



Happy Easter! I hope you have all enjoyed the break. It is lovely to welcome the students back. They have been making a recipe for a being a good friend this week. Their ingredients are: Love, Encouragement, Kindness, Giving, Trust/Loyalty, Forgiving, Respect and Sharing. We have shared that we can put all our ingredients in our heart and show them through our actions to our friends and families.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"We are all missionary disciples."

- Pope Francis

Pupil of the Week and House Points: These will resume from next week due to pupils returning to school on Wednesday from the Easter break.

CAFOD "Walk Against Hunger": Thank you to everyone that supported the children's appeal at the end of the Spring Term. Together we raised an incredible **£261.57**, well done to all.

Mid Year Reports: Thank you for all the feedback received so far, please do still send your replies to the class teacher or email into the school office as feedback is very important to us.

Clubs: Clubs are due to restart for children in KS2. You will now have received an email confirmation if your child secured a club place, **please read all emails in full.** Lets Play Football Academy and Karate Summer Term sessions start from Tuesday 26th April.

E-Safety: Tik Tok The NSPCC have shared with us that 'Over the last few months, you may have seen reports in the press about young people coming across inappropriate and harmful content on the Tik Tok platform. We've put together a guide to help you understand the risks, and give you an overview of some of the safety settings that might help to keep your child safer on the app.'

The guide has 6 safety settings to help keep children safe and can be found [here](#).

School Arrival: The gate to the school opens before the classroom doors; the doors to the classroom open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. **Your child must be supervised by an adult entering the classroom.**

Parent Handbook: Our Parent Handbook can be found [here](#) on the school website; an essential tool in clarifying our shared expectations to ensure that "together we grow in God's love, learning to be the best we can be."

Welcome: We wish a warm welcome to our new staff members Mr Gatulah, Mrs Storrar and Mr Patterson who have all joined us this week.

National School Breakfast Programme:

From Monday every child will be offered in class a breakfast bagel at the start of the school day.

Meals Accounts: Please ensure your child's school dinner account is in a credit or a zero balance in line with our school policy. Meals are charged at £2.20 per day per child in KS2.

Uniform Regulations: Please can parents remind themselves of our uniform regulations and Summer Uniform options which can be found [here](#) on our school website. (Open toe/heel sandals are not permitted for school wear)

Dinner Menu: Our Summer Term dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website and next week we will be on Week 2 (Monday 25th April).

Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs: If your child is attending a club session they **must** be booked and paid in advance through Arbor. Please contact the office if you require any assistance. *Please note for session cancellations that full rates will apply if less than 24 hours notice is given.*

ACL ESSEX Community and Family Learning team support parents with their parenting role – family wellbeing, parenting, SEND support, early years, starting school (primary and secondary), understanding the curriculum (Maths, English, STEM) and other specialist workshops. The next weeks' online FREE courses are attached. For support or to speak to someone please complete the [general enquiry](#) for Community and Family Learning.

Vaccination of 5–11-year-olds: Parents and carers of all 5 to 11 year olds are now able to book a COVID-19 vaccination for their child. The national booking service opened on **Saturday 2 April 2022**. To book a COVID vaccination for all eligible age groups please visit the [NHS national booking service](#) or dial 119.

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.

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:

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. This is a special feast day as given by Pope John Paul II.

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us.

Those that partake in reconciliation, receive Holy Communion and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy are granted indulgences. The prayers are said along with the Rosary are attached.

There will be an Hour of Mercy at Our Lady of Fatima Church, from 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm.

For more information, please see the [Parish newsletter](#).

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)

Weds 4th May

Bike to School Day

Weds 4th May

Year 5 Road Safety Visit

Thurs 5th May

Year 3 Swimming Lessons Start

Fri 13th May

Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day

Fri 20th May

Year 3 Class Assembly 9.10am

(Year 3 parents welcome)

Also Attached:

- ACL FREE Courses
- Divine Mercy Prayers
- Mr Burton (School Guitar Teacher) Music Concert