



# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter 335 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Welcome back to school and I hope that you all had an enjoyable half-term break with your families.

We started the week with a whole school assembly about the "***New Commandment***" that Jesus gave us—"***Love one another as I have loved you.***" It's very easy to love and like our family and friends, but Jesus challenges us all to do something far more difficult. It's not always easy to love and forgive those who have wronged us, but that is what we all need to strive to do.

On Wednesday, it was Lord and Lady Baden- Powell day and in celebration of this it was lovely to see some of the children in their organisation's uniform. We all enjoyed talking to them about the badges on their uniforms and what they had to do to be awarded these badges.



Year 3 had a visit from a member of the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service on Wednesday morning. He helped the children understand basic fire safety rules. They also learned about who can keep them safe in an emergency and how to behave safely in an emergency situation.



Our Year 6 class presented their Danbury Assembly to the whole school and some of their parents and grandparents on Thursday morning. The children described their time at Danbury in

a clear and entertaining way with lots of examples of the activities they had undertaken – from high ropes and canoeing to circus skills and problem solving. They seemed to have had a fantastic time and as a school they made us very proud because Paul, the Danbury Centre Manager told me that they were the best group of children that he had ever had at the centre. Well done Year 6 and thank you to Miss Fordham for preparing the children for the assembly so well in such a short space of time!

**Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** "Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (based in Rayleigh) is looking for a new Trustee to join the Board. If you have accounting or finance skills and would like to join the talented Board of this wonderful diocesan charity please contact Steven Webb on 01268 784544 or [swebb@bccs.org.uk](mailto:swebb@bccs.org.uk) "



**Saint of the Week** On Monday it is the Feast Day of one of our most local, but perhaps least known saints: St Anne Line. She was an English martyr from Dunmow, Essex. She was disowned by her father when she married a Catholic, Roger Line. Roger was imprisoned for being a Catholic and was exiled and died in 1594 in Flanders, Belgium. Anne stayed in England where she hid Catholic priests in a London safe house. In this endeavour she aided Jesuit Father John Gerard until her arrest. Anne was hanged in Tyburn on February 27, 1601. Pope Paul VI canonised Anne Line in 1970 as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. There is a Catholic school in Basildon dedicated to her memory.

**Attendance** RF 96.4% 1F 90.3% 2T 96% 3W 91% 4D 98% 5LB 94.7% 6F 100%  
Well done to Year 6 class for best attendance for the week before half term.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

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

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## Diary Dates

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday)
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Ash Wednesday—Lent Begins
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2017	Hot Cross Run (Catholic Schools' Cross Country Event) (tbc)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April—Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Easter Holidays
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Palm (Passion) Sunday—Start of Holy Week
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Easter Sunday
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Public Holiday—School Closed
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2017	Fundraising Day for Tyler—Public Holiday, School Closed
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	SATs Week Begins
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May- Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2017	Half-term holiday
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	The Appleton, The Deanes and The King John School Y7 induction days