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Miss Furby's Year 1 class presented an assembly to the whole school last Friday morning. In class they have been learning about important people and people who help us in our community—police, fire, post etc. As part of their work, Mrs Summerhayes came into school to tell the children about her work as a postwoman. The children recorded an interview with her that formed part of the assembly. They also thought about people who help us at Holy Family Church. Eva Kelly from Year 6 is a parish and school altar server, so she was able to go into Year 1 to share her experiences with the children.



Fr Eduard by Max



Eva Kelly



Fr Eduard by Olivia

During Monday's assembly, I spoke to all the children about doing the appropriate (right) thing at the right time—whether that is lining up sensibly or walking instead of running, the message seems to have got through.

Mr Lawrence arranged a football "friendly" for our Year 2 children on Wednesday afternoon. The team played against our nearest local rivals, Kents Hill Infants. I am told it was an enjoyable match with a final score of 3:3.



Mrs Dawson has organised a series of ukulele lessons for Year 4. Mr Pethers the ukulele teacher was in school again on Thursday to teach Year 4 how to play these wonderful instruments. Who knows, Holy Family's Year 4 class may come to rival the ***Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain***.

Holocaust Memorial Day Today is Holocaust Memorial Day. It is marked on the 27th January each year as an anniversary of the liberation of **Auschwitz II–Birkenau concentration camp**. I told the children about Hitler's treatment of Jews, Poles, and others in the concentration camps during this morning's assembly. Let us pray that genocide on such a mass scale does not occur in the future.

Young Writers—Ancient Adventures—Through the Ages Miss Fordham and Year 6 took part in a writing project during their Year 5 summer term. They had to write mini-sagas (100 words maximum) and submit them by the end of term. A number of our children have had their mini-sagas published in ***Ancient Adventures—Through the Ages***. Their work has been selected for publication from thousands of entries from schools all over the country. The overall national winner is yet to be announced, but perhaps a Holy Family child will be crowned as the victor. I am grateful to Miss Fordham for organising our school's participation.



School Dinner menu change Monday 29th January To celebrate the Chinese New Year, Tammy and her team will be cooking a Chinese themed menu next Monday:

Option A: Sweet and sour chicken “Hong Kong style” with jewelled rice

Option B: Stir fried vegetables with sweet chilli sauce served with egg noodles.

Ice cream pots for dessert.

This menu sounds delicious so I hope that lots of the children will give it a go!

Fundraising activities for Tyler The children in Year 3 wanted to fundraise on behalf of their classmate Tyler Witherall. They have come up with a couple of ideas that the rest of the school should enjoy. Next Friday will be a “***Wear your pyjamas to school day.***” Children and adults can pay £1.00 to wear their pyjamas, dressing gowns or onesies (with T-shirt & shorts underneath). Anyone who joins in will be entered into a raffle for Southend United prizes. The Year 3 children will also organise a toy sale. If you have any toys, books or DVDs (age appropriate) in good condition that your children no longer use, please give them to any child in Year 3, Mrs Wheatley or the ladies in the school office. The sale will be held at 11.00am and all children will have an opportunity to come along and buy something. If any Year 3 parents can help with the toy sale, please speak to Mrs Wheatley.

Parents and grandparents from the school community have also been inspired to fundraise on behalf of Tyler. A family party will be held on Saturday 28th January from 7-12am at The Anchor Inn, Benfleet. There will be a DJ, face painting and guest appearances. £5.00 per adult and £2.50 per child.

Mrs Ross (parent of Grace Y5, Georgia Y4 and Lily Y2) will be doing a 5K run via Runthrough.co.uk at the Olympic Park Velodrome on Saturday 4th February. Any sponsorship would be welcome.

On behalf of the Witherall family I would like to thank you all for your overwhelming support and generosity for Tyler at this time.

Parent volunteer for school library We are looking for a volunteer, one afternoon a week (either Tuesday or Friday), to run the school library. No experience necessary. Assistance/training will be given. If you are able to help, please contact the school office.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - JOB VACANCY

Breakfast and After School Club Assistant

Band 2 points 11-14 (£15,507-£16,481 pro- rata)

Required ASAP

2.45 Hours per week days – 1 session per week -Friday 3.15 – 6.00pm, term time only

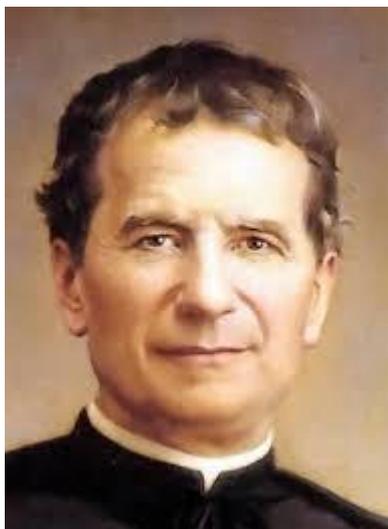
We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, dedicated and caring person to work in our Breakfast and After School Club based here at the school. The successful candidate will be responsible for promoting positive play experiences, ensure that the children have a sociable and enjoyable time, uphold the positive Catholic ethos of the school, administer first aid, be a team player, help set-up and tidy the room at the beginning and end of each club, prepare snacks and keep all toys and equipment clean and safe at all times

Visits to the school are welcomed and encouraged. To arrange an appointment, and request an application pack, please contact Maxine Henderson School Business Manager on 01268 792231 or finance@holyfamily.essex.sch.uk

Applicants must use CES Catholic Education Service Forms.

The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment. All appointments are subject to an Enhanced DBS Check, staff disqualification declaration, medical clearances and references. **This is a public facing role and the successful candidate must speak fluent English.**

Saint of the Week Saint John Bosco is one of the patrons of our school and parish. The parish hall is named in his honour and the Green House in school is called St John Bosco. A huge portrait of him hangs in the entrance foyer of Holy Family Church. But do you know anything about him? His Feast Day will be marked next Tuesday 31st January. John was born in 1815 and died in 1888. Throughout his life he had visionary dreams that made him take certain courses of action. He worked hard to educate poor boys, often incurring the wrath and ridicule of others, but his good works live on today in the Salesian Order that he founded. John was a skilful entertainer and would often use tricks and juggling to attract the attention of the street children in a neighbourhood. Once he had their attention he would proceed to relay the message of the Gospel. The next time you are in Holy Family Church, take a minute to look at the portrait of John Bosco and reflect on the life of a truly great man.



Attendance RF 98.6% 1F 97.7% 2T 97.7% 3W 88.4% 4D 93% 5LB 92.3% 6F 97.1%
Well done to our Reception class for best attendance last week.

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 2-4pm 2nd & 23rd February; 16th March 2017.

Oak Tree Children's Centre, Grovewood Primary School, Grove Road, Rayleigh, SS6 8UA.
Phone 01268 686041 7th & 21st February; 7th & 21st March 2017.

Mr P. O'Kane
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 6th – Friday 10th February

Year 6 Danbury Residential Trip

Monday 13 th February—Friday 17 th February 2017	Half-Term Holiday
Wednesday 1 st March	Ash Wednesday—Lent Begins
Tuesday 21 st March 2017	Hot Cross Run (Catholic Schools' Cross Country Event) (tbc)
Monday 3 rd April—Friday 14 th April 2017	Easter Holidays
Sunday 9 th April 2017	Palm (Passion) Sunday—Start of Holy Week
Sunday 16 th April 2017	Easter Sunday
Monday 17 th April 2017	Public Holiday—School Closed
Tuesday 18 th April 2017	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 1 st May 2017	Public Holiday—School Closed
Monday 8 th May 2017	SATs Week Begins
Monday 29 th May- Friday 2 nd June 2017	Half-term Holiday
Thursday 20 th July 2017	Leavers' Mass (tbc)
Friday 21 st July 2017	Last day of the school year
Monday 24 th July 2017	Summer Holidays Begin

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