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.It has been an extremely varied week in school— from tests to sponsored bouncing to Italian cookery lessons! It was the turn of Year 2 to sit their SATS tests this week and once again I was so proud of the way these young children approached the tests. Mrs Fisher and the other staff members who administered the tests ensured that the children's experience of the KS1 SATs was as close to normal classroom routines as possible.

During this morning's assembly we celebrated the good deeds, kind words, hard work and positive actions of children from each class. They were named as Angels, and they were called out to the front of the hall to receive recognition for their efforts. The Angels named this morning were: Isabella Simpkins-Nascimento & Darcey Meader, RW; Jethro Fisher & Finley Overall, Y1; Lily Bowers & Lizzy Scott, Y2; Sofia Di Fede, Aksel Baker & Freddy Fincham, Y3; Oscar Beesley & Jade Tran, Y4; Bodhi Mitchell-Kiely, Y5; David Egbowawa & Gabriella Kemp, Y6. Their names will be placed in the Book of Angels.

This afternoon, Year 5 and 6 were very fortunate as Mrs Butteriss and her friend from South Carolina, Mrs McAndrew came in to school to deliver cookery lessons. Year 5 made a healthy Italian breakfast; Year 6 cooked pasta with a homemade sauce. Mrs Butteriss and the children were cooking today as part of World Food Revolution Day, spearheaded in this country by Jamie Oliver. Our children should feel very proud of the fact that, today; they were part of a global event.



Yesterday, we held our annual sponsored bounce in the school hall. As always, the children had great fun raising money for the Holy Family community. I would like to thank the parents, grandparents, great grandparents and past pupils who gave their time so generously to help count the bounces (if we set a Maths task to draw a Venn diagram, some of the helpers would fall into a number of categories). We look forward to receiving sponsor money in due course and thank you to those who have sent money in already.

Corpus Christi—Message from Fr Eduard:

It is the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) next weekend and once again at the 6pm Mass we will have a beautiful sung Mass led by Liz Keeble and the Choir. After the Mass we will have a Eucharistic Procession when we will walk a short way along the High Road and return. Once back in the church we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.45pm. There will be sung Compline (Night Prayer) followed by Benediction. I am hoping that the procession will be joined by the First Holy Communion class, our altar servers and many others from the parish and school, children and adults alike. I am particularly seeking the help of the KSC and other parish groups or individuals to help with marshalling.

School Photographer

Next Wednesday the photographer will be in school to take photographs of the children in their classes. The individual and siblings portraits were taken during the Autumn term. We would like all the children to wear their summer uniform for their class photographs.

Crowning of Our Lady

Next Friday afternoon is the Crowning of Our Lady service at 2.30pm in the school hall and, as is tradition, we ask all the children to bring in flowers **on Friday morning** so that we may decorate the altar for the afternoon service. We especially encourage this year's First Communicants to bring in flowers as they (and the rest of Year 3) will be leading the service. May is the month of Mary and it is a very old Catholic tradition to honour Our Blessed Mother in this way. Thank you for your support in previous years and in advance of this year's crowning.

This picture was taken in 2009 and published in the Evening Echo. It shows the children who crowned Our Lady before the service. Rebecca Hawkins and Alfie Mee placed the Crown on the statue.



Dinner money Arrears

Please ensure that all dinner money payments are up to date. Dinner money is due the day on which the school dinner is taken. If you are unsure of the amount owed, please contact the school office. Thank you.

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 drop-in clinic dates are: 16th and 30th June; 14th July.

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

House Points

Well done to St Mary's House (blue team) who were the winners of the house points competition last week with 398 points.

Attendance

RW 91.7% 1C 93.7% 2FL 93% 3L 97.6% 4H 97.3% 5B 99.2% 6I **100%**. Well done to Year 6 for best attendance last week. Congratulations to Year 6 who achieved **100%** attendance this week.

Saint of the Week

Tomorrow is the Feast Day of St Eugene de Mazenod. As a child he experienced the upheaval of the French Revolution, but still decided to become a priest, even though it was dangerous for him to do so. He resolved to work with the poorest of the poor, and soon gathered many followers. He was made Bishop of Marseille and built many churches and founded many parishes. He established the Oblates of Mary Immaculate and in 1841 the oblates sailed to begin missionary work in 5 continents. The OMI founded the parish of St Peter's, Eastwood where I worship. Many people from this area recall lots of fun nights and events at the Mazenod Hall in Eastwood named in honour of St Eugene. He died on 21st May 1861.

"Be someone who acts promptly and willingly." St Eugene de Mazenod

St Eugene in old age



St Eugene as a younger man



Midday Assistant

We are looking to appoint two Midday Assistants who enjoy working with children to join our friendly team of midday staff. If you, a family member or friend is interested please contact Maxine Henderson at the school office for further details.

Motto:

Merciful like the Father

From

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Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday 23 rd May	Governors' Admissions Meeting
Tuesday 24 th May	NFER Pilot Tests (Y6)
Wednesday 25 th May	School photographer—class photos only.
Thursday 26 th May	Reception & KS1 Cross Country Running
Friday 27 th May	Crowning of Our Lady 2.30pm
Saturday 28 th May	Corpus Christi Mass, 6.00pm Holy Family Church
Monday 30 th May—Friday 3 rd June	Summer Half-Term Holiday
Monday 13 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
Tuesday 14 th June	Meeting for New Parents—Reception 2016/17
Tuesday 14 th June	Sample Science SATs (selected Y6)
Wednesday 15 th June	Year 3 Trip to Layer Marney
Thursday 16 th June	Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday 20 th June	St Bernard's & St Thomas More Information Session for Year 5 Parents, 3.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd June	Sports Morning 9.30 am
Wednesday 22 nd June	Year 6 Deanery Mass 2.00pm
Thursday 23 rd June	Catholic Schools Sports KS1
Monday 27 th June	Governors' Finance & Premises Meeting Governors' Personnel Meeting
Tuesday 28 th June	Induction Day (1) King John & Appleton
Wednesday 29 th June	Year 1 & 2 Trip to Barleylands

Wednesday 29 th June	Induction Day (2) King John & Appleton
Thursday 30 th June	Induction Day (1) St Bernard's, St Thomas More, Westcliff for Boys & Girls
Friday 1 st July	Non-pupil day
Friday 1 st July	Induction Day (2) St Bernard's, St Thomas More, Westcliff for Boys & Girls
Friday 1 st July	Induction Day Southend High School for Boys & Girls
Tuesday 5 th July	Year 5 Day to St Bernard's & St Thomas More
Wednesday 6 th July	South Essex Archery Tournament
Wednesday 6 th July	St Bernard's Open Evening
Thursday 7 th July	Catholic Schools Sports KS2
Thursday 7 th July	St Thomas More Open Evening
Monday 11 th July	Reception 2016/17 Induction 1
Tuesday 12 th July	Reception 2016/17 Induction 2
Wednesday 13 th July	BATIC Schools Swimming Gala pm
Saturday 16 th July	Inflatable Fun Day (tbc)
Friday 22 nd July	Last School Day of the Academic Year
Thursday 1 st September	Non-Pupil Day
Friday 2 nd September	Non-Pupil Day
Monday 5 th September	Children Return to School
Monday 24 th October—Friday 28 th October	Half-Term Holiday
Thursday 22 nd December 2016—Wednesday 4 th January 2017	Christmas Holidays
Monday 13 th February—Friday 17 th February 2017	Half-Term Holiday
Monday 3 rd April—Monday 17 th April 2017	Easter Holidays