



# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter 348 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017

What a varied week we have had in school!

Year 1 travelled to Marsh Farm today in as part of their non-fiction text work on animals. I understand that they had a wonderful time and will include photographs in next week's newsletter.

We held our Talent Show on Wednesday afternoon which was a fantastic showcase for all the talent at Holy Family School. The celebrity judges were impressed with all the acts, but were entranced by the winner—magician Samuel Mills. Second place went to a comedy duo, Evie Wilson and Grace Ross. Thank you to all the children who worked so hard in the run-up to the Talent Show. Thanks also to Mrs Lewins and the School Council for organising this event.



Yesterday afternoon we welcomed Father Eduard into school to lead a solemn Corpus Christi service and procession in and around the school followed by traditional Benediction. As usual we were very proud of all our pupils who behaved in a reverent and mature fashion throughout this occasion. A small, but stalwart band of parents and grandparents joined us in what Fr Eduard later described as a "beautiful occasion."

If you were unable to attend the Corpus Christi procession in school, please join us in Holy Family Church on Saturday evening for Holy Mass at 6pm followed by a Eucharistic Procession along the High Road for a short distance. The children who have recently made their First Holy Communion will join the procession and scatter petals as they walk with their catechists. All are

welcome! There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church afterwards until Night Prayer and Benediction at 9.45pm. Fr Eduard would love to see you all.

**School Sports Morning** This year's Sports Morning will follow a different format from previous years, although it should still be a noisy, colourful occasion—children can wear a T-shirt in their House Colour. Parental access to the school field will be via the pedestrian gate in the school car park beside the Year 4 classroom. We have also reviewed our safeguarding approach to Sports Morning and so there will be no unrestricted parental access to the school building during the event. In the unlikely event that a parent or grandparent needs to access a toilet, please exit via the pedestrian gate and go to the school office. Please remember to apply your child's sun cream before they come to school on Sports Morning and give them a bottle of water with their name clearly marked on it. Thank you.

**Protection from the sun** It has been lovely to have such beautiful warm weather this week (which I think is to continue) so I would remind parents to please send children in to school with a hat, having applied sun cream to protect them from the glare of the sun, particularly at lunchtime. Thank you.

**Emails to parents** Our first choice of communication to parents and carers is by text message. However, in a cost cutting measure, we will now be using **email** (which is free on Parentmail) in the first instance so we would ask parents to check their emails regularly. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

**Parent Governor Staff Association** There will be a PGSA meeting on Tuesday at 7.30pm in the school hall. Hopefully, some of you that were unable to make last Thursday's meeting will be able to attend and help with the organisation of the Family Fun Day on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

**Saint of the week** On Tuesday it was the Feast Day of St Anthony of Padua. How many of us have said a short prayer to St Anthony when we have lost something? He is commonly referred to as the "finder of lost articles". St Anthony was born in Portugal in 1195 though he lived, worked and died in Italy. He was a member of the Augustinian and then Franciscan Orders, preaching the word of God to many, many people in a manner that was easily understood by all.



**Attendance** Nursery class 90% RF 90.7% 1F 93.3% 2T 97% 3W 95.3% 4D 96% 5LB 93% 6F 96.3%

Well done to Year 2 for best attendance once again last week.

Holy Family School does not authorise holiday absences during term-time. The number of children in our school with significant absences is growing and we will be introducing an approach to absence used by many local schools that could lead to fines being issued by Essex LA. Please do your best to ensure your child has the best possible attendance.

**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 from 2-4pm 22<sup>nd</sup> June; 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Oak Tree Children's Centre, Grovewood Primary School, Grove Road, Rayleigh, SS6 8UA. Phone 01268 686041 from 2-4pm 27<sup>th</sup> June; 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Wishing Well Children's Centre, Waterman Primary School, The Boulevard, Rochford, SS4 1QF. Phone 01702 541460 from 2-4pm 19<sup>th</sup> June; 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

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### **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	PGSA Meeting, School Hall, 7.30pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Sports Morning
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Deanery Mass, 11.00am Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Leigh-on-Sea
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	The Appleton, The Deanes and The King John School Y7 induction days
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Feast of Saints Peter & Paul—Mass in School (Children & Staff Only)
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June & Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	St Bernard's & St Thomas More Y7 induction days
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 class assembly 10.15am
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Catholic Sports 9.30- 12.00pm St Teresa's
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Catholic Sports 9.30-12.00pm St Thomas More High School
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 class assembly 10.15am Year 3 Eucharist Day St Bernard's High School

	PGSA Children's Movie Event, 3.30pm
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 trip to Wat Tyler Park
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 District Sports The Deanes School
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 class assembly 10.15am
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	PGSA Family Fun Day
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 class assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass, 7.00pm Holy Family Church

**Non-pupil Days 2017—2018** The following non-pupil days have been approved by the school's governors: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018, and Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018.