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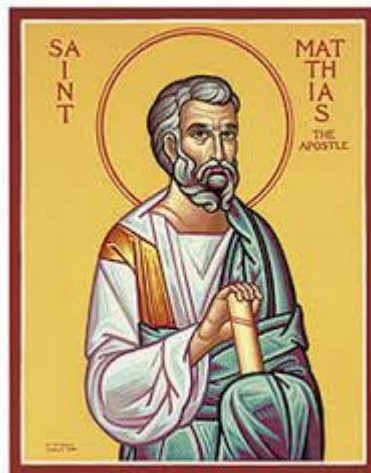
Newsletter 344 Friday 12th May 2017

We have all been very proud of our Year 6 class this week for the mature and sensible way in which they have approached their SATS. Miss Fordham's suggestion to invite the children to a SATS Breakfast each morning has been a resounding success and I am sure this will now become a well-loved Holy Family tradition.

Sponsored Bounce Yesterday, the children brought home a letter regarding the annual Sponsored Bounce which will be held in the school hall next Thursday. Please ensure that your child returns the permission slip by **Wednesday 17th May** otherwise they will not be able to take part in this special event. If you can volunteer to help count bounces on Thursday 18th May, please leave your name with the ladies in the office.

Nursery Class On Thursday our Nursery class (formerly the Holy Family Early Centre) held an open afternoon. We are extremely grateful to Annette, Esther and Catherine for all their hard work and dedication to our youngest pupils.

Saint of the Week The apostles were faced with a difficult choice after the Ascension of Our Lord: who should be chosen to replace Judas as one of the twelve? It had to be someone who had followed Jesus from his baptism by John through to his ascension to Heaven. The person would have to be a witness to the resurrection. Two men were identified—Barsabas and Matthias, and the apostles drew lots to determine God's will. Matthias was chosen and he was part of the group visited by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. His Feast Day falls on Sunday 14th May.



One of the many privileges of my job is getting around all the classrooms to speak with the children and to see the wonderful work that they are engaged in. I was really impressed with the efforts Year 3 have made to make model volcanoes—the classroom is literally full of them.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported Year 3 by helping to make volcanoes at home.



Year 1 have been very busy learning about Pentecost in a very special way. They have created a liturgical dance using scarves to represent the wind and the flames of the Holy Spirit.



Attendance RF 97.4% 1F 96.7% 2T 98.8% 3W 91.1% 4D 98.3% 5LB 95% 6F 97.5%
Well done to Year 2 once again for best attendance for the **third** week running!

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 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 23rd May; 13th & 27th June; 11th July.

Wishing Well Children's Centre, Waterman Primary School, The Boulevard, Rochford, SS4 1QF. Phone 01702 541460 from 2-4pm 15th May; 5th & 19th June; 3rd July.

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Diary Dates

Thursday 18 th May	Sponsored Bounce
Thursday 18 th May	Year 3 Trip—Wat Tyler Park
Friday 19 th May	World Food Revolution Day (Cookery for Years 5 & 6)
Saturday 20 th May	First Holy Communion, 11.00am Holy Family Church, Benfleet
Monday 22 nd May	Year 5 Parents' Meeting with Senior Staff from St Bernard's and St Thomas More
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
Sunday 4 th June	Pentecost Sunday—Birthday of the Church
Friday 9 th June	EYFS & KS1 Mass, 9.30am, School Hall (Parents & Parishioners Welcome)
Thursday 15 th June	Corpus Christi Procession and Adoration, 2.30pm (Parents & Parishioners Welcome)
Friday 23 rd June	School Sports Morning

Monday 26 th June	Year 6 Deanery Mass, 11.00am Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Leigh-on-Sea (<i>date change</i>)
Tuesday 27 th & Wednesday 28 th June	The Appleton, The Deanes and The King John School Y7 induction days
Thursday 29 th June	Feast of Saints Peter & Paul—Mass in School (Children & Staff Only)
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
Thursday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass, 7.00pm Holy Family Church

Non-pupil Days 2017—2018 The following non-pupil days have been approved by the school's governors: Monday 4th September 2017, Tuesday 5th September 2017, Friday 20th October 2017, Tuesday 2nd January 2018, and Monday 19th February 2018.