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It has been a busy week at school with the children taking part in a variety of activities, ranging from spiritual to academic.

On Tuesday morning we held our traditional Shrove Tuesday assembly where I explained the significance of this day in the Christian calendar. I then handed over to Mrs Impey and Mrs Hunter who provided us with an inspirational pancake-cooking demonstration. These delicious pancakes were quickly distributed throughout the school and were eagerly consumed by one and all!

On Wednesday afternoon we welcomed Father Eduard into school to celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass. This was a lovely reverent occasion and it always makes me proud to witness the behaviour and respect of our pupils at such an important Mass. As always, we thank Father Eduard for the time he devotes to our school community.

On Thursday morning, Miss Furby presented an interactive phonics session in the hall to the Year 1 parents to provide them with ideas for how to practise phonics with their children at home. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend.



On Thursday afternoon, the Reception parents were in school to view and celebrate their children's Learning Journals. They joined in activities based around "A Room on the Broom" for World Book Day. Mrs Fisher would like to thank the parents for giving up their time to come in to school.



Today the Year 5 class spent the day at The Appleton School as a Taster Day in preparation for their transition to secondary school next year.

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 "



Free Book Tokens Your child has received a free £1 book token today thanks to National Book Tokens in partnership with book publishers and book sellers. You can use your book token to get £1 off any full price book, or swap it for one of the TEN (exclusive, new and completely free) World Book Day books. *Check in your nearest participating book store.*

The World Book Day book tokens are valid from **Monday 27 February–Sunday 26 March 2017**. Tokens can be redeemed at thousands of independent bookshops, Waterstones, WH Smith, Asda, Morrisons, Sainsbury's & Tesco stores nationwide.

Bookmark Competition - To celebrate World Book Day, the children have been asked to design a bookmark. The closing date for entries is **Monday 6th March**. Entries must be the child's own work and a small prize will be awarded to one child in each year group for presentation and creativity. Please ensure the child's name and year group is clearly marked on the back of the book mark. Only one entry per child please.

Throughout World Book Day, the children participated in a number of book related activities organised by the class teachers and Mrs Hurley.

A message from Hadleigh Library

“We would like to invite your students to an event that is happening at Hadleigh Library on Thursday 13th April (2.30-3.30pm).

We have the author of the Dodger Dog Adventures, Karen Gee, visiting our library and presenting a special reading of her books. We should be really grateful if you would kindly advertise this event for us at your school. We have attached a poster and hope you will be able to display this for us, as we would enjoy welcoming as many young readers as possible to our event. “

Interim School report

Feedback from parents / carers suggests that you would like to receive more formal information about your child’s attainment and progress in addition to the End of Year Report and Parents’ Evenings. We have therefore devised an interim, half-yearly report for your child which you should receive today. We would welcome your comments about the format of the interim report and whether it gives you the information you need prior to the discussions at parents’ evenings. Please use the Reply Slip attached to give us your feedback.

Saint of the Week Wednesday March 1st was the Feast Day of St David, the patron saint of Wales. According to tradition, David was the son of King Sant and St Non. He was involved in missionary work and also set up a number of monasteries. He died in Wales in 589 A.D and was canonised by Pope Callistus II in 1120.

Attendance RF 97.4% 1F 98.8% 2T 95% 3W 94.8% 4D 98.8% 5LB 96.3% 6F 97.8%
Well done to Years 1 and 4 for joint 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 16th March 2017.

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

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Diary Dates

Wednesday 15th March - Thursday 16th March	Year 6 Parent Contact meetings
Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th March	Years, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Parent Contact meetings
Saturday 4th March CANCELLED –	Netball Rally – Southend High School for Girls
Friday 10 th March	Year 4 Assembly 10.15am parents and carers welcome
Tuesday 21 st March	Hot Cross Run (Catholic Schools' Cross Country Event)
Friday 31 st March	Easter Presentation 2.30pm Year 6
Monday 3 rd April—Friday 14 th April	Easter Holidays
Sunday 9 th April	Palm (Passion) Sunday—Start of Holy Week
Sunday 16 th April	Easter Sunday
Monday 17 th April	Public Holiday—School Closed
Tuesday 18 th April	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 1 st May	Fundraising Day for Tyler—Public Holiday, School Closed
Monday 8 th May	SATs Week Begins
Monday 29 th May- Friday 2 nd June	Half-term holiday
Tuesday 27 th - Wednesday 28 th June	The Appleton, The Deanes and The King John School Y7 induction days