



The students' sang out in Gospel Assembly this week with 'Shine Jesus Shine' as we celebrated learning about the transfiguration. The Chaplaincy Team and CAFOD Team led the Stations of the Cross very respectfully – the reflections this week were all based on CAFOD work.

Year 3 have been telling me how much they enjoyed their school trip and they all received recognition in Assembly for how well they represented our school – well done year 3!

The students have enjoyed a lovely day today – with the excitement of non-uniform day, the sun trying to shine and the words from St Patrick (feast day yesterday) shared: "May the Hand of God protect us. May the Way of God direct us. May the Angels of God guard us".

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"Lent is precisely the season of hope when we turn our gaze back to the God who is patient." - Pope Francis

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

Year R - Eliora

Year 1 - Amelia

Year 2 - Jake

Year 3 - ** Whole Class **

Year 4 - Summer

Year 5 - Adam D

Year 6 - Ikenna



House Points: Well done to **St Francis!**

St Bernadette – 98 points

St Francis – 157 points

St Paul – 87 points

St Theresa – 102 points

St Thomas More – 120 points

St Anne Line – 145 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)**

Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs: Dates for booking sessions in the Summer Term are now available on Arbor.

Dinner Menu: Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website and next week we will be on Week 3 (Monday 21st March).

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](#) BBC Children in Needs resources for talking to your young person about Ukraine and Russia.**

Stay Safe, Stay Aware and Take Care Event: Free event (places require booking) providing informative talks from Essex Police, Essex Fire and Rescue and the East of England Ambulance service alongside organisations and services that promote how to feel safe in and around the home. Lunch is included as well as a free goodie bag containing The Little Book of Big Scams. **Please see attached flyer.**

Essex Activate and Rainbow Services: Join them for lunch on a 4 week One Pot meals course starting on 21st March at St Paul's Church. The course is free with free equipment also provided so you can recreate the meal at home. **Please see the attached flyer for further information, booking is essential.**

Punctuality: It is important that your child attends school on time every day, unless there are exceptional circumstances, every school day counts. Children's learning starts at 8.55am, please ensure you allow plenty of time for your morning school journeys to ensure your child arrives on time.

Meals Accounts: Please regularly 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 per child in KS2.

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; like Year 3's visit this week to the [Verulamium Museum](#).

BCCS: Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity Gold Bond places for the TCS London Marathon taking place in London on Sunday 2nd October 2022. More information and how to apply for a place can be found on their [website](#). The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 8th April.

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.

Vaccination of 5-11 year olds: Please check [here](#) for the latest information on vaccines for children aged 5-11 years old. Roll out may be during April and parents are asked not to contact the NHS until further details have been announced.

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:

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| Thursdays | KS1 and KS2 PE (PE kit reqd) |
| Fri 25 th Mar | Year 1 class assembly 9.05am (Y1 parents welcome) |
| Tues 29 th Mar | Year 3 & 4 Easter Play 2.15pm (Y3 & Y4 parents welcome) |
| Weds 30 th Mar | Year R Ugly Bug Session 2.45pm (YR parents welcome) |
| Fri 1 st Apr | 1pm finish for Easter Half Term |

- Attached:
- CAFOD Walk Against Hunger
 - Stay Safe Flyer
 - Essex Activate & Rainbow Services

