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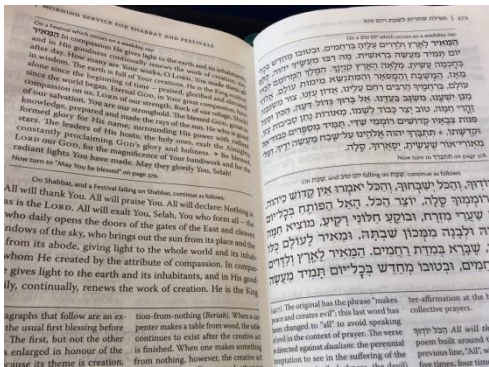
Newsletter 398 Friday 12th October 2018

We started the school week by welcoming the photographer into school to take the annual photographs of all the children. This year we were pleased to facilitate photographs for younger siblings. You will have received the combination proof packs so please either order online with Braiswick Photographic Co Ltd or return your order to school by **30th October** at the latest. The pack includes self-explanatory instructions.

On Monday afternoon, we held our 100% attendance assembly and Mrs Hurley was pleased to present the 100% attendance wristbands to so many children. We are so pleased that attendance at Holy Family has shown a marked improvement since we introduced our attendance initiatives.

Our Reception and Year 5 classes took part in a road safety day on Tuesday, led by Sue from Essex Highways. The children were involved with talks on road safety and also practical activities on the pavements around school.

We held our Judaism Day on Wednesday with the children learning about different aspects of the Jewish faith and today we held a short assembly to discover what each class had learned.



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'Start doing what's necessary then do what's possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible'

It's important to remember that Jesus Christ Our Saviour was Jewish and that many aspects of our Christian faith have a direct link to Jewish beliefs and traditions.

I was privileged to be able to accompany Years 5 and 6, their teachers, LSAs and parent helpers on their visit to the synagogue in Westcliff. We had a very interesting time there, learning about the layout of the synagogue; looking at the beautifully adorned Torah scrolls; "reading" Hebrew writing. As always, Mr Greenstein and his assistant Leonard were the most welcoming of hosts—not only did we learn many things, but we had many laughs too!

I would like to thank Mrs Lewins for organising the trip and also our volunteer drivers for their support in transporting some of the children.



Book Fair The Book Fair will be in school when we return after half-term. Staff will open the cases and be available for sales each afternoon at the end of the school day throughout the week Monday 29th October—Friday 2nd November. Please do your best to support the Book Fair as commissions earned by the school convert directly to new books for our classes.



Creative Writing Club Mrs Narang from ***Creative Cube*** has offered to run a creative writing club on Thursdays for children in Years 1—6. The cost of the club would be £4.00 per session and a minimum of 10 children would need to sign up for the club to run. If you would like your child to attend ***Creative Cube***, please leave your details with the school office. The club would run from 3.00—4.00pm.

Parental Contact This year an appointments booking system for parental contact meetings has been set up via Parentmail. Since the appointment system went live earlier today, Mrs Mitchell has seen that a number of parents have already booked their slots. If you are not yet registered for PMX Parentmail, please do so. It is the most efficient way of communicating with parents.

Office supplies The school office would be really grateful for your donations of any unwanted or spare underwear for the children who may have had little accidents during the school day! Thank you.

Reception Class 2019 Open Day and Open Day for Parents & Carers of Children Currently in Reception Class

Our open day for children starting school in September 2019 will be on Thursday 15th November. Parents and their children are welcome to attend one of the two sessions - from 9.15-11.30am or 1.15-2.30pm. If you have family or friends with children starting school next year, please let them know and spread the word! Mrs Fisher and Mrs Williams would also like to extend a warm welcome to the parents and carers of children currently in Reception Class.

Saint of the Week Tomorrow is the Feast Day of St Edward the Confessor, one of the last Anglo-Saxon kings of England. He was so pious that he became known as “the confessor.” He was responsible for building St Peter’s Abbey at Westminster, the site of the present Abbey. Many historians view him as unworldly and Godly, overseeing a period of decline in royal powers. His reign was seen as peaceful and was notable for his remission of some of the most odious taxes—perhaps we could do with a leader such as Edward today!



Shrine of St Edward the Confessor, Westminster Abbey



Thought for the week “I will show God’s design to the people, and the forgiveness of God shall have mercy upon the penitents.” Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1042—1066.

October—Month of the Rosary

Throughout October, Catholics have traditionally prayed the Rosary. It is a contemplative form of prayer that allows you to think about the great mysteries of our faith. Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, *“The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description.”*

Please take time to pray the Rosary with your children throughout October. I know many children receive Rosary beads as gifts, especially around the time of their Baptism or First Holy Communion—October is an ideal time for your children to use their Rosary.



Our Lady of the Rosary



A Rosary



A Nun Making Rosaries

Attendance Nursery class 94.3% RF 97.6% 1F 99.6% 2T 99.2% 3W 98.3% 4H 97.3% 5B 98.7% 6L 94.8% Well done to Year 1 for best attendance last week.

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Diary Dates

Monday 15 th October	Start of Maths Week
Tuesday 16 th October	Year 1 Phonics Session for Parents & Carers, 2.15pm
Thursday 18 th October	St Thomas More High School Open Day
Thursday 19 th October	St Thomas More High School Open Day
Monday 22 nd October—Friday 26 th October	Autumn Half-term week
Monday 29 th October	Book Fair Week
Tuesday 30 th October	Parental Consultation 3.30—6.00pm
Thursday 1 st November	Feast of All Saints Day, 10.00am <i>Parishioners should note that this Mass will replace the 10.00am Mass at Holy Family Church scheduled for Holy Days of Obligation—Parishioners are welcome to attend Mass in school</i>
Thursday 1 st November	Parental Consultation 5.00—7.30pm
Friday 9 th November	Year 6 Assembly, 10.15am
Sunday 11 th November	Family Mass (Remembrance), Holy Family Church, 10.00am
Thursday 15 th November	Reception 2019 Open day 9.15-11am 1.15-2.30pm
Friday 16 th November	PGSA Movie Night
Thursday 22 nd November	EYFS/KS1 Mass, 9.30am
Monday 26 th November	Y5&6 Barnardo’s Concert, Royal Albert Hall
Tuesday 27 th November	Year 1 Winter Games, Deanes School
Saturday 1 st December	PGSA Christmas Bazaar
Sunday 2 nd December	1 st Sunday of Advent
Thursday 6 th December	KS2 Walk to Church for Morning Mass & Rehearsal for KS2 Christmas Concert
Friday 7 th December	Dress Rehearsal Morning
Monday 10 th December	Christmas Shows, 1.30pm (grandparents)
Tuesday 11 th December	Christmas Shows, 1.30pm
Wednesday 12 th December	Christmas Shows, 1.30pm
Thursday 13 th December	KS2 Walk to Church for Morning Mass & Rehearsal for KS2 Christmas Concert
Thursday 13 th December	KS2 Christmas Concert, 7.00pm Holy Family Church
Tuesday 18 th December	Advent Reconciliation Service

Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 19 th December	Last day of Autumn Term
Thursday 20 th December—Wednesday 2 nd January 2019	Christmas Holidays
Thursday 3 rd January 2019	Non Pupil Day
Friday 4 th January 2019	Non Pupil Day
Sunday 6 th January 2019	Feast of the Epiphany
Monday 7 th January 2019	Children return to school
Wednesday 30 th January	Dance Festival—Miss Furby and selected children
Monday 11 th February—Friday 15 th	Y6 Danbury Residential Trip (tbc)
Monday 18 th February—Friday 22 nd February	Spring Half-term week
Monday 8 th April 2019—Monday 22 nd April	Easter Holidays
Sunday 14 th April 2019	Palm Sunday
Friday 19 th April 2019	Good Friday
Sunday 21 st April 2019	Easter Sunday
Tuesday 22 nd April 2019	Children return to school
Monday 6 th May 2019	Public Holiday—School Closed
Monday 13 th May—Friday 17 th May 2019	SATs week
Monday 27 th May—Friday 31 st May 2019	Summer Half-term week
Monday 3 rd June 2019	Non Pupil Day
Wednesday 24 th July 2019	Last Day of School Year
Thursday 25 th July 2019	Summer Holidays Begin