



Happy New Year! It is lovely to see everyone and I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break. May 2022 bring you all much happiness.

As we celebrated the Epiphany this week and considered the gifts the Kings brought to Jesus, we also considered gifts we each have that we can share with others. The students have been focussed on reflecting our school value of encouraging others in sharing their gifts and have been thinking about dreams and goals for themselves. And so this week's themes have reminded me of Romans 12:6 Our gifts differ according to the grace given to us. Use your gift as faith suggests.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"Like the Magi, we too are called to allow ourselves to be attracted, illuminated and converted by Christ: He is the journey of faith, through prayer and the contemplation of God's works, which continually fill us with every new joy and wonder." - Pope Francis

Epiphany Blessing

We brought back blessed chalk from the Epiphany Mass. Please do take some from the basket at the gate if you wish to follow the blessing for your home:

We ask for a blessing on our homes and our school

*Which we mark with **CMB 2022** -
Christus Mansionem Benedicat 2022.
May Christ bless this house. Amen.*

House Points: Well done to St Theresa!

St Bernadette – 86 points

St Francis – 102 points

St Paul –112 points

St Theresa –116 points

St Thomas More –66 points

St Anne Line –110 points



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](#)

With the change in rules can we ask that if your child has a **positive** Lateral Flow Test you log it immediately on the GOV website found [Here](#) and send the result to the school

RE Newsletter: As a Catholic school our RE curriculum is distinctive. Please see attached the RE newsletter for the whole of this term. This covers the topic areas, feast days and ways of supporting your child with the

Religious development and understanding at home.

Dinner Menu: Our dinner menu can be located [here](#). Next week (w/c 10th January) we will be on Week 3.

Winter Reading Challenge: Essex Libraries Services have launched their [Winter Reading Challenge](#). Don't forget to visit the local library and sign up, the aim is to read six books.

Email Addresses: If you have any work or pictures completed at home that you would like to send to the class teacher, please use Teams for KS2 or your child's class email address for KS1 (*class email addresses can be confirmed with the class teacher or school office*).

Recycle your Old Stamps: Remember we are collecting your used stamps in at the school gate to help raise vital funds for [Support Dogs](#). Ensure you leave a **1cm border** around your used stamp.



Community Embrace: Based at The GPCA Playbarn in Staple Tye (CM18 6YJ), the Pantry is open to all local residents. Annual membership scheme and weekly session costs apply. For more information, including membership registration, volunteering or donations, you can contact them via emailcommunityembraceuk@gmail.com.

Rainbow Services: Rainbow Services recently opened a new Community Hub in Harlow, available to all Harlow residents which runs until April 2022. They offer a range of services for residents affected by crisis situations, as well as information on community and social activities, access to volunteering and regular workshops. You can visit their [website](#) and contact on telephone 01279 210404 or email harlowcommunityhub@rainbowservices.org.uk

Colder weather: Please make sure all children have suitable outdoor coats, hats, gloves scarves as the weather gets colder. The

children are outside for some time at lunch and need to stay warm. In order to ventilate classrooms windows and doors are opened for periods of time so if your child does get cold ensure they wear a vest under their shirt.

Aspirations Week: As part of our PSHE topic "Dreams and Goals" our aspirations week this year is the WB: 31st January. To make this a successful week we require your support. Further information will be sent out next week.

Reception: Applications are now open for Reception Class September 2022. You will need to apply via: [Primary school places - Essex County Council](#) by the 15th January 2022. **All applications to St Alban's will additionally require a SIF to be completed which can be found on our website or requested from the school office.**

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 Sunday 8.30am
OLF Church: Saturday 6pm
Sunday 10.30am, 12.15pm (Polish)
<https://olfstm.weebly.com/>

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesdays KS1 and KS2 PE (PE kit reqd)

Tues 11th Jan – Year 6 Parent meeting for SATs- Virtual

Thurs 13th Jan – Y4 swimming starts

Mon 17th Jan – Clubs start

Fri 25th Feb – Y2 Class Assembly

Mon 28th Feb – School Photo's

Also Attached:

- RE Spring Newsletter