



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Despite the unbelievable weather we have had this week, swimming lessons got underway with Mrs Dempsey and the children who have participated have had a lovely time. However, a number of children have not been given parental permission to go swimming. If a significant number of children do not join in with the swimming lessons this term, we will have to consider shutting the pool for good at the end of this academic year. Summer term swimming has been a tradition at Holy Family School for many decades and it would be a shame if 2016 was the last summer of swimming.

Family Day—Holy Family Church

Fr Eduard is planning to hold a Family Day on Saturday 14th May at Holy Family Church. There will be Mass at 9.00am followed by confessions until 10.00am. He hopes that representatives of various parish groups will be on hand in the hall to talk about their work in the parish; there will be entertainment from Jackie Poth and members of the Young Drama Group and Wednesday Players. Mrs Butteriss will be hosting Italian cookery lessons for anyone aged 9+. There will be a sung Mass at 6.00pm, followed by refreshments. Further details from Fr Eduard or the parish office. If you would like to sign up for cookery with Mrs Butteriss or you can help her in any way on the day please email her at: larabutteriss@hotmail.com

Drum Lessons

There are 2 vacancies remaining for drum lessons on the school's drum kit with John Willson. The lessons take place on a Thursday morning and are 15 minutes long. The cost is £75 per term (payable in advance) for 10 lessons. If your child is interested in learning to play, please contact the school office.

School Health

Drop- in service

Any parents with health and developmental concerns about their children may drop in to the Central Canvey Primary Care Centre, Long Road, Canvey Island SS8 OJA. They are able to perform hearing tests and no appointment is necessary.

The drop-in clinic dates are: 5th and 19th May; 16th and 30th June; 14th July.

For more in-depth problems please contact the clinic directly on 01268 686041 for an appointment with the school nurse.

House Points

Well done to St John Bosco (green team) who were the winners of the house points competition last week with 540 points.

Attendance

RW 94.7% 1C 97.7% 2FL 94.7% 3L 96.2% 4H 96.3% 5B 92.3% 6I 98%. Well done to Year 6 for best attendance last week.

Saint of the week

May is traditionally the Month of Mary, Our Blessed Mother. It would be lovely if you could help your child to build a "May Altar" in his or her bedroom, or recite decades of the Rosary as a family throughout May.

Midday Assistant

We are looking to appoint two Midday Assistants who enjoy working with children to join our friendly team of midday staff. If you, a family member or friend is interested please contact Maxine Henderson at the school office for further details.

Motto:

Merciful like the Father

From

Mr P O'Kane
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 2 nd May	School Closed—Public Holiday
Tuesday 3 rd May	Personnel Governors' Meeting
Saturday 7 th May	First Holy Communion, Holy Family Church
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th May	KS2 SATS Week
Saturday 14 th May	Family Day—Holy Family Church (Fr Eduard)
Thursday 19 th May	Sponsored Bounce for School Funds
Friday 20 th May	Italian Cookery, Years 5 & 6 with Mrs Butteriss
Tuesday 24 th May	NFER Pilot Tests (Y6)
Thursday 26 th May	Reception & KS1 Cross Country Running
Friday 27 th May	Crowning of Our Lady

Monday 30 th May—Friday 3 rd June	Summer Half-Term Holiday
Monday 13 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
Thursday 16 th June	Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday 20 th June	St Bernard's & St Thomas More Information Session for Year 5 Parents, 3.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd June	Year 6 Deanery Mass
Thursday 23 rd June	Catholic Schools Sports KS1
Monday 27 th June	Governors' Finance & Premises Meeting
Tuesday 28 th June	Induction Day (1) King John & Appleton
Wednesday 29 th June	Induction Day (2) King John & Appleton
Thursday 30 th June	Year 5 Bikeability (1)
Thursday 30 th June	Induction Day (1) St Bernard's, St Thomas More, Westcliff for Boys & Girls
Friday 1 st July	Non-pupil day
Friday 1 st July	Induction Day (2) St Bernard's, St Thomas More, Westcliff for Boys & Girls
Friday 1 st July	Induction Day Southend High School for Boys & Girls
Monday 4 th July	Year 5 Bikeability (2)
Tuesday 5 th July	Year 5 Day to St Bernard's & St Thomas More
Wednesday 6 th July	South Essex Archery Tournament
Wednesday 6 th July	Year 5 Bikeability (3)
Wednesday 6 th July	St Bernard's Open Evening
Thursday 7 th July	Catholic Schools Sports KS2
Thursday 7 th July	St Thomas More Open Evening
Friday 8 th July	Year 5 Bikeability (4)

Friday 22 nd July	Last School Day of the Academic Year
Thursday 1 st September	Non-Pupil Day
Friday 2 nd September	Non-Pupil Day
Monday 5 th September	Children Return to School
Monday 24 th October—Friday 28 th October	Half-Term Holiday
Thursday 22 nd December 2016—Wednesday 4 th January 2017	Christmas Holidays
Monday 13 th February—Friday 17 th February 2017	Half-Term Holiday
Monday 3 rd April—Monday 17 th April 2017	Easter Holidays

We are aware that the school website is not fully up to date. This issue is being addressed and we are grateful for your continued patience and perseverance—the technician will be coming into school to remedy our problems very soon.