



# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter 307 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Welcome back to the last half-term of the school year and how lovely that the summer seems to have finally arrived. During Monday morning's assembly we welcomed Miss Fordham, our new Year 5 teacher, and the children made wonderful suggestions as to how they could welcome our new member of staff to our school.

Thank you for your co-operation regarding the new morning arrival arrangements. This went very smoothly on Monday morning and on subsequent days and certainly eased the flow of traffic and pedestrians outside school. The teachers have told me that it has helped all classes to have a very smooth start to the day.

I have been out of school for a number of days this week to attend meetings at county and diocesan level. The government has planned many, many changes to the way that education in England and Wales will be funded and to the structures that will deliver many of the educational support services that we have come to rely upon. There is no doubt that all schools, not just Holy Family, will be entering uncharted territory in the very near future.

### Queen Elizabeth's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday



The children from Year 2 treated us all to a fantastic assembly this morning to mark Queen Elizabeth's birthday. I know that the children have been linking all their recent learning to the Queen, even to the point of conducting lessons in the style of a school from 1926. We learned lots of facts about Her Majesty and had the opportunity to sing the National Anthem; Land of Hope and Glory; and Jerusalem. Thanks to the efforts of the children, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Clark

and Miss Trigg, the atmosphere in the school hall was akin to Last Night of the Proms at the Albert Hall.

This afternoon, Year 2 held a tea party in their classroom. I know some children and their parents will be going to London tomorrow to watch Trooping the Colour. One of the most important things that Year 2 did today was to pray for Her Majesty. Queen Elizabeth takes her Christian faith very seriously and in this regard she is a great example to us all.



### **Sponsored Bounce**

Thank you for all the sponsor money for the sponsored bounce held last term. I am pleased to let you know that the grand total raised was £479.50. Well done!

### **Inflatable Fun Day Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July—Advertising Boards**

As you are aware, Amos Estates have offered to give the school £5.00 for every advertising board they can place on properties in the area. If you would be willing to have an estate agent's board on your property advertising the event on 16<sup>th</sup> July, please leave your name and address at the office or simply drop a note into the drop box. Thank you to those families who have already done so. Amos estates have specified that a minimum of 20 properties are required.

### **Class Photographs**

The children brought home the proofs for their class photographs this week. If you would like to purchase a copy, please send in your payment by **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June**. Thank you.

### **Piano lessons**

There will be four spaces for piano lessons with Mrs Rothwell starting in the Autumn Term 2016. The lessons last 15 minutes and are given during the school day. Fees are £75 for 10 lessons per term payable in advance. If your child is interested in having lessons, please leave their name with the school office.

### **St Bernard's Performing Arts Summer School**

St Bernard's High School is running a Performing Arts Summer School for Year 5 and 6 girls from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July. This is the fifth year that the course has been run by the in-house Drama and Dance teachers. The course runs from 9.30am - 3.30pm daily and ends with a showcase on Friday at 4.00pm. The cost for the week is £65.00. Information letters from St Bernard's may be found in the Holy Family foyer.

### **Southend Summer School of Performing Arts**

There will be a performing arts summer school for all children aged 8+ in Southend High School for Girls from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August—Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August. There will be a final public performance at St Bernard's High School at 7.00pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August. No previous performing arts experience is necessary. The cost is £55.00 for the week. More details from Roger Humphrey on 01702 588700/465460/586790/303628 or visit: [www.southendsummerschool.org.uk](http://www.southendsummerschool.org.uk)

### **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: 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June; 14<sup>th</sup> July.

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

### **Attendance**

RW 88.7% 1C 96% 2FL 96.3% 3L 96.9% 4H 95.3% 5B 95.4% 6I 98.6%. Well done to Year 6 for best attendance last week.



### **Saint of the Week.**

On Monday, it is 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, only to find it close to hand afterwards? 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.

### **Jubilee Year of Mercy**

The 6.30pm Mass on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June at Brentwood Cathedral is being held to welcome all those who are unemployed or have been made redundant and are struggling to find work and make ends meet.

Mr P O’Kane Headteacher

### **Diary Dates**

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Meeting for New Parents—Reception 2016/17
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sample Science SATs (selected Y6)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Trip—Layer Marney
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	St Bernard’s & St Thomas More Information Session for Year 5 Parents, 3.30pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Sports Morning 9.30 am
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 6 Deanery Mass 2.00pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Catholic Schools Sports KS1
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Taster Day—King John School
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Governors’ Finance & Premises Meeting Governors’ Personnel Meeting
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Induction Day (1) King John & Appleton

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