



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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We started the week with a special assembly during which I talked to the children about **British Values** and how these link well with the **Gospel Values** and **Mercy Values** on which our school community is based. We discussed democracy at length and the way in which fair elections are held; in school and in the country as a whole. Following on from this, I was pleased to present the following badges to children who had been elected by their peers to the roles of House Captains and School Councillors:

House Captains

St Thomas More (red) Rocco Jackson Jasmin Ozkadi

St John Bosco (green) Bodhi Mitchell-Kiely Jessica Barber

St Mary's (blue) Cameron Bull Maya Whitbourn

St Joseph's (yellow) Albert Osijo Nancy Lovett

The remaining children in Year 6 were awarded their monitor badges coloured according to their house.

School Councillors

Year 1 Emily Wedge Joseph Burns

Year 2 Lilia Meleard Freddie Wright

Year 3 Lily Bewers Lemuel Msonthi

Year 4 Freya Essex Luke Whitbourn

Year 5 Deborah Adesanya Ellis Essex

Year 6 Niamh Kieran Blake Essex

A number of children attended an **Active Kids** session held at Deanes School on Tuesday afternoon. This event saw children from all over this area join together for PE sessions with coaches from Deanes School and the local BATIC Schools Sports Partnership. I am very grateful to Miss Furby for organising our school's participation. You can see our representatives on the next page.



Throughout this week, Mrs Hurley and I have been formally observing lessons as part of our monitoring role within the school. We both witnessed imaginative, inspiring teaching that the children were thoroughly engaged with. Below are a few snapshots from this week:



School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Thursday to take class, individual and siblings photographs. Please could all children wear their **winter uniform** on that day. Please also remember that girls should wear white socks. Thank you.

Harvest 2016

Although very few of us live a rural or agrarian setting, the concept of **"Harvest"** is still very strong in this area. Each year, Christians of all denominations celebrate **"Harvest"** with church services to give thanks for the food that we receive and the people who farm the land and

supply the food chain. We also think of those in our own country and abroad that do not have enough to eat. This year our **“Harvest”** Mass will be on Sunday 9th October at 10.00am in Holy Family Church. We would encourage all families to attend and share in the spiritual life of the school and parish. In school, we would like to collect donations of tinned or dried foodstuffs that will be given to the families currently resident in the Basildon Women’s Aid hostel. An aspect of our Christian tradition that is often overlooked these days is the concept of self-sacrifice—giving something up for others. This **“Harvest”** we would encourage all of the children to give up something that they would normally buy at the sweet shop or take-away as a treat on Friday 7th October which is CAFOD’s **“Harvest”** Fast Day. They could put their unspent money into their CAFOD envelope and bring it into school. All monies raised this way are sent to CAFOD so that staff and volunteers can continue their charitable work in the developing world. (CAFOD is the Catholic Church in England’s major overseas aid agency)



Parental Contact Meetings

This term’s meetings will be held on Tuesday 8th November 3.30pm—6.00pm and Thursday 10th November 5.00pm—7.00pm. Appointment letters will be sent out nearer to the time of the meetings.

My Maths For Parents

We would like to invite parents into school on Thursday 13th October to have a demonstration on how My Maths works. The sessions will be in the ICT suite so space will be limited. Therefore, if you would like to attend, please book your slot with the ladies in the office. The first session will begin at 1.30pm; the second slot will begin at 5.30pm.



MyMaths.co.uk

Open Morning—Reception Admissions 2017

If you or a friend or family member has a child who will be starting school in September 2017, please come along to our Open Morning on Thursday 10th November, 9.30am—11.45am. The admissions process opens to parents on Monday 14th November and will close on Sunday 15th January 2017. The National Offer Day will be Tuesday 18th April 2017. If you would like to visit the school, but are unable to come on our Open Morning, please call the school office on 01268 792231 to arrange a time to come and have a guided tour from two of our Y6 pupils. Please note that all applications to Holy Family School must be made via Essex County Council, but as a Voluntary-Aided Catholic School, all applicants **must complete** a **Supplementary Information Form (SIF)** that needs to be returned to the school office—failure to complete a

SIF will mean that your child may not be ranked correctly against our oversubscription criteria. You will also need to provide us with your child's birth certificate for the school to verify that your child is eligible for a Reception 2017 school place. Catholic families should also provide an original Baptismal Certificate and seek a reference from their Parish Priest.

First Holy Communion 2017

Mrs Herridge from the Parish Office would like to share the following information:

The 2016/2017 First Holy Communion Programme will be commencing in late September or early October. To be eligible children should be in school year 3 or above in September 2016 and should already be attending Sunday Mass weekly with their families. Parents and children (potential communicants) should come along to a meeting after the 6pm Mass on Saturday, 24th September.

St Thomas More High School for Boys

The headteacher and staff of St Thomas More High School for Boys would like to extend a warm invitation to all parents with a son in current Year 6. There will be two Open Days on 12th & 13th October. Admission to the Open Days is by appointment only. Please call St Thomas More High School on 01702 344933 or email: office@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk

Christmas Cards—Make a Difference

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is a children's charity for Essex and East London. BCCS works closely with many families in our diocese; many children and families from our school community have benefitted from the Society's help over the years and continue to do so. Fundraising is vital to the Society and you can help by buying Christmas Cards from BCCS. All profits go directly to BCCS. Order forms are available from the school office. More details can be obtained from BCCS by visiting www.bccs.org.uk



School Dinners for Juniors

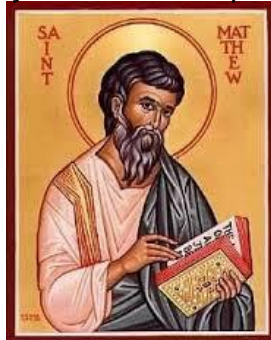
A reminder to Year 2 parents that when your child enters Year 3 you are required to pay for school dinners at a cost of £2.20 in advance or on the day. However, if you think that your child qualifies for free school meals, all details are available on the Essex County Council website www.essex.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Dinner Money Envelopes We have custom made dinner money envelopes available from the school office at a cost of £1.50 for 50 envelopes.

School Health Drop-in service If you have concerns about your child's health then you can use the Drop-in service where no appointments are necessary. The limit is 15 minutes per child but for more in-depth problems please contact the clinic directly to speak to a member of the school nurse team. The locations are: Central Canvey Primary Care Centre, Long Road, Canvey Island, SS8 OJA. Phone 01268 686041 2-4pm 6th& 20th October; 3rd&17th November; 1st&15th December and Oak Tree Children's Centre, Grovewood Primary School, Grove Road,

Rayleigh SS6 8UA. Phone 01268 775910 2-4pm 27th September; 3rd & 17th October; 7th 7 21st November; 5th December.

Saint of the Week On Wednesday it was the Feast Day of St Matthew, one of the twelve apostles and author of the first Gospel. Before his conversion he was a tax collector, sometimes referred to as Levi by the other Gospel writers.



Attendance RF 99.1% 1F 97.2% 2T 98.6 % 3W 99.3% 4D 97.7 % **5LB 100%** 6F 99.2% Well done **Year 5** for 100% attendance week.

Mr P O’Kane Headteacher

Diary Dates

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| Saturday 24 th September | 6.00pm Mass followed by 2017 First Holy Communion Meeting, Holy Family Church |
| Thursday 29 th September | School Photographs (Winter Uniform) |
| Friday 30 th September | Year 1 Class Assembly, 10.15am |
| Monday 3 rd October | World Faith Study Week—Judaism |
| Friday 7 th October | CAFOD Harvest Fast Day |
| Sunday 9 th October | Harvest Family Mass, Holy Family Church, 10.00am |
| Tuesday 11 th October | Full Governing Body Meeting, 6.30pm |
| Wednesday 12 th October | Year 5 & 6 Mass, 9.30am, School Hall (Parents/Parishioners Welcome) |
| Thursday 13 th October | My Maths for Parents 1.30pm & 5.30pm |
| Friday 14 th October | Year 6 Girls to Visit St Bernard’s School |
| Monday 17 th October | Finance & Premises Governors’ Meeting, 6.00pm |

Tuesday 18 th October	Year 3 Trip—Layer Marney
Thursday 20 th October	Non-Pupil Day
Friday 21 st October	Non-Pupil Day
Monday 24 th October—Friday 28 th October	Half-Term Holiday
Friday 4 th November	Year 2 Class Assembly, 10.15am
Tuesday 8 th November	Parental Contact Meetings, 3.30—6.00pm
Wednesday 9 th November	Year 3 & 4 Mass, 9.30am, School Hall (Parents/Parishioners Welcome)
Thursday 10 th November	Open Morning 9.30am—11.45am (Reception Admissions September 2017)
Thursday 10 th November	Parental Contact Meetings, 5.00—7.30pm
Friday 11 th November	Year 6 Class Assembly, 10.15am
Sunday 13 th November	Remembrance Sunday Family Mass, Holy Family Church, 10.00am
Friday 18 th November	Year 5 Class Assembly, 10.15am
Friday 25 th November	Year 3 Class Assembly, 10.15am
Sunday 27 th November	First Sunday of Advent
Thursday 1 st December	KS2 Children Walk to Holy Family Church for Mass & Rehearse Christmas Presentation
Friday 2 nd December	Dress Rehearsal Morning for Christmas Presentations
Monday 5 th December	Christmas Production Afternoon (Elderly of the Parish & Grandparents)
Monday 5 th December	Finance & Premises Governors' Meeting 6.00pm
Tuesday 6 th December	Christmas Production Afternoon (Parents & Carers—Limited Tickets)

Wednesday 7 th December	Christmas Production Afternoon (Parents & Carers—Limited Tickets)
Thursday 8 th December	KS2 Children Walk to Holy Family Church for Mass & Rehearse Christmas Presentation
Thursday 8 th December	KS2 Children Christmas Performance in Holy Family Church (All KS2 Children to Attend)
Wednesday 21 st December	Advent Reconciliation Service
Wednesday 21 st December	School Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 21 st December	Christmas Hat Assembly
Thursday 22 nd December 2016—Wednesday 4 th January 2017	Christmas Holidays
Thursday 5 th January 2017	First Day of Spring Term
Friday 6 th January 2017	Mass for the Epiphany (tbc)
Monday 6 th February 2017	Year 6 Danbury Residential Trip
Friday 10 th February 2017	Year 6 Return from Danbury
Monday 13 th February—Friday 17 th February 2017	Half-Term Holiday
Wednesday 1 st March	Ash Wednesday—Lent Begins
Tuesday 21 st March 2017	Hot Cross Run (Catholic Schools' Cross Country Event) (tbc)
Monday 3 rd April—Friday 14 th April 2017	Easter Holidays
Sunday 9 th April 2017	Palm (Passion) Sunday—Start of Holy Week
Thursday 13 th April 2017	Holy Thursday
Friday 14 th April 2017	Good Friday
Sunday 16 th April 2017	Easter Sunday
Monday 17 th April 2017	Public Holiday—School Closed
Tuesday 18 th April 2017	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 1 st May 2017	Public Holiday—School Closed

Monday 8th May 2017

SATs Week Begins

Monday 29th May- Friday 2nd June 2017

Half-term Holiday

Thursday 20th July 2017

Leavers' Mass (tbc)

Friday 21st July 2017

Last day of the school year

Monday 24th July 2017

Summer Holidays Begin

There is one more non-pupil day that needs to be set for 2016-2017 academic year