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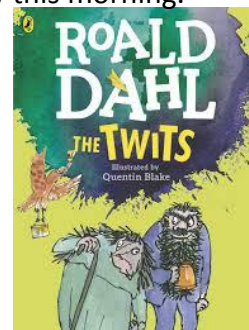
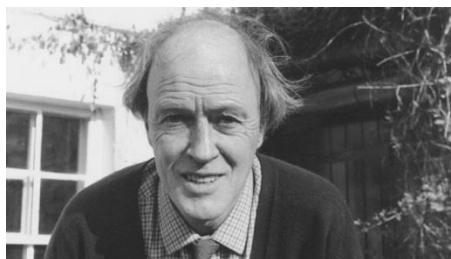
Diocese of Brentwood

Headteacher Mr P.O'Kane

Newsletter 430 Wednesday Friday 13th September 2019

Welcome back to a new academic year. I trust that you all had an opportunity to enjoy some quality family time and generate some wonderful memories. Now that we are all back in school, it's as if the long summer break never happened. The children have settled down to work and the overwhelming majority seem happy to be back at school.

Today, the children and staff marked Roald Dahl Day by undertaking activities linked to the great man's books. I thoroughly enjoyed reading from *The Twits* during my whole school assembly this morning.



Meet the Teacher Teachers will be hold "Meet the Teacher" sessions as set out below. This year, all meetings will begin at 2.30 pm and should finish in time for you to pick up your children at 3.00 pm.

- Monday 16th September Year 5
- Tuesday 17th September Year 2
- Wednesday 18th September Year 3
- Thursday 19th September Year 4
- Friday 20th September Year 1
- Monday 23rd September Year 6 This meeting will also include a Danbury 2020 meeting.

Coffee Morning The PGSA would love to invite parents who are new to the school to join them for a coffee morning on Monday 23rd September from 9.00—10.00 am. Please do come along.

Piano Lessons There are a number of slots available with Mrs Rothwell this term. Please speak to a member of the office staff team for further details.

Aldi Kit for Schools Thank you for all the Team GB stickers that have come into school already. I'm sure we can all make this a very successful campaign and obtain some PE equipment—we may even win the prize draw and receive £20 000.



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Shoebox Appeal This year we will be collecting shoeboxes for the Jermain Defoe Foundation and not Operation Christmas Child/Love in a Box/Samaritan's Purse. All the shoeboxes will be sent to St Lucia to the Holy Family Children's Home, an orphanage founded in 1997 and run by the Dominican Sisters of Our Lady of Delivrande. The Jermain Defoe Foundation has been supporting projects in St Lucia for a number of years. Please fill the shoeboxes with small toys such as stuffed toys, cars, puppets, balls and yo-yos; pencils and pens; children's sunglasses; toothpaste, toothbrushes and soap; hairbands and hairbrushes. Everyone should have received a form via PMX Parentmail earlier in the week. There is no need to send money to this charity to cover postage costs.



Secondary School Admissions September 2020 The new secondary school admission round opened yesterday and will close on 31st October 2019. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 98% of parents in Essex applied online last year. Essex County Council **will not** be writing out to parents—please visit the Essex Admissions website for all information.

Open Days for Parents of Year 6 Boys St Thomas More High School would like to invite you to attend one of their Open Days on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th October 2019. Please contact St Thomas More High School on 01702 344933 to book your place, or visit www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk



St Thomas More High School



St Bernard's High School



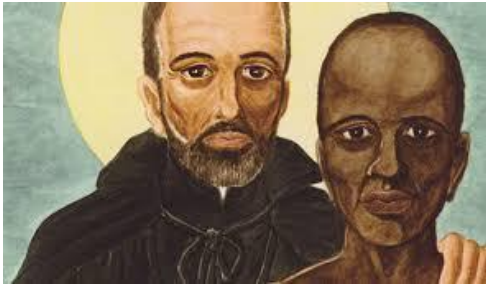
Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School

Open Days for Parents of Year 6 Girls St Bernard's High School for Girls, Westcliff will hold open mornings from 9.30—11.00 am on Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th October 2019. More details from St Bernard's school office, 01702 343583.

Open Evening for Prospective Year 7 Girls—September 2020 The Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School will be holding an Open Evening on Tuesday 24th September 2019 for prospective Year 7 girls with their parents who wish to consider entry to the school in September 2020. The doors will open at 6.30pm and the Headteacher will give a talk at 6.30pm and 7.30pm.

Open Mornings will be held on 25th and 26th September 2019 from 9.30am – 10.45am for parents/carers and students. Please contact Admissions Officer Miss Lester to book a place (Tel: 01277 227156) and for further information.

Saint of the week Monday was the Feast Day of St Peter Claver, a Jesuit priest who left his home in Spain in 1610 to go to South America. He was appalled at the treatment meted out to slaves on the Spanish sugar plantations and began to dedicate his life to working to relieve their suffering, often incurring the wrath of local plantation owners. He died in Colombia on 9th September 1654. He is the patron saint of interracial justice.



Thought for the week *“The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.”* Winston Churchill.

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Diary Dates

Monday 23 rd September	PGSA Coffee Morning 9.00-10.00 am
Wednesday 25 th September	School Mass 9.15 am—parishioners welcome
Friday 27 th September	Year 5 Class Assembly 9.15 am
Tuesday 1 st October	Black History Month Begins
Wednesday 2 nd October	Year 5 Trip Colne Valley
Friday 4 th October	CAFOD Family Fast Day
Sunday 6 th October	Harvest Family Mass 10.00 am Holy Family Church
Monday 7 th October	Judaism Week Begins
Monday 7 th October	School Photographer
Wednesday 16 th October	World Food Day
Thursday 17 th October	African Dance Day
Friday 18 th October	Year 1 Class Assembly 9.15 am
Tuesday 22 nd October	Parent Contact 3.15—5.45 pm
Thursday 24 th October	Parent Contact 5.00—7.30 pm
Thursday 24 th October	Last Day for Shoebox Appeal
Thursday 24 th October	Flu Immunisation Day
Friday 25 th October	Non-Pupil Day 3
Monday 26 th October—Friday 1 st November	Autumn Half-Term Break

Monday 4 th November	All Pupils Return to School
Tuesday 5 th November	Sponsored Times Tables Challenge
Friday 8 th November	Year 6 Class Assembly 9.15 am (Remembrance)
Sunday 10 th November	Remembrance Sunday
Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 12 th November	Online Applications for September 2020 Reception Places Open
Thursday 14 th November	Open Day (September 2020 Admissions)
Friday 15 th November	BBC Children in Need Day
Thursday 21 st November	Year 4 Trip Hadleigh Park
Friday 22 nd November	Leigh on Sea Music Festival (Choir Only)
Tuesday 26 th November	Year 6 Trip Wat Tyler Park (WWII & Evacuation)
Friday 29 th November	Children's Cake Sale & Raffle
Friday 29 th November	PGSA Christmas Bazaar 3.00 pm
Sunday 1 st December	1 st Sunday of Advent
Friday 6 th December	Christmas Nativity & Concert Dress Rehearsal
Monday 9 th December	Christmas Nativity & Concert 1.30 pm
Tuesday 10 th December	Christmas Nativity & Concert 1.30 pm
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Nativity & Concert 1.30 pm
Thursday 12 th December	KS2 Children Walk to Church am
Thursday 12 th December	KS2 Christmas Concert Holy Family Church 7.00 pm
Wednesday 18 th December	Christingle Service 2.30 pm
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 20 th December—Friday 3 rd January 2020	Christmas Holidays
Monday 6 th January 2020	All Pupils Return to School
Friday 10 th January 2020	Whole School Pantomime Trip
Wednesday 15 th January	Online Applications for September 2020 Reception Places Close
Monday 10 th February—Friday 14 th February 2020	Year 6 Residential Trip tbc
Monday 17 th February—Friday 21 st February	Spring Half-Term Break
Monday 24 th February 2020	All Pupils Return to School
Sunday 5 th April 2020	Palm/Passion Sunday—Start of Holy Week
Monday 6 th April—Friday 17 th April 2020	Easter Holidays
Thursday 9 th April 2020	Maundy/Holy Thursday
Friday 10 th April 2020	Good Friday
Sunday 12 th April 2020	Easter Sunday
Monday 20 th April 2020	Pupils Return to School
Friday 8 th May 2020	75 th Anniversary of VE Day—Public Holiday
Monday 11 th May	KS2 (Year 6) SATs Week
Monday 25 th May—Friday 29 th May 2020	Summer Half-Term Break
Monday 1 st June 2020	Non-Pupil Day 4
Tuesday 2 nd June 2020	Pupils Return to School
Tuesday 21 st July 2020	Final School Day of Academic Year
Wednesday 22 nd July 2020	Non-Pupil Day 5