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Our Chaplaincy Team Prefect and House Captains lead our All Saints Service on Monday – remembering the kind acts of Saints that are Patrons in our school and asking them to pray for us, too. Each class also has its' own Class Saint patron, which were a particular focus for this week:

R St Anthony 1 St Sebastian 2 St Nicholas 3 St Mary 4 St Cecilia 5 St Maximilian Kolbe 6 St Thomas Aquinas If you are enjoying the Fireworks this weekend, please keep safe – our Phase leads have lead assemblies on Firework safety too.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"To be saints is not a privilege for a few, but a vocation for everyone."

- Pope Francis

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

Year R - Admirer

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Year 1 – David Year 2 - Oskar Year 3 – Edith Year 4 – Adaobi Year 5 – Daniel Year 6 – Jeffrey

House Points: Well done to St Theresa!

St Bernadette – 131 points

St Francis – 135 points

St Paul – 143 points

St Theresa – 158 points

St Thomas More – 137 points

St Anne Line - 117 points

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New Reception: We are now approaching the time when applications will open for Reception class next year. You will need to apply via: Primary school places - Essex County Council by the 15th January 2022. If you want to visit the school, we have tours available on 17th Nov and 24th Nov at 9.15am. Contact the office to book.

Term Time Leave: Children should not be removed from school during term time without having first requested a leave of absence in writing. Forms can be obtained from the office and need to be completed in advance.

Reading Champions: Mrs White was overwhelmed with the numerous applications from children wanting to be a reading champion in their class. Thank you to all the children, it is so lovely to see so many children passionate about books. Our new team for this year has been chosen and are looking forward to sharing their love of books with us.

Year 2 - Rebecca and Jake

Year 3 - Myleene and Oliver

Year 4 - Lara and Chima

Year 5 - Kyle and Lyann

Year 6 – Phoebe and Samuel

Poppies: We are selling poppies on the gate after school until the 10th November. Do support us in raising money for this worthy cause. Please see attached items available alongside the poppies.

Rainbows & Brownies are recruiting! They are cool and fun activities to take part in learning new skills and making friends. They are also looking for adult volunteers. Please see posters attached.

Remembrance Day: On 11th November for Remembrance Day, members of uniformed groups e.g. Rainbows, Brownies and Scouts are invited to attend school in their Division uniform.

Twice weekly LFT: With the rise in COVID-19 infections in primary school age children, we encourage you to help limit the spread of the infection by testing your child twice-weekly. You can collect Lateral Flow Test kits from your local pharmacy using one of the codes provided Here.

Covid-19: Please be reminded that any child presenting one of the stated symptoms will be sent home for you to arrange a PCR test. The government documentation states the following - "If anyone in your school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, you should send them home and they should follow public health advice." Please also note: If you or any member of your family test positive for Covid, there is not a need for your child to isolate. Children only isolate once they test positive. However, NHS Track and Trace could direct a class or school closure, if the numbers of positive cases rise - please be aware that you may still need to collect your children at short notice. Please do let the school know if you or a family member contract Covid 19, then we can be extra vigilant around the school.

Christmas Card Competition: Robert Halfon has opened a competition for all primary school aged children in Harlow which closes on Wednesday 10th November. The winning pupil and their family will be invited to the House of Commons when restrictions permit. Entries should be emailed to halfon4harlow@roberthalfon.com Card design requirements are:

- Be on A4 and fill the page, include child's name, age, school
- Only pens, pencils, crayons, paint used to create and design to be Christmas themed, include Father Christmas and a ladder

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located <u>here</u> on our website. Please note that next week (w/c 8th November) we will be on Week 2.

Gate Opening Times:

 $8\!:\!40\text{am}-8.55\text{am}$ - after this time your child will be marked as late.

3.15pm - End of the school day

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 rgd)

Weds 10th Nov Phonics Parent Workshop –

yR,1 & 2 (2.45pm in school hall)

Year 3 Stoneage Workshop
Fri 12th Nov Year 6 Class Assembly 9.10am

(parents welcome)

Thurs 18th Nov Non Uniform – Children in Need Fri 19th Nov Inset Day – No school for pupils

