



Thank you to Year 2 for a lovely Class Assembly on sharing their learning about the Great Fire of London. Through sharing parts of Samuel Pepys diaries they led us through a reflection of this time so well. Year 2's singing in 'the round' was lovely to hear too. Well Done Year 2!

The Gospel this week has helped us to focus on making good choices – we have considered too what may be healthier for us to do more of in our lives (and less of). The students chose to eat more fruit and vegetables, be outside engaging with nature more, and to have less cakes, sweets, takeaways and fizzy drinks and spend a bit less times on electronic games.

*Mrs A M Black, Head of School*

*"Lent is a favourable time to seek out (and not to avoid) those in need; to reach out (and not to ignore) those who need a sympathetic ear and a good word; to visit (and not abandon) those who are lonely."*

**Pope Francis**

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

Year R – Jasmine  
Year 1 – Kaira  
Year 2 – Sienna  
Year 3 – Finley  
Year 4 – Barbara  
Year 5 – Barbara  
Year 6 – Onyi



**House Points:** Well done to [St Anne Line](#) this week's winners!

[St Bernadette](#) – 142 points

[St Francis](#) – 174 points

[St Paul](#) – 212 points

[St Theresa](#) – 162 points

[St Thomas More](#) – 118 points

[St Anne Line](#) – 213 points



**Ash Wednesday and Lent:** As we begin the journey of Lent together do see this link to the CAFOD [website](#), which has some beautiful ideas for prayer within the home.

**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 each Tuesday. 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.

**School Photographs:** Children will have all brought their individual proof cards home this week. For free delivery back to the school, please place your **order direct online with YEP before Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March**. If you have any queries, please contact the school office. *NB. Class photo proofs will be available next term.*

**CAFOD Club** has launched a Penny Drive to raise pennies for the projects that CAFOD are involved in to support our global Catholic family. Each class has a basket and throughout Lent children are allowed to bring in 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p and 50p for their class baskets. After Easter CAFOD Club will count how much has been collected. Many thanks CAFOD Club

**Is my child too ill for school?** 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. Additional guidance can be found on the [NHS website](#).

**Tiktok:** Tiktok is for those 13+ and sets it's security based on students of this age. It will actively remove accounts of students below this age. This means that primary age students should not be on Tiktok. The concerns shared on NSPCC site are around the type of material that can be shown and contact from strangers. **Please find attached Tiktok's privacy and safety checklist and further information from NSPCC website regarding keeping children safe [here](#).**

**Dinner Menu:** Our school dinner menu can be located [here](#) on our website. Next week we will be on week 2 (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March).

**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.

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

**After School Welcomes at Harlow Library:** The next session will be held on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. Using games that the whole family can get involved, in these fun and interactive tutored sessions are designed to make learning fun and give you and your child skills to use at home! Family food time and free snacks are also include, please find further information and bookings [here](#).

**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.

**Meals Accounts:** 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.

**Help with the cost of living:** We know it is a difficult time for everyone with the rise in the cost of living. Find information [here](#) on useful websites, organisations and advice to help you with rising costs.

**Term Dates:** School term 2022-2023 dates are available on the [school website](#).

**Key Dates:** Please remember to keep check of the upcoming dates link in this newsletter which advises dates for all the key events we have planned for this academic year. [Click here for St Alban's Key Dates 22-23](#)

**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 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/>