



# ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*Be it known...*

25th September 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

As I wrote earlier in the term, it has been lovely to see the students as the new academic year is underway. Whilst circumstances and the health & safety measures we have implemented presented restrictions on students' ability to greet one another in their usual custom after so long a break, the school has still been full of excitement and energy. Our students' behaviour is always a fantastic advert for the school, and it is no surprise that they continue to respond with great maturity and responsibility. This was particularly evident during yesterday's fire drill under new procedures.

In recent Gospels Christ has called on us to address in private those we feel have wronged us. The 'difficult conversation' is familiar to all, but the greater burden is to carry our disappointment. Openness and transparency liberate. Elsewhere Christ calls us to extend mercy to others when it is granted us, citing the master who allows his servant time to pay his debt, only for the servant to later reject a fellow servant's pleas. In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus tells us not to compare ourselves with others, not count the cost, not be jealous, not compete, to be content with our lot. *'So the first will be last and the last will be first.'* In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus challenges the chief priests and elders, those who wield power and authority. Today we hear the phrase, *'Speak truth to power.'* Jesus might have coined it. He spent his life on earth doing just that - challenging corruption, injustice and inequality, calling the world to a life of forgiveness, understanding, compassion and love.

Chelmsford MP Vicky Ford visited the school during the summer to hear about how we had prepared the site to welcome the return of all students on a full time basis. Mrs Iciek & I explained the challenges of providing access to the curriculum whilst ensuring distance between Year group bubbles is maintained.

Next Friday 2nd October, following what was to be our open evening, is an INSET day. Training will focus on provision for SEND students, further development of virtual learning capacity in the event of partial or full closure, and safeguarding updates.

With our being unable to welcome visitors to the school for a traditional open evening this year, we look forward to sharing a promotional film in due course. We are offering tours either during the school day or after school for up to six people, consistent with health & safety guidance. It is always nice to welcome visitors, though we are of course disappointed that we are unable to call upon our students - our greatest ambassadors - to show people around. The link to my presentation will go live on our website homepage next Thursday 1st October at 6.00 p.m. This will then be available to view along with the promotional film.

The introduction of Edulink has aided our communication, whilst Show My Homework is already proving a fantastic resource for teachers, students, and parents alike.

We continue our tradition of charity fundraising and giving, with our harvest collection now extending year round. Items can be left in Form rooms to be gathered centrally and delivered periodically to the foodbank. We also continue to donate to CAFOD, Aid to the Church in Need, Chess, and a range of other charities.

Thomas Coen, Headteacher.



SJP is a proud Teacher Training Partnership School to Billericay Education Consortium and West Essex Teacher Training School Alliance. Please contact us if you are interested in a career in teaching and/or work experience.



**Congratulations to former Head Boy Michael Barwick on his ordination to the Diaconate. Please pray for Michael as he continues to prepare for the priesthood.**

The Full Governing Body has voted in favour of the motion that St. John Payne Catholic School will engage in discussion with the Diocese of Brentwood and members of the prospective Multi Academy Trust (MAT) to influence the final structure and determine whether in the view of the Full Governing Body it is in the best interests of the school to join the MAT. Governors continue to assure parents and carers that no MAT decision involving SJP will be taken without consultation with all parties.



*...to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school.*





**Top Lockdown Linguastars!** There is nothing complicated about learning languages, but it takes hard work. These students showed particular grit, resilience, curiosity and effort in embedding French/German knowledge into their long-term memory over lockdown. They will have a very strong start to French and German this year because they have not given up and continued to ask questions.

Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11/12
Theo (8A) Josh (8B) Alice (8C) Kiera (8D) Sean (8F) Elsie (8S)	Jonty (9C) Dennis (9B) Chloe (9D) Lilla (9F) Jayden (9B)	Olivia (10B) Hannah (10C) Menzel (10) Nneka (10A) Hannah (10C) Phoebe (10S) Josh (10F) Courtney (10C)	Cobie (11C) Praise (11) Kate (12)



## NEWSFLASH

September 10th 2020

info@chelmsford.foodbank.org.uk 07512 574 542

Thank you for your encouragement and generosity though the past 5 months:

### Items in order of need

#### Food items

Tinned Potatoes  
 Jam/preserves/spreads  
 Instant Mash sachets  
 Instant custard sachets  
 Tinned custard  
 Tinned rice pudding

#### Toiletries

Ladies deodorants  
 Ladies shampoo  
 Washing powder/liquid/gel

Please bring to the Foodbank Warehouse in Beehive Lane if your usual donation place is still not available. Thank you.

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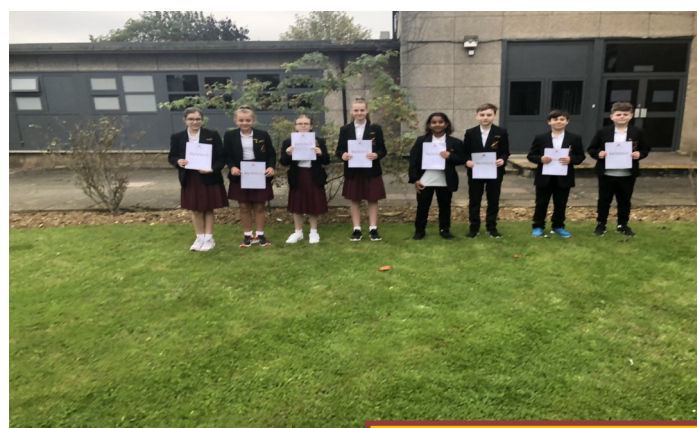
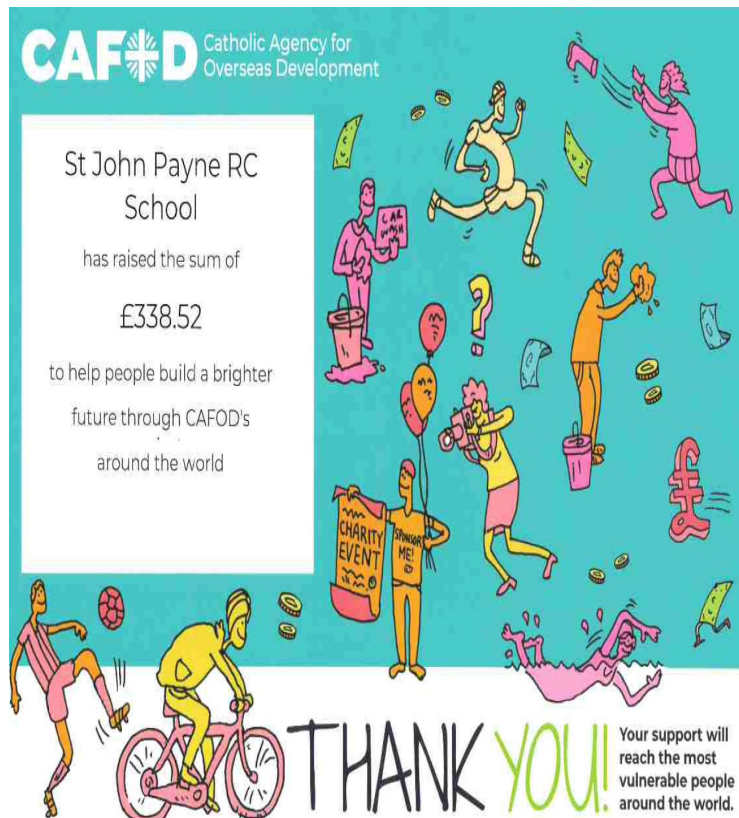
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St John Payne RC School

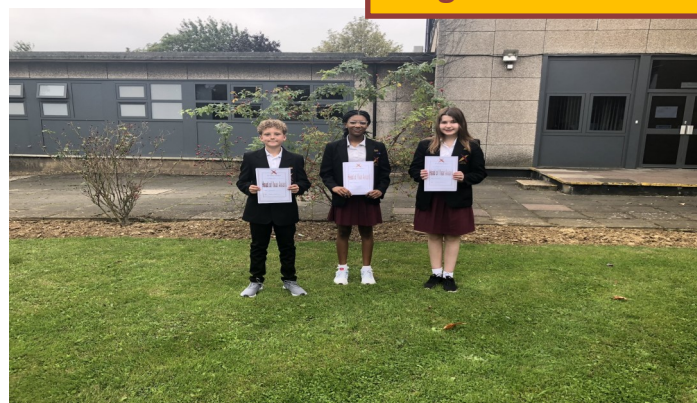
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£338.52

to help people build a brighter future through CAFOD's around the world



**Congratulations to our Year 8 Award winners.**



Emergency food for people in crisis



