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On Our Lady of Fatima Feast day we have celebrated through Mass with Fr Bogdan, the Rosary (led by Chaplaincy Team members in each class) and learning more about Mary's messages to the children Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta. The children have made sun-catchers celebrating the Miracle of the Sun and flowers for Our Lady of Fatima, as well as having a special treat too. It was also a lovely opportunity for the Chaplaincy Team members of St Alban's and St Luke's to meet together again.

As Our Lady of Fatima revealed herself to the three children as Our Lady of the Rosary, we have been saying the rosary together each Wednesday and it was lovely to see so many students bring their rosary with them this week.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

## "Let us learn to live with kindness, to love everyone." - Pope Francis

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

Year R - Kuba

Year 1 – Ella Year 4 - Lois Year 2 - Elaina Year 5 - Serena Year 3 - Alicia Year 6 - Whole Class

House Points: Well done to our joint winners this week St Bernadette and St Thomas More!

St Bernadette - 128 points

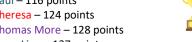
St Francis - 104 points

St Paul - 116 points

St Theresa – 124 points

St Thomas More - 128 points

St Anne Line - 127 points





We will be praying the Rosary together in May on Wednesday mornings. Parents are welcome to join us - please come to the main office at 8.55am. Students are encouraged to bring a rosary in on Wednesdays.

SATs Well done to all our Year 6 children who have sat the SATs. We know that our children have been blessed with many talents and skills the SATs cannot test. We are proud of all their achievement, not just the 'tested' ones.

The Queens Platinum Jubilee School Celebration Please ensure you have completed

your child's lunch selection on the link provided before Monday's 16th May 10am deadline - this will be the only option available from the kitchen on Tuesday 24th May.

Chickenpox Guidance: We currently have chickenpox within our school community. Any child with chickenpox needs to remain at home until all the spots have formed a scab. Further information and guidance can be found here.

Playground Equipment: Children are not permitted to use the school play equipment before or after school.

Clubs: Please note there are no school led clubs running on Monday 16th May 2022.

Packed Lunches: While encouraging our students to make healthy choices we expect children who have a packed lunch to reflect this. Therefore, chocolate bars, fast food, sweets and fizzy drinks must not be brought into school for lunch or snack. Please remember we are a nut free school (peanut butter and Nutella contain nut extract).

Mental Health Awareness Week has been focused on Loneliness. According to Mind, loneliness is the feeling we get when our need for rewarding social contact and relationships is not met. Community Embrace UK monthly coffee engagements have returned with their next session on Saturday 28th May aimed at supporting Social Inclusion, Loneliness & Mental Health, please see attached poster.

Love Your Library Day Jubilee Special You are royally invited to Mark Hall Library on Saturday 28th May for a Love Your Library Day Jubilee Special, Jubilee-themed activities for children will include:

- Storytime at 10:30am
- Fun crafts and activities throughout the day

The Essex Year of Reading app: Don't forget you can use the free digital library to enjoy immersive audio readings, animations, quizzes and download texts to read offline anytime, anywhere, more information available here.

ACL Community and Family Learning All the latest courses to support parents, grandparents, carers and anyone supporting young people in Essex can be found here.

Dinner Menu: Our Summer Term dinner menu can be located here, next week we'll be on Week 2 (w/c Monday 16th May). Please do talk with your child about their dinner choices for each day as enough portions are made for those who have ordered so changes are hard to accommodate.

Harlow Playhouse & Harlow Council story-trail in Harlow Town Centre runs from April 30th until June 12th, as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Competition colouring sheets are again attached and need uploading here by June 12th.

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:**

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:**

Mon 20th June

Friday 24th June

Thursdays EYFS, KS1 and KS2 PE (PE kit rqd)

Fri 20th May Year 3 Class Assembly 9.10am (Year 3 parents welcome) Tues 24th May The Queens Platinum Jubilee School Celebration (non uniform; red/white/blue) Thurs 26th May Sports Day Fri 27th May 3.15pm finish for half term Weds 8th June All children return to school Thurs 9th June Year 6 Walsingham House Year 5 Gibberd Garden Trip Fri 10<sup>th</sup> June Thurs 16th June Year 6 Bikeability - Course 1 Fri 17th June Year 6 Bikeability - Course 1

> Year 4 Class Assembly 9.10am (Year 4 parents welcome)

St Alban's Day

