



“O Sacred Heart of Jesus I place all my trust in thee”

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Dear Parents,

During the month of June, we give devotion to the Sacred Heart and we remember that little Prayer of Aspiration:

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Today is the Feast of the Sacred Heart and maybe, if you have time after school, you could pop into Church and light a candle with your families. So many sad things have happened recently and prayer sometimes is the only thing that helps us all through. We remember also Mrs Hopkinson and her family, as her 18 month old granddaughter, Harleigh-Jo, was taken to Great Ormond Street at the weekend from Southend Hospital. Mrs Hopkinson asks our school community to keep the family in your prayers.

Next Thursday, 29th June, is the Feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul and is a holy day of obligation. Father Kevin has invited us to Our Lady of Lourdes Church for Mass at 9.15am for Years 3 to 5 (Year 6 are at their Secondary Schools). If you can help walk the children to and from Mass, please let your class teacher know.

The end of this academic year is fast approaching. A big ‘thank you’ to our Filipino families and friends for sharing a wonderful evening of dance, food and presentations on Friday 9th June. It was truly enjoyable and a privilege to share their beautiful culture.

A note from Mrs Hume to all:

Dear Mrs Sullivan,

On behalf of the Filipino/British community of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School and the Filipino/British community of Southend, we would like to say THANK YOU VERY MUCH for letting us show some of our cultural dances and some of our traditional food to our school community. We are very grateful and appreciate it. We hope that you, along with everyone who came, enjoyed their evening.

Kind Regards, Evelyn Hume

Many thanks to Mr Abel for organising our annual Sports Days this week - subject to the weather, KS2 did not have a full day but they all enjoyed the time they had.

We welcome back Miss Emily Rawles, who is completing her final teaching practice in Reception class this half term. She is working alongside Mrs Smith and Mrs Kwasnica and is enjoying every moment. It is a joy to see young people coming into the profession full of enthusiasm and sparkle!

Year 6 will be performing their production of 'Aladdin' next Tuesday and Wednesday during the day for the children at school and for Year 6 families in the evenings. We thank the production team and scenery and props team for all their hard work in bringing this together, culminating (we can be sure), with a 'WOW' performance by our young people.

I am presently working with Mrs Nutman (our Executive Headteacher, commencing September) in ensuring there is a smooth transition in place. I will keep you informed over the next 3 weeks of forward planning. I thank you for your continued support and I will enjoy fully, my time left with the children.

Meal at East--29th June, 2017

The Kwasnica fundraising meal at East (Alexandra Rd, Southend) is back! Please join us for delicious 'all you can eat' Chinese food. Tickets cost £13 (excluding drinks) and there will be a raffle.

We are raising money to go to Lourdes with the BCYS (Brentwood Catholic Youth Service). In addition to attending planned activities with the other young pilgrims, we will be assisting the sick, elderly and disabled pilgrims by pushing wheelchairs and offering companionship. Although physically and emotionally challenging it is a very rewarding experience. In order to go, we need to raise the money to pay for our travel and accommodation. For information about tickets and raffle donations, please contact Amy on 07847517148.

Hope to see you, and all your friends and family, there!

Many thanks,

Rachel and Joseph Kwasnica.

Children's Achievements

Evie McGinn in 2A won first place in one of her Irish dances on sat 20th at the John Flanagan Memorial Open Feis .

She also won a second and third place back in March at the McGahan Lees Open Feis.

Evie also took part in the McGahan Lees Summer dance Feis. She got a 1st place, three 2nd places and two 3rd places in her dances and she also has passed her Preliminary Grade, Grade 1 and grade 2 exams.

Her brother Charlie McGinn in class 2M had his football tournament this weekend for Southendian Manor, he won trophies for Top Goal Scorer of the season , players player and supporters player. Very well done Charlie and Evie!

Luana Bull entered an interclub diving competition in Reading at the weekend. All diving clubs were taking part nationally and she dived in her age group against 43 children and placed 2nd - a massive achievement. Southend Diving Squad are very proud of her.

Dates to remember

June 27th	Year 6 production
June 27 th	Year 5 day at St Bernard's & St Thomas More
June 28th	Year 6 production
June 29 th & 30 th	St Thomas More & St Bernard's Induction Day
June 29 th	Year 2 trip to beach
July 3 rd	Year 5 trip to Stubbers
July 5th	KS1 Catholic Sports
July 6th	KS2 Catholic Sports
July 7 th	Year 3 day at St Bernard's
July 12th	NSPCC workshops Year 5 & Year

Have a lovely weekend with your families.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M. Sullivan

Headteacher

Fundraising cycle ride

Back in March at an International Women's Day event, I learnt about Changing Pathways (formerly Basildon & Thurrock Women's Aid) from an Art Therapist, Emma Mills who works with the children at the refuge. Changing Pathways has two refuges in Basildon and Thurrock to support women and children who have suffered from Domestic Abuse. I wanted to raise funds for the children and young people at the refuge, who rely heavily on fundraising to pay for the much needed services and therapies they greatly need. These include specialised counselling and art therapy sessions as well as Outreach services. So I will be doing the London to Southend Bike Ride on Sunday, July 16th with the aim to raise funds for this local charity that is doing a fantastic job and to really be able to help the children and young people on their journeys ahead. I have arranged with the Changing Pathways Manager, that the funds raised will go directly to enabling children and young people to receive some of the above much needed therapies. It would be great if you are to support this. My justgiving page 'Tracy's 52 Miles London to Southend Bike Ride' is at

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tracy-spurgeon1?utm_medium=email&utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_campaign=20170622_96877

Fundraising Evening for Kingsway Pre-School

We would like to invite you to an evening of live music, courtesy of local band The Persuaders, at Essex County Bowling Club (Imperial Avenue) on Friday 14th July from 8pm. Come along to enjoy dancing and singing along to floor fillers from the 60's and 70's and a chance to win a prize or two along the way!

Tickets are £5 and available on a first come first served basis from Katie Lee (1W) or Liz Hoale (RK). All proceeds will go to Kingsway Preschool, a local Charity run preschool. We really hope to see you all there! Thank you for your support!