



By DC and SS



The Gospel this week was about the Camel and the Needle (Mark 10:42) The Chaplaincy Team helped us to see this week that lots of belongings and possessions can sometimes prevent us from being closer to God's ways. We may spend too much time accumulating more things or interacting with them rather than talking, sharing and caring for the people around us. As part of the Laudato Si response, Pope Francis challenges us to 'Live Simply'. In the words of Oscar Romero: *Aspire to be more, rather than to have more.*

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us."
- Pope Francis

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

- Year R - Kishan
- Year 1 – Violet-Rose
- Year 2 – Eric
- Year 3 – Indie-Reese
- Year 4 – Juliana
- Year 5 – Michael
- Year 6 – Amber



House Points: Well done to St Anne Line!

- St Bernadette – 129 points
- St Francis – 144 points
- St Paul – 167 points
- St Theresa – 167 points
- St Thomas More – 137 points
- St Anne Line – 176 points



Parent Consultations: Reminder that parent consultations will be taking place next week and are required to be booked in advance through Arbor. If you have booked a Teams meeting, you will be sent the link for this on Monday. If you are attending a face to face meeting, it is preferred if you can take an LFT test before attending.

Harvest Festival: Our Mini-Vinnies have been promoting the Harlow Food Bank. We have collected many items to send and help others. Thank you for your generosity.

Reading Book Amnesty: Please do send in any school reading books you may have at home. Our shelves have a few gaps which we would love to have filled again.

Flu Immunisations: The immunisation team will be returning to the school on Friday 5th November for any children who requested but did not receive their immunisation previously. Forms can be requested from the school office if you would like to request for your child.

Online Safety: The Netflix app itself is rated 18. Setting up parental controls if your children may have access to Netflix is really important. Inappropriate content - that worries, scares or upsets them - could otherwise be seen if accessing any video above their age rating.

'Squid Game' is an example of this - it is NOT a game and NOT appropriate viewing for those of primary age.

The Safeguarding Alliance considers "It is extremely inappropriate for children, and although rated a 15, could be arguably inappropriate for under 18 year olds".

Netaware offer a guide on how to set up parental controls to help with this here [How to set up parental controls on Netflix \(net-aware.org.uk\)](https://www.net-aware.org.uk).

Thinkyouknow offer further parent support here [Parent's guide to watching videos online \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

Year 7 applications: If you would like further information on how to apply for St Mark's, see the school's [website](https://www.stalban.essex.sch.uk). 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](https://www.essex.gov.uk)

Uniform: Shoes must be worn for school, except Tuesdays – our PE days. A separate pair of trainers or plimsolls should also be kept in school for times when we use the pitch.

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](https://www.stalban.essex.sch.uk) on our website. Please note that next week (Monday 18th October) we will be on Week 3.

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)
Tues 19 th Oct	TEAMS Parents Evening
Weds 20 th Oct	Year R Gruffalo Tea Party
Thurs 21 st Oct	Year 4 Library Visit
Thurs 21 st Oct	Face to Face Parents Evening
Fri 22 nd Oct	Year 5 Class Assembly 9.10am (parents welcome)
Fri 22 nd Oct	Finish at 3.15pm for Half Term
Fri 5 th Nov	Flu Immunisations
Fri 12 th Nov	Year 6 Class Assembly 9.10am (parents welcome)

