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Newsletter 383 Friday 11th May 2018

I hope that everyone got the chance to enjoy the glorious weather we experienced over the Bank Holiday weekend. The sunshine certainly seems to brighten up the children.

Last Friday afternoon, the members of the Benfleet Young Drama group put on a performance of ***Cinderella Rockerfella***, their most recent production. The majority of the actors are Holy Family pupils and the group meets each Tuesday in the school hall under the leadership of Jackie Poth. The children thoroughly enjoyed showing their friends and teachers what they have been working on, despite the nerves! Jackie and the children were ably assisted on the day by Dan, Emma and Mick Stephens; Mike Poth and Angie Kelly.



On Tuesday, Year 5 went on a trip to the Globe Theatre as part of their Shakespeare topic. The children are looking forward to putting on their own Shakespearean productions on 24th May so the trip has provided them with additional inspiration.



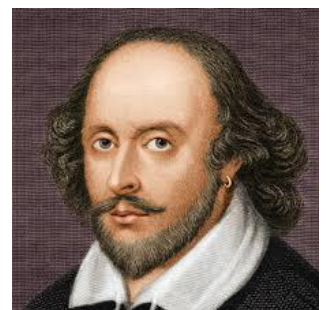
Yesterday I led an assembly on the theme of the Ascension to mark Ascension Thursday. On the fortieth day after Easter, Christians recall how Jesus ascended back to Heaven, promising that He would always be there for us.



The children in our EYFS classes were very excited earlier this week when they released the butterflies that they had observed developing from caterpillars. This is always a great way to introduce children to the concept of life cycles.



During this morning's assembly I spoke to all the children about May as the special Month of Mary. I know that our Year 3 pupils are looking forward to our Crowning of Our Lady service that will be held in honour of Mary on Friday 25th May.



Year 5 Shakespeare Performances The children in Year 5 will perform extracts from some of Shakespeare's plays and sonnets, as well as some biographical drama linked to ***The Bard of Stratford*** on Thursday 24th May at 2.00pm. Parents and family members are welcome to come along and watch.

Survey Monkey Parental Survey Thank you to the parents who took the time to complete the questionnaires that we sent out before Easter. Unfortunately, there were not enough responses to be able to undertake a detailed analysis of your views. We know that many of you passed on comments to class teachers during the last round of parent contact evenings, and we would love to be able to use that feedback to identify what you believe is working well and what needs further development. Therefore, could you please take the time to complete the Survey Monkey survey that we have created—the link is below, along with a QR code if you prefer to access it that way. The survey is completely anonymous and need only be completed once. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/holyfamilyparentsurvey18>



New Books Miss Furby has been busy spending the sponsor money from the recent Spellathon and a donation from the PGSA. Every class in KS1 and KS2 now has a class set of books for their active reading session plus a large number of books for the reading bands.

Y1 - The Troll

Y2 - You're a Bad Gum Mr Gum!

Y3 - The Twits and Fantastic Mr Fox

Y4 - Super Fudge

Y5 – Wonder

Y6 - Stormbreaker

Thank you all so much for your generosity that has funded the purchase of these books.

Open Air Mass Fr Eduard has kindly agreed to celebrate an open air Mass on the school field for the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul. We would like to invite all parents, parishioners and past pupils to this Mass as a way of paying their respects to Sr Mary Barry who died recently. Although the 29th June is a solemnity, Fr Eduard has assured us that Sr Mary can be remembered during Mass. If you plan on celebrating Mass with us, please confirm your attendance by email to admin@holyfamily.essex.sch.uk so that we can ensure we have enough seats for the congregation.

Supervision at the end of the school day I have reminded all the children that they should wait with their parents, childminders or carers on the playground at the end of the school day. They should not play on the adventure playground or enter the blue fenced area where our KS1

and EYFS pupils have equipment that is used each day. Sadly, one afternoon this week, Nursery class equipment was strewn around and some damage was caused by children from KS2 who went into the blue fenced area to play instead of waiting with their parents. I hope we can count on your support in this regard.

PGSA If you can help in any way with the Campout on 23rd/24th June or the Summer Fete on Saturday 7th July, please leave your details with the ladies in the school office. The next PGSA meeting will be on Monday 21st May at 7.30pm in the Bread & Cheese. All are welcome to attend.

Saint of the week Please try to help your child to show devotion to Our Lady during May.



Thought for the week “If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.” Dalai Lama

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Attendance N2 100% RF 93.8% 1F 98.2% 2T 87.9% 3W 92.4% 4W 94% 5LB 91% 6F 91.7%. Well done to our Nursery class for best attendance last week.

Mr P. O’Kane Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 14th May

Beginning of SATs Week

Sunday 20th May

First Holy Communion, Holy Family Church, Benfleet

Sunday 20th May

Pentecost Sunday—Birthday of the Church

Monday 21st May

PGSA Meeting, 7.30pm, Bread & Cheese

Tuesday 22nd May

Junior Music Festival Rehearsal, Thundersley

Wednesday 23rd May

KS1 Cross Country—Pentecost Dash, 10.00am, St Teresa’s

Thursday 24th May

Year 5 Shakespeare Performance Day, 2.00pm

Friday 25th May

Crowning of Our Lady, 2.30pm (Yr3)

Sunday 27th May
Monday 28th May—Friday 1st June
Friday 8th June
Monday 11th June
Sunday 17th June
Monday 18th June
Tuesday 19th June
Thursday 21st June

Saturday 23rd June
Tuesday 26th June
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Wednesday 27th June
Friday 29th June

Monday 2nd July
Thursday 5th July

Friday 6th July

Friday 6th July
Saturday 7th July
Tuesday 10th July
Wednesday 11th July

Thursday 12th July
Friday 13th July
Wednesday 18th July
Thursday 19th July

Trinity Sunday
Half-term Holiday
School Talent Show
Junior Music Festival, Cliffs Pavilion (Choir)
Mass of Thanksgiving, First Holy Communicants
EYFS Sports Morning (Nursery & Reception)
School Sports Morning (Years 1—6)
Year 6 Deanery Mass, 11.00am, Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea
PGSA Camp out
Year 1 Class Trip
Appleton & King John Schools' Year 7 Induction
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Feast of Saints Peter & Paul—Mass on the school field at 11.00am—all are welcome
Year 3 Eucharist Day, St Bernard's
Year 7 Induction Day, St Thomas More & WHSG
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Year 5 Taster Day, King John School
PGSA Summer Fete
Year 5 Day—St Bernard's & St Thomas More
KS2 Catholic Sports, St Thomas More, 10.00am
KS1 Catholic Sports, St Joseph's **tbc**
District Swimming Gala, Runnymede, 9.30am
Year 2 Assembly, 10.15am
Leavers' Assembly, 2.30pm
Leavers' Mass, 7.00pm, Holy Family Church