



# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## **Newsletter 310 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016**

This week has seen many of the children away from school premises for a variety of reasons. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the Year 6 children moving on to Castle Point schools in September attended their induction days. On Thursday and Friday, those children going to secondary school in the Southend area also attended their Year 7 transition days. The school was very quiet throughout Wednesday because the Year 1 and 2 children went to Barleylands for their school trip and Year 3 took part in the BATIC Community Cohesion picnic at Westwood Academy in Hadleigh. (*Apologies—due to scheduled maintenance work on our servers today, there are no photographs on this week's newsletter*)

As Wednesday was a day of Holy Obligation, those of us that remained in school attended Mass for the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul celebrated by Father Eduard. Despite our depleted numbers, this was a lovely reverent occasion with beautiful singing and impeccable behaviour. Fr Eduard is looking forward to strengthening the links between the school and parish. He has agreed to a number of dates for Masses in school and at Holy Family Church.

Yesterday, Mrs Peddle spent the day in school in her new role as a Foundation Governor. She enjoyed a day in the life of Holy Family School (including homemade chicken pie for school dinner). Mrs Peddle will complete a report of her day for the governing body. We are grateful to all our Governors for the time they volunteer for the good of the school community.

### **NUT Strike Action**

The NUT has called a strike for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. A number of staff members in Holy Family are NUT members, but have not expressed any intention to strike on Tuesday. However, a significant number of teachers will be on strike at St Bernard's and St Thomas More (as well as many other local schools). St Thomas More will still host our Year 5 boys for their Year 5 Day, but St Bernard's have informed us this afternoon that the Year 5 day for girls will not take place. Mrs Clifton and Mrs Murphy will accompany the boys to St Thomas More as per the previous arrangements; Miss Fordham will ensure the girls have an enjoyable day in class. St Bernard's have offered to reschedule Year 5 day for a date in September.

### **Sports Morning**

Weather permitting Sports Morning will be on Monday at 9.30am on the school field. Please ensure that your child brings a t shirt in to school which is the colour of their house team. If appropriate they should also have a hat and drink in a plastic container and have sun-cream applied at home. Thank you and let's pray for some sunshine!

### **Dinner Money Arrears**

We are fast approaching the end of the school year and there should be no dinner money arrears. All dinner money payments **must be up to date by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July.** After that date, dinners must be paid for on the day on which they are taken or children should bring a packed lunch in to school. There will be no exceptions. The school budget is currently supporting children's meals which have not been paid for and we cannot continue to do this.

### **Pupil Premium Funding**

The children brought home a letter this week regarding Pupil Premium Funding. If you think that your family qualifies, please return the form to the school office by **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July.**

### **Inflatable Fun Day Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July—Advertising Boards**

Thank you for the donations that have started to come into school; thanks also to all the parents and grandparents who have signed up for an Amos Estates board.

### **Lost Property**

A gold bracelet has been handed in to the school office. If you think it may be yours please let us know. Thank you.

### **Piano lessons**

There is now only one space for piano lessons with Mrs Rothwell starting in the Autumn Term 2016. The lessons last 15 minutes and are given during the school day. Fees are £75 for 10 lessons per term payable in advance. If your child is in Year 1 or above and is interested in having lessons, please leave their name with the school office.

### **Parish Youth Club - Give it a Go**

The parish youth club would like to invite all those in Year 6 to join them on Saturday 9th July after the 6pm Mass until 9pm in the St John Bosco Hall at Holy Family Church. As Year 6 move on to secondary schools the youth club offers a fantastic opportunity to meet up each month with friends from Holy Family. Come and play pool, table tennis, table football, computer games and board games. Full membership is £3 and then £1 to attend each month.

### **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 final drop-in clinic date is 14<sup>th</sup> July.

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

### **Saint of the Week.**

Next Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July is the Feast Day of St Maria Goretti – an Italian martyr. She forgave the man that stabbed her before she died and he was later present in the crowd in St Peter's Square in 1950 when she was declared a saint.

## **Attendance**

RW 95.7% 1C 96% 2FL 97% 3L 98.6% 4H 97.3% 5B 92.6% 6I 89%. Well done to Year 3 for best attendance last week.

Mr P O'Kane Headteacher

## **Diary Dates**

|                                    |                                      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July        | School Sports Morning 9.30am         |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July       | Year 5 Day to St Thomas More         |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July     | South Essex Archery Tournament       |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July     | KS1 Catholic Sports                  |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July     | St Bernard's Open Evening            |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July      | Catholic Schools Sports KS2          |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July      | St Thomas More Open Evening          |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July       | Reception 2016/17 Induction 1        |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July       | Year 4 Trip—Sandford Mill            |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July      | Reception 2016/17 Induction 2        |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July      | Year 6 Trip—Greenwich                |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July       | Road to Rio Dance Day                |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July       | Cake Sale Morning                    |
| Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July     | Inflatable Fun Day                   |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July       | Last School Day of the Academic Year |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September | Non-Pupil Day                        |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September   | Non-Pupil Day                        |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September   | Children return to school            |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October  | Non-Pupil Day                        |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October    | Non-Pupil Day                        |

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| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October—Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October                | Half-Term Holiday           |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2016—Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2017 | Christmas Holidays          |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February—Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2017         | Half-Term Holiday           |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April—Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2017                | Easter Holidays             |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2017  | Public holiday              |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May- Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2017                  | Half-term holiday           |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2017  | Last day of the school year |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2017  | Summer Holidays             |

***There is one more non-pupil day that needs to be set for 2016-2017 academic year.***