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The Gospel this week led us to explore why we have been given our names. We thought too about why John the Baptist had been named so and how he prepared the way for Jesus.

The Mini Vinnies have been very busy this week. Representatives from the group met with the director of the volunteers from the Princess Alexandra Hospital, who came to visit them, to tell them more about life at the hospital. Our children are busy creating some lovely Christmas cards for the patients and staff and it is always really lovely to hear what it is like there.

The Mini Vinnies also prepared for the Cake Sale - thank you for your support with this. The Mini Vinnies wanted to raise money to help everyone who needs it this Christmas and one of the best ways to do so is through our local SVP group.

Mrs A M Black, Head of School

"Our life spreads light when it is given in service. The secret of joy is living to serve."

Pope Francis

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

Year R – Malakai

Year 1 - Peppe

Year 2 - Hailey

Year 3 - Elaina

Year 4 – Nicholas

Year 5 - Bryan

Year 6 - Serena

**House Points**: Well done to St Paul this week!

St Bernadette – 129 points

St Francis – 111 points

St Paul – 150 points

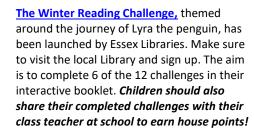
St Theresa – 108 points

St Thomas More – 100 points

St Anne Line – 94 points

Travelling Crib: There is still time to put your name down to take our Nativity crib into your home for one night. There will be a candle, song, prayer and a book of the Nativity story, which can be read to the children, telling the Christmas story. The children can also draw a picture or write a prayer inspired by the night your family had the travelling crib (these may be displayed in our school too). The crib scene will then need to be carefully packed away and taken back to the School Office the next day, so that it can visit another family's house. Please advise on the gate if you would like to take part

and your name will be added to the list.



School Productions and Nativities: Tickets are required for all the performances being held next week (EYFS Christmas Nativity, Year 1 & 2 Nativity and KS2 Carols & Readings) These have now been allocated. Please contact the Office if you have any queries.

**Mini Vinnies:** Thank-you for the donations of cakes received for our sale afternoon this week and for all that were able to attend. We appreciate all your support.

Christmas Dinner: On Wednesday, we enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner. Thank you to Mrs Brady and Mrs Crafton for the lovely meal... it truly was delicious.

**Colder weather:** Please make sure all children have suitable outdoor coats, hats, gloves and scarves as the weather gets colder. The children are outside for some time at lunch and need to stay warm.

**Flu Immunisations:** Local clinics are now available for any pupils who missed their vaccination when the immunisation team visited the school. Please see attached flyer for details.

**Dinner Menu:** Our school dinner menu can be located <u>here</u> on our website. Next week we will be on week 1 (Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December).

**Term Dates:** School term 2022-2023 dates are available on the <u>school website</u>.

Children finish at 1pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>
December 2022 and all children return to school on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Your Essex Please find a special newsletter which gives information on help and support available for families across Essex who are struggling with the rise in the cost of living. Further information can also be found at Helping you with the cost of living - Essex County Council

Reception School Admissions: Applications for Reception 2023 school places opened on 7<sup>th</sup> November and must be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Applications can be made online via Primary school places - Essex County Council. All applications to St Alban's will additionally require a SIF form to be completed which can be found here on our website or requested from the school office.

## **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:**

Old Harlow - **Sunday** Mass times are 10am and

http://www.catholicchurchoftheassumption.co.uk/ Our Lady of Fatima Parish Mass times are STM Church **Sunday** 8.30am

OLF Church: **Saturday** 6.30am

**Sunday** 10.30am, 12.15pm (Polish) https://olfstm.weebly.com/

## **Upcoming Dates:**

Click here for St Alban's Key Dates 22-23

