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This morning it was the turn of Year 4 to present their assembly to the school and their families. Through song, dance and drama, the children helped us to understand the importance of **Building Bridges** (their RE topic) We will have photographs in next week's newsletter. Thank you to all the parents and other family members who came along to support the children. Thanks also to Ms Dawson and Mrs Bewers for helping the children to prepare for the assembly.

We have had a very busy week with Holy Family children visiting a variety of locations! Today, as part of their topic on railways and the seaside, Year 3 visited Chalkwell beach. I was fortunate enough to join them for an hour or so and I know that they had a lovely time—they caught a phenomenal number of crabs and managed to have an ice-cream. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to accompany the children and staff. Thanks also to Mrs Wheatley, Miss Trigg, Mrs Watkins for organising the trip. I hope to have some

On Monday morning, along with Miss Fordham and Mrs Duxbury, I accompanied Year 6 to the annual Mass for all leavers from our Southend Deanery Schools at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Leigh on Sea. I always enjoy this occasion and Monday was no exception. This Mass enables all the Catholic schools to come together to mark the end of the children's primary school education and gives all present the chance to reflect on moving on to the next stage of their lives.

Yesterday afternoon, we welcomed Father Eduard into school to celebrate Mass for the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. The Mass was a beautifully reverent occasion and with wonderful singing from the whole school community and an impromptu Latin lesson from Fr Eduard after Mass had finished.

Throughout the week, the majority of our Year 6 children attended their Year 7 induction days in preparation for September.

Our Year 5 pupils spent a Taster Day at St Bernard's (girls) and St Thomas More (boys) in order to experience life at our Catholic secondary schools I understand that they all had an enjoyable time and thank you to Mrs Barratt and Mrs Herman for accompanying the children. The frisbees that the boys make each year with Mr Griffen at St Thomas More always prove to be popular with the lads.

The children in the Nursery Class have been hatching butterflies from caterpillars recently. The caterpillars arrived a few weeks ago and the children have been very interested in watching the

changes happen. The Nursery Class children and staff had a picnic; the children tried all the fruit that our very hungry caterpillars had eaten. The butterflies were released into the wild.



Our Year 2 class was packed with journalists and news reporters this past few weeks. Lots of television interviews were conducted with witnesses to the events of 1666 in London that began in Pudding Lane...



Open Afternoon Parents are warmly invited to come into school on the afternoon of Monday 17th July (1.30—3.00pm) to go through their child's work with their child. Once you and your child have gone through the books, you are welcome to take your child home early. Please complete and return the slip located at the end of this week's newsletter.

Dinner Money Please ensure that if your child is planning to have a school dinner between now and the end of term that payment for the meal is made **on the day (or in advance)**. All dinner money must be up to date by the end of term as no arrears will be allowed. If you think that you owe dinner money, please contact the office for details of payments due. Thank you.

Children's Art Exhibition A message from Mrs Impey that there will be an exhibition of the children's art work to view in the hall after school each day next week. Come and see the amazing work the children have carried out in their art lessons; the quality of some of the artwork is incredible!

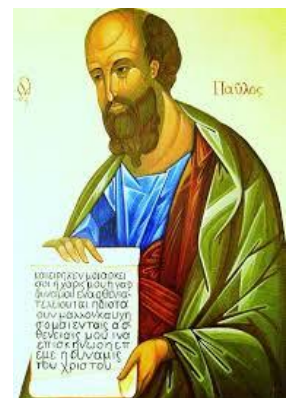
Family Fun Day Saturday 15th July Please come along and support our Family Fun Day on Saturday 15th July, 1.00pm—4.00pm. There will be a PGSA meeting at 3.15 pm in the school hall on Tuesday 4th July to discuss Fun Day arrangements.

September 2017 Reception Class There are a limited number of places still available for the September 2017 intake—perhaps you have a friend or relative whose child is due to start school in September 2017 who would like to have a place at Holy Family. Please contact the school office in the first instance for further details.

Swimming Contributions Thank you to everyone who has sent in voluntary donations to help meet the costs of our swimming pool and the provision of lessons. If you haven't yet made a donation towards the costs of swimming, the ladies in the school office will be happy to receive any you wish to give before the end of term. Mr Smith had to arrange for a new pump to be fitted this week at a cost of £800—maintaining the pool is not cheap!

Healthy Tuck Just a gentle reminder to parents and carers that the children should not be having crisps or sweet items for their tuck, nor should it be included in their packed lunches. We encourage them to bring a piece of fruit for tuck or a range of healthy tuck is available to buy for 20p each day. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Emails to parents Our first choice of communication to parents and carers is by text message. However, in a cost cutting measure, we will now be using **email** (which is free on Parentmail) in the first instance so we would ask parents to check their emails regularly. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



Saints of the week Yesterday was the Feast Day of two of the greatest saints - Peter and Paul. Although completely different in background, education, temperament and life experiences, they both worked hard to spread the gospel throughout the world. Peter (the Rock) had first-hand knowledge of Christ, having been with him throughout his ministry; Paul on the other hand was

a convert to Christianity who had persecuted Christians when he was called Saul. Whatever our strengths (and weaknesses) we can all do Christ's work here on earth

Give It A Go Holy Family Church runs a monthly youth club called Give it a Go for anyone in school year 7, 8 and 9. **On Saturday 1st July Give it a Go invites all those in Year 6 to join them for an introductory session.** The club starts after the 6pm Mass and ends at 9pm. Entry for the evening will be £1 and there will be drinks and sweets for sale. Parents are asked to complete a simple contact and permission form before leaving your child.

Attendance N2 96.2% RF 78.6% 1F 94% 2T 95.3% 3W 96% 4D 98.7% 5LB 99.3% 6F 97.7% Well done to Year 5 for best attendance last week.

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Headteacher

Open Afternoon

Please complete the slip below and return it to the school office if you wish to attend the Open Afternoon to view your child's work.

I _____ would like to attend Open Afternoon on Monday 17th July, 1.30pm—3.00pm to view the work of my child(ren) in Year(s) _____

If you intend to take your child home early on Open Afternoon, please sign below and return to the school office.

I _____ would like to take my child(ren) home early when I have finished viewing their work

Diary Dates

Tuesday 4 th July	Year 6 Crucial Crew The Deanes School pm PGSA Meeting, 3.15pm
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 1 class assembly 10.15am Year 6 School Trip Year 5 Taster Day The King John School Year 3 Eucharist Day St Bernard's High School PGSA Children's Movie Event, 3.30pm
Monday 10 th July	Year 2 trip to Wat Tyler Park
Tuesday 11 th July	KS2 District Sports The Deanes School
Friday 14 th July	Year 2 class assembly 10.15am
Saturday 15 th July	PGSA Family Fun Day
Monday 17 th July	Open Afternoon, 1.30—3.00pm
Wednesday 19 th July	Year 6 class assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass, 7.00pm Holy Family Church