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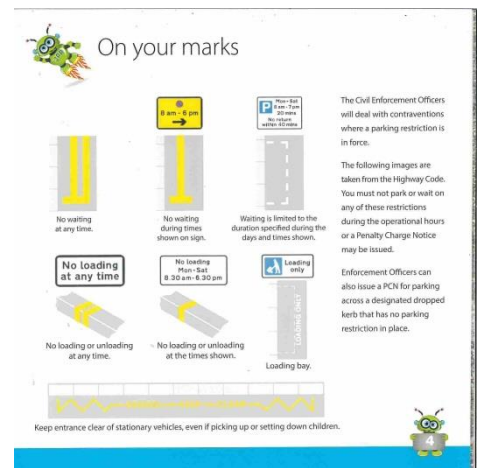
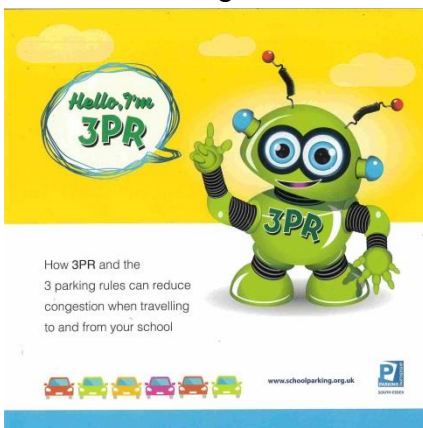
On Monday morning I led a Harvest assembly to remind the children to be thankful to all the farmers in the UK and abroad who work hard to supply the food that we eat. I also encouraged the children to bring in donations for our Harvest Mass on Sunday. Thank you to those children who have already brought in their harvest donations to school. The table at the back of the hall has been filling up as can be seen below:



I hope to see all the children at Family Harvest Mass on Sunday morning at 10.00am.

On Wednesday morning, the roads around our school were visited by Claire Harris from the South Essex Parking Partnership. She had come to look at the parking issues that affect our school and our neighbours during the morning drop-off. One of our governors, Maria Peddle had made contact with the South Essex Parking Partnership following an incident in which a Holy Family parent, parked on the double yellow lines on the corner, almost reversed over a child!

The school will continue to work with the partnership via the 3PR scheme to improve awareness of how dangerous and inconvenient poor parking can be.



Also on Wednesday The Echo newspaper photographer came into school to take photos of our Reception class for their special edition of the newspaper. We will advise parents when we hear of the publication date of the supplement.

Reception Class 2019 Open Day Our open day for children starting school in September 2019 will be on Thursday 15th November. Parents and their children are welcome to attend one of the two sessions - from 9.15-11.30am or 1.15-2.30pm. If you have family or friends with children starting school next year, please let them know and spread the word!

Benfleet Young Drama This club will recommence on Tuesday 25th September, 3.15—4.30pm. The club is open to all pupils in Y1 and above. There are a limited number of places available in this club—please contact Jackie Poth on 01268 752447 or 07703 187143 for details.

First Holy Communion 2019 The Sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion at Holy Family and St Thomas More Churches, will commence in late September and this is open to children in school year 3 and above. The application packs and the application form should have been returned to the parish office at Holy Family Church and meeting for parents will take place after the 6pm Mass tomorrow Saturday, 22nd September.

Year 6 Parents—Secondary School Admissions 2018 The Essex Local Authority online application system opened on 12th September 2018 and the last day for receipt of applications is 31st October 2018. Applications may be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions and last year 98% of parents in Essex applied online. The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2018-2019 booklet.

[www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/secondary Admissions Booklet.pdf](http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/secondary%20Admissions%20Booklet.pdf)

Please check the specific application processes of each secondary school—Catholic secondary schools will require all parents to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) and (where applicable) submit a Priest's Reference Form (PRF—see next newsletter item). Some schools may require your child to take an entrance exam, an aptitude test or undergo an audition for a particular specialism such as drama or dance.

Saint of the Week Next Thursday is the Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul. His name lives on through the charitable organisation that bears his name. He was born to poor parents in Gascony, France around 1580. At some point he was taken prisoner by pirates and sold as a slave in Tunisia. When he finally escaped captivity, he returned to France and founded the Congregation of Lazarists, devoting his life to helping others through acts of charity. The SVP Society continues to help the poor and those in need in this parish and throughout the world.



St Vincent
de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

Thought for the Week *“Humility is nothing but truth and pride is nothing but lying.”* St Vincent de Paul

Safeguarding As a school community we regularly review our safeguarding policy and how we implement it. We would like all parents, grandparents and carers who wish to enter the school building at the end of the school day to come through the front door and speak to the ladies in the office, even if you simply wish to look through the lost property bin which will now be located in the front entrance. **Please do not enter via the hall doors** and please do not take offence if a member of staff questions your presence. Parents do not need to come into the hall to help with kits prior to Southend United football coaching—the football coaches will be happy to help with boots and laces. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

Attendance RF 100% 1F 99.1% 2T 99.6% 3W 96.3% 4H 96% 5B 100% 6L 98.4% Well done to Year 5 and the Reception class for perfect attendance during the first week back at school.

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Diary Dates

Sunday 23 rd September	Family Mass (Harvest), Holy Family Church, 10.00am
Thursday 27 th September	Y6 trip to Walsingham House
Friday 5 th October	Library Visit, Years 1 & 2
Monday 8 th October	School Photographs
Wednesday 10 th October	Judaism Day
Thursday 18 th October	St Thomas More High School Open Day
Thursday 19 th October	St Thomas More High School Open Day
Monday 22 nd October—Friday 26 th October	Autumn Half-term week
Tuesday 30 th October	Parental Consultation 3.30—6.00pm
Thursday 1 st November	Feast of All Saints Day
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Friday 9 th November	Year 6 Assembly, 10.15am
Sunday 11 th November	Family Mass (Remembrance), Holy Family Church, 10.00am
Thursday 15 th November	Reception 2019 Open day 9.15-11am 1.15-2.30pm
Thursday 22 nd November	EYFS/KS1 Mass, 9.30am
Monday 26 th November	Y5&6 Barnardo’s Concert, Royal Albert Hall
Tuesday 27 th November	Year 1 Winter Games, Deanes School

Sunday 2 nd December	1 st Sunday of Advent
Thursday 6 th December	KS2 Walk to Church for Morning Mass & Rehearsal for KS2 Christmas Concert
Friday 7 th December	Dress Rehearsal Morning
Monday 10 th December	Christmas Shows, 1.30pm (grandparents)
Tuesday 11 th December	Christmas Shows, 1.30pm
Wednesday 12 th December	Christmas Shows, 1.30pm
Thursday 13 th December	KS2 Walk to Church for Morning Mass & Rehearsal for KS2 Christmas Concert
Thursday 13 th December	KS2 Christmas Concert, 7.00pm Holy Family Church
Tuesday 18 th December	Advent Reconciliation Service
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 19 th December	Last day of Autumn Term
Thursday 20 th December—Wednesday 2 nd January 2019	Christmas Holidays
Thursday 3 rd January 2019	Non Pupil Day
Friday 4 th January 2019	Non Pupil Day
Sunday 6 th January 2019	Feast of the Epiphany
Monday 7 th January 2019	Children return to school
Monday 11 th February—Friday 15 th	Y6 Danbury Residential Trip (tbc)
Monday 18 th February—Friday 22 nd February	Spring Half-term week
Monday 6 th April 2019—Monday 22 nd April	Easter Holidays
Sunday 14 th April 2019	Palm Sunday
Friday 19 th April 2019	Good Friday
Sunday 21 st April 2019	Easter Sunday
Tuesday 22 nd April 2019	Children return to school
Monday 6 th May 2019	Public Holiday—School Closed
Monday 13 th May—Friday 17 th May 2019	SATs week
Monday 27 th May—Friday 31 st May 2019	Summer Half-term week
Monday 3 rd June 2019	Non Pupil Day
Wednesday 24 th July 2019	Last Day of School Year
Thursday 25 th July 2019	Summer Holidays Begin