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The "**Beast from the East**" certainly made its mark in South Essex last week. Many of the children have told me how much they enjoyed building snowmen and going sledging during their impromptu break from school. Thankfully we have all returned to normality this week.

Sr Mary Barry's Requiem Mass was held yesterday morning in Bridge Gate, Derby. Mr Ketterer, one of our school governors attended and passed on condolences on behalf of our school community. He told me last night that the church was packed and that a dozen priests concelebrated her Mass. Despite having retired from Holy Family School almost twenty years ago, Sr Mary was extremely active in our local community before she moved to Derby. When she moved to Derby she continued to involve herself in many aspects of parish and community life. She was a much loved hospital chaplain and her organisational skills were greatly appreciated by the priests and parishioners beyond her parish church of St Mary's Bridge Gate. Sr Mary will be buried in a family plot in Mullingar, Ireland. We will organise a Mass of Thanksgiving for Sr Mary for the summer term and will invite parishioners, parents and past pupils. May she rest in peace.

Rescheduled Events A number of events were postponed as a consequence of our three snow closure days. World Book Day activities will now take place on Thursday 22nd March, so all the wonderful costumes that were put back in the wardrobes last week can make an appearance. Miss Furby has also managed to confirm the attendance of illustrator, Colin Wyatt.

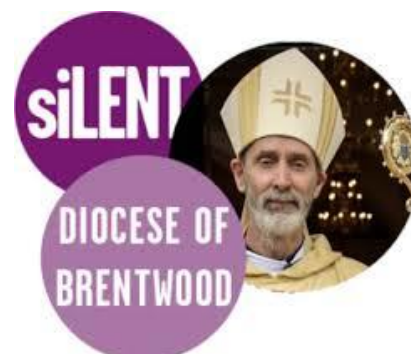
The Year 1 class assembly will be held on Wednesday 14th March at 10.15am; the Year 3 class assembly will be held on Thursday 19th March at 10.15am.

CAFOD Thank you to everyone who has brought in a filled CAFOD envelope. Collecting money for CAFOD during Lent is an important tradition in Catholic schools and parishes throughout England. CAFOD is the Catholic Church in England's international aid charity and it relies on the generosity of children and their families throughout the nation to fund its vital work in developing countries.

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Sponsored Spell Miss Furby has sent out letters today with details of a Sponsored Spell in the Summer Term. She plans to buy reading books with the money that is raised.

Million Minutes—Stay Silent for a Change Are you looking for a new challenge this Lent? Are you fed up with giving up sweets, biscuits, crisps, beer or some other indulgence? This year, Bishop Alan has asked us all to think about making a real effort to be silent at times throughout Lent. There is a fantastic website that you can visit to learn more about Million Minutes (millionminutes.org). You could get friends or family to sponsor your silent periods and donate the money directly to Million Minutes. The money raised is used to support Catholic youth projects.



The Holy Family

Prayer to the Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen

Saint of the Week Wednesday 7th March was the Feast Day of Saints Perpetua and Felicity of Carthage. They were members of a group martyred for being a Christian during the reign of the Roman Emperor Septimus Severus. Perpetua was put to death, with her companions, during games that were being held to mark the Emperor's birthday. Perpetua refused to deny her beliefs, despite pleading from her own father. Perpetua is the patron saint of mothers and expectant mothers and it is fitting that we remember her at this point in the year—yesterday was International Women's Day and Sunday will be Mothering Sunday (Mother's Day).



Saints Perpetua & Felicity

Thought for the Week “A mother is a woman who shows you the light when you just see the dark.”

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RF 85.9% 1F 82.4% 2T 84.9% 3W 85.8% 4W 90.8% 5LB 89.2% 6F 88.3%. Well done to Year 4 for best attendance during our very snowy week!

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Headteacher

Diary Dates

Saturday 10 th March	Salvation Army Concert (Choir)
Tuesday 13 th March	Infant Music Festival, Year 2
Tuesday 13 th March	Parental Contact Evening, 3.30—6.00pm
Wednesday 14 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly, 10.15am
Thursday 15 th March	Parental Contact Evening, 5.00—7.30pm
Friday 16 th March	KS2 Cross Country Event
Monday 19 th March	PGSA Meeting, 7.30pm
Thursday 22 nd March	World Book Day
Friday 23 rd March	Year 2 Class Assembly, 10.15am
Sunday 25 th March	Palm (Passion) Sunday
Monday 26 th March	Lenten Reconciliation Service
Monday 26 th March	Year 1 Easter craft afternoon 1.30-3pm
Tuesday 27 th March	Rock Steady Concert, 9.15am
Tuesday 27 th March	Hot Cross Run (KS2)
Wednesday 28 th March	Nursery & Reception Easter craft morning 9.30-11am
	Year 2 Easter craft afternoon 1.30-3pm
Thursday 29 th March	Year 4 Solemn Easter Presentation, 2.15pm
Thursday 29 th March	Holy Thursday
Friday 30 th March	Good Friday (School Closed)
Sunday 1 st April	Easter Sunday
Monday 2 nd April	Public Holiday (School Closed)
Tuesday 3 rd April—Friday 13 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 16 th April	First Day of Summer Term
Thursday 19 th April	Year 3 Class Assembly, 10.15am
Monday 23 rd April	St George’s Day
Monday 7 th May	Public Holiday (School Closed)
Monday 14 th May	Beginning of SATs Week

Sunday 20th May

Friday 25th May

Monday 28th May—Friday 1st June

Friday 8th June

Saturday 9th June

Monday 11th June

Sunday 17th June

Tuesday 19th June

Monday 2nd July

Thursday 5th July

Friday 6th July

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Saturday 7th July

Wednesday 18th July

Thursday 19th July

First Holy Communion, Holy Family Church,
Benfleet

Crowning of Our Lady, 2.30pm

Half-term Holiday

School Talent Show

PGSA Camp Out

Junior Music Festival, Cliffs Pavilion (Choir)

Mass of Thanksgiving, First Holy Communicants

School Sports Morning (Years 1—6)

***Nursery Class and Reception Class will
organise their own Sports Morning—date tbc***

Year 3 Eucharist Day, St Bernard's

Year 7 Induction Day, St Thomas More

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Bernard's

Year 5 Taster Day, King John School

PGSA Summer Fete

Leavers' Assembly, 2.30pm

Leavers' Mass, 7.00pm, Holy Family Church