helps people feel at ease and the students reflected on ways they can welcome others and be a good friend: Talking together, inviting to play, sharing, being kind, forgiveness, encouragement and loyalty were all suggested. We then reflected on how Jesus shares these friendship ways with us too.

Thank you to year 5 who are leading the Rosary for the Whole School each week through October and to the Mini Vinnies who are currently collecting items for the Foodbank. If you are saying the Rosary together at home as a family and want to send in a picture of your prayer space, you are most welcome too (email the school office) and these can be shared in our assembly.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"The rosary is spiritual medicine."

- Pope Francis

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

Year R - Izu
Year 1 - Danny
Year 2 - Callum
Year 3 - Mason
Year 4 - Kitty
Year 5 - Adam C
Year 6 - Archie-Lee



House Points: Well done to **St Thomas More!**

St Bernadette - 94 points

St Francis - 121 points

St Paul - 100 points

St Theresa - 117 points

St Thomas More - 137 points

St Anne Line - 126 points



Year 7 applications: If you would like further information on how to apply for St Mark's, see the school's [website](#). If parents wish to make an appointment to see St Mark's parents can contact their main office. Remember applications for year 7 must be completed by: 31st October follow this link to apply: [Admissions - Essex County Council](#)

Illness: If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please ensure you advise the school office by leaving a message on the absence line. Please remember to leave their name, class, and details of their symptoms. At this time of year please be vigilant for Chicken Pox and Headlice.

Attached is a useful poster to help advise parents on illness and attending school.

Mini Vinnies Harvest Festival: Donations being collected by the Mini Vinnies can be received until Thursday 14th via the front gate or classroom.

PTA: The PTA are looking to restart the Tuck Shop on a Friday - they are looking for some volunteers to help with this. If you can offer help, please speak to Mrs Black on the gate or to Miss Keen.

Parent Consultations: You will have received information through this week on how to book your child's parent consultation. If you require any assistance, please contact the school office.

Dr Bike: Thank you to all those who took the opportunity to be involved in the free Dr Bike session. The Team worked throughout the morning to service 19 bikes and 19 scooters - making them tip-top for their next journey



Uniform: Please ensure your child is in full school uniform. On PE days pupils should come into school in correct PE kit - **Navy Blue** PLAIN joggers and sweatshirt may be worn. A full list of our school uniform can be found [here](#).

Gate Opening Times:

8:40am - 8:55am - after this time your child will be marked as late.

3.15pm - End of the school day

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website. Please note that next week (Monday 11th October) we will be on Week 2.

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 14th Oct Last day for Foodbank Donations

Thurs 14th Oct Year 4 Library Visit

Tues 19th Oct TEAMS Parents Evening

Weds 20th Oct Year R Gruffalo Tea Party

Thurs 21st Oct Year 4 Library Visit

Thurs 21st Oct Face to Face Parents Evening

Fri 22nd Oct Finish at 3.15pm for Half Term

Also attached:

Illness & Attending School

Mini Vinnies Harvest Poster

Family Fair Great Parndon Library

ACL w/c 11th Oct