



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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All across the school our children have been taking part in some very varied activities this week. I had to attend a meeting on Monday morning so Mrs Hurley led our assembly. She talked to all the children about St John Bosco—one of the school and parish patron saints.

On Tuesday morning, Miss Furby took her Dance Club members to the Palace Theatre to participate in the annual Castle Point and Rochford School Sport Partnership Primary Dance Festival. There were twelve schools taking part in the morning session and everyone had a very enjoyable time; the children were great representatives for our school. Thank you to Miss Furby for preparing the children so well and to those parents who were able to help transport the children to and from Southend and support them at the festival.



On Wednesday, Reception class had a Superheroes and Princesses day. They invited Nursery class in for a disco, performed a Superhero dance in assembly and ate biscuits they had made and decorated earlier in the week.





e-Safety The filters and servers that we use in school ensure that the children cannot access inappropriate content on the internet. These precautions also mean that the children are protected from online grooming. However, this is not always the case at home. For example, adults have been posing as children on a website called Roblox that is currently popular with some youngsters. Children can access the internet in a plethora of ways at home: on laptops, PCs, tablets, smart phones, XBOXES and other devices. It would be extremely beneficial for your children if you regularly check their internet history and phone text messages/postings and review your own home internet filters and security settings.

Parking Issues A very small minority of parents continue to park in a manner that causes upset for our neighbours and other road users. One resident is extremely annoyed by the bad parking and horn-sounding that seems to accompany the start and end of the school day. The ladies in the school office have to bear the brunt of his anger and complaints. Please, please, please park with due care and consideration for pedestrians, our neighbours and other road users. Thank you.

Events for Tyler Last Saturday evening there was a family party at The Anchor Inn function suite in Benfleet organised by parents Mrs Hazell, Mrs Ross and Mrs Meader. An amazing £5319 was raised. This was followed by a giant children's party for KS2 on Sunday evening at Partyman World, Basildon. I managed to pop in for a short while and there was a lot of fun and excitement. Today was a "***Wear your pyjamas to school day***" which was one of the fund-raising initiatives suggested by Tyler's classmates in Year 3. The Year 3 children also organised a toy sale in the school hall. The week ended with a prayer meeting in the school hall led by Mrs Phillips. Thanks to everyone that sponsored Mrs Ross who undertook a 5K run via Runthrough.co.uk at the Olympic Park Velodrome on Saturday 4th February. The children in Nursery class and their parents have also joined in and raised £100 for Tyler's fund. On behalf of the Witherall family I would like to thank you all for your overwhelming support and generosity for Tyler at this time.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society The BCCS would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Advent Candle Box Appeal before Christmas. The money raised from the boxes that were returned to the school office totalled £87.60. It's amazing how the pennies add up. The financial support and prayers that BCCS receives enables the society to continue the vital work it does with young people and their families.

Parent volunteer for school library We are looking for a volunteer, one afternoon a week (either Tuesday or Friday), to run the school library. No experience necessary. Assistance/training will be given. If you are able to help, please contact the school office.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - JOB VACANCY

Breakfast and After School Club Assistant

Band 2 points 11-14 (£15,507-£16,481 pro- rata)

Required ASAP

2.45 Hours per week days – 1 session per week -Friday 3.15 – 6.00pm, term time only

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, dedicated and caring person to work in our Breakfast and After School Club based here at the school. The successful candidate will be responsible for promoting positive play experiences, ensure that the children have a sociable and enjoyable time, uphold the positive Catholic ethos of the school, administer first aid, be a team player, help set-up and tidy the room at the beginning and end of each club, prepare snacks and keep all toys and equipment clean and safe at all times

Visits to the school are welcomed and encouraged. To arrange an appointment, and request an application pack, please contact Maxine Henderson School Business Manager on 01268 792231 or finance@holyfamily.essex.sch.uk **Applicants must use CES Catholic Education Service Forms.** The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment. All appointments are subject to an Enhanced DBS Check, staff disqualification declaration, medical clearances and references. This is a public facing role and the successful candidate must speak fluent English.

Saint of the Week On Sunday it is the Feast Day of St Agatha of Sicily. She suffered a particularly awful martyrdom at the hands of a high ranking Sicilian official, Quintian. There has long been a tradition of blessing loaves and bells on her feast day.



Non-pupil Day There will be a non-pupil day on Friday 24th February 2017.

Attendance N2 80% RF 96.8% 1F 96.7% 2T 94% 3W 95.5% 4D 96.7% 5LB 95.3% 6F 89.6%

Well done to our Reception class for best attendance again 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 23rd February; 16th March 2017.

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

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Diary Dates

Monday 6 th – Friday 10 th February	Year 6 Danbury residential trip
Monday 13 th February—Friday 17 th February 2017	Half-Term Holiday
Friday 24 th February	Non-pupil Day
Wednesday 1 st March	Ash Wednesday—Lent Begins
Tuesday 21 st March 2017	Hot Cross Run (Catholic Schools' Cross Country Event) (tbc)
Monday 3 rd April—Friday 14 th April 2017	Easter Holidays
Sunday 9 th April 2017	Palm (Passion) Sunday—Start of Holy Week
Sunday 16 th April 2017	Easter Sunday
Monday 17 th April 2017	Public Holiday—School Closed
Tuesday 18 th April 2017	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 1 st May 2017	Public Holiday—School Closed
Monday 8 th May 2017	SATs Week Begins
Monday 29 th May- Friday 2 nd June 2017	Half-term Holiday
Tuesday 27 th - Wednesday 28 th June	The Appleton, The Deanes and The King John School Y7 induction days
Thursday 20 th July 2017	Leavers' Mass (tbc)

Friday 21st July 2017

Last day of the school year

Monday 24th July 2017

Summer Holidays Begin

There is one more non-pupil day that needs to be set for 2016-2017 academic year