



We have had a very busy spiritual week as we began the first week of Lent. The Mini Vinnies attended a Synod of the groups from the three Catholic Harlow Primaries, to share the students' thoughts on their Catholic faith. The Mini Vinnies represented our school so well and gave such positive feedback on this meeting.

We also celebrated the first Stations of the Cross together outside. The students were very respectful and year 6 led the prayers very well. Our House meetings were led by House and Vice Captains, focussed on prayers for Mothers as we celebrated this international prayer focus. Our CAFOD club launched their fundraiser too (further details below).

Year 4 enjoyed their class trip and the centre staff commented on how respectful and well mannered our students were – Well done year 4! Additionally, Year 1 are full of smiles enjoying an event here today.

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

**"Let us always pray for one another."**

- Pope Francis

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

Year R - Edward  
Year 1 – Julia and Sophia  
Year 2 – Kaedi  
Year 3 – Franciszek  
Year 4 – Ronald  
Year 5 – Rose  
Year 6 – Orson



**House Points:** Well done to [St Anne Line!](#)

[St Bernadette](#) – 127 points

[St Francis](#) – 116 points

[St Paul](#) – 119 points

[St Theresa](#) – 158 points

[St Thomas More](#) – 136 points

[St Anne Line](#) – 162 points



**Stations of the Cross during Lent:** If the weather is dry, please do join us for the Stations of the Cross which are said outside. Please come to the School Office for 9am.

For other times to join the Stations of the Cross at our local Parishes, please do see the websites on the right of this newsletter.

**CAFOD "Walk Against Hunger":** We are taking part in a sponsored daily mile to raise money for CAFOD "Walk Against Hunger" appeal this year. Your support will be very much appreciated. This money will be used by CAFOD to support people living in poverty in Africa and Ukraine. **Sponsor money can be paid directly onto our [just giving page](#) or by using the sponsor form (money collected during the last week on the gate as usual)**

**Sports Relief:** Red nose day is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March and we will be holding a non-uniform day. Children are encouraged to wear an item of red. If you wish to donate, please visit [here](#).

**School Photo's:** Your child will have brought home their school photo's. Please note that orders need to be placed **direct online with YEP Photography** before **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March** for free delivery to the school. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

**Ukraine Crisis:** When the world seems an uncertain place or world events are frightening, our children look to us for reassurance and advice. Sometimes knowing just what to share with them or how to answer their questions can be confusing for parents and carers. **Please see [here](#) Young Minds top tips for talking to your young person about the events in Ukraine.**

**Arbor:** Please check your child's meals account to ensure it is in a credit or zero balance. School dinners are charged at £2.20 per day for children in KS2.

**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 email address for KS1.

**Class email addresses can be confirmed with the class teacher or school office**

**School Website:** Please do remember to regularly check your [child's class page](#) and the [school website](#) for all the latest news on what our children have been up to.

**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**. *If your child has a sickness bug (vomiting/diarrhoea), please ensure they have a period of 48hrs without an episode before sending them back to school.*

**Dinner Menu:** Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website and next week we will be on Week 2 (Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March).

**COVID-19:** On Monday 21 February, the Prime Minister set out the next phase of the government's COVID-19 response '[Living with COVID-19](#)'. COVID-19 continues to be a virus that we learn to live with and the imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education remains. Please find attached new flow chart in relation to the recent government changes.

**Vaccination of 5-11 year olds** - The JCVI have announced that all children aged 5-11 years old will be eligible for two low doses of the vaccine 12 weeks apart. Roll out may be during April and parents are asked not to contact the NHS until further details have been announced. More information [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

**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:**

**Thursdays** KS1 and KS2 PE (PE kit reqd)

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Mar Year 6 Crucial Crew Event

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Mar Year 3 class trip

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Mar Red Nose Day (non-uniform)

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Mar Year 1 class assembly 9.05am (parents welcome)

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Mar Year 3 & 4 Easter Play 2.15pm (parents welcome)

Weds 30<sup>th</sup> Mar Year R Ugly Bug Session 2.45pm (parents welcome)

Attached:

- Ukraine Appeal/CAFOD Sponsor Form
- Harlow Singers Flyer

