



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back to what is usually one of the busiest terms of the school year. I hope that you all had an enjoyable and relaxing time with your families over the Easter holidays. I had the opportunity to finish the Easter story with the children during Tuesday morning's assembly. We all had the opportunity to think about Christ risen from the tomb—we also got to sing a very catchy Hallelujah.

Earrings I spoke to the children during assembly on Tuesday morning regarding the wearing of earrings to school. The school's Uniform Policy (to be found under Parents' Information on the school website) clearly states that earrings are not to be worn to school and this includes the taping over of newly pierced ears. We would appreciate the support of parents and carers in this matter. Thank you.

Head lice We have had a case of head lice reported in school. Please check your child's hair regularly to ensure there is no cross-contamination. Thank you.

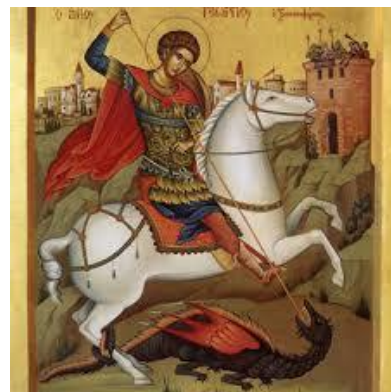
PE Achievements When children win a medal or a trophy for sports-related achievements outside school, we would like them to bring the awards in to school in order that we may celebrate their success with the whole school community. Our PE coordinator, Miss Furby, will then take a photograph for the PE Celebration board. Alternatively, children may bring their own photograph in to school. Thank you.

Year 5 and 6 Girls summer uniform As there is a problem sourcing, at a reasonable cost, the pink gingham blouses which the Year 5 and 6 girls wear as part of their summer uniform, it has been agreed by the Governors that the girls may wear a short sleeved, plain white blouse with a revere collar.

PE Kits Please ensure that your child has a complete PE kit in school at all times. Children should wear a white PE t shirt with the school logo; navy shorts; black plimsolls or trainers. A school PE sweatshirt is optional. It would be a shame for children to miss out on PE lessons in this term when hopefully the weather will be lovely! Thank you.

Benfleet Community Archive 2017 Show If you are stuck for something to do this weekend, then why not pop along to the annual show of the Benfleet Community Archive? They will be displaying old photos and memorabilia of Benfleet's past and will also be including some of the work the group does with schools, including the work that was recently done here with Year 3 on building a bridge to Canvey. Photos of our children's bridges that were made in D&T will be included in the display as well as some other work the children completed. The event will be held at the Methodist Church on the High Road and is from 10am to 1pm. Entry is £1 (children free) and refreshments will be available.

Saint of the Week On Sunday it is St George's day. St George is the patron saint of England, despite never having set foot on English soil! It is most likely that he was an Armenian soldier of great faith; the dragon he allegedly slayed was a symbol of his personal opposition to evil and wrongdoing.



Attendance RF 92.1% 1F 97.3% 2T 90.3% 3W 86.1% 4D 96.9% 5LB 97.3% 6F 94.3%
Well done to Years 1 and 5 for joint best attendance during the last week of the spring term.

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 from 2-4pm 4th & 18th May; 8th & 22nd June; 6th July.

Oak Tree Children's Centre, Grovewood Primary School, Grove Road, Rayleigh, SS6 8UA. Phone 01268 686041 from 2-4pm 9th & 23rd May; 13th & 27th June; 11th July.

Wishing Well Children's Centre, Waterman Primary School, The Boulevard, Rochford, SS4 1QF. Phone 01702 541460 from 24th April; 15th May; 5th & 19th June; 3rd July.

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Diary Dates

Monday 1 st May	Public holiday—school closed
Monday 8 th May	SATs week
Thursday 18 th May	Sponsored Bounce
Thursday 18 th May	Year 3 Trip—Wat Tyler Park
Saturday 20 th May	First Holy Communion, 11.00am
Thursday 25 th May	KS1 Cross Country Pentecost Dash 9.30am

Friday 26 th May	Crowning of Our Lady service 2.30pm Parents and carers welcome
Monday 29 th May- Friday 2 nd June	Half-term holiday
Tuesday 27 th May	Year 5 Day, St Bernard's & St Thomas More tbc
Tuesday 27 th & Wednesday 28 th June	The Appleton, The Deanes and The King John School Y7 induction days
Thursday 29 th June & Friday 30 th June	St Bernard's & St Thomas More Y7 induction days
Wednesday 5 th July	KS1 Catholic Sports 9.30- 12.00pm St Teresa's
Thursday 6 th July	KS2 Catholic Sports 9.30-12.00pm St Thomas More High School
Friday 7 th July	Year 3 Eucharist Day St Bernard's High School
Tuesday 11 th July	KS2 District Sports The Deanes School