

## Dates for Your Diary

- 22<sup>nd</sup> May Nursery at Legoland  
 22<sup>nd</sup> May Y3-6 Summer Assessment Week  
 23<sup>rd</sup> May 10:00am Y1 Assembly  
 25<sup>th</sup> May Parent Meeting KS2 Paris Trip – 4pm  
 25<sup>th</sup> May Class Group Photographs  
 26<sup>th</sup> May Y3 at Creekside  
**29<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June Half Term Week - School Closed**  
 5<sup>th</sup> Jun 9:00am Topic Information  
 5<sup>th</sup> Jun Y6 Residential Visit to Wales  
 6<sup>th</sup> Jun Y2 at Greenwich Ecology Park  
 7<sup>th</sup> Jun 2:30 and 5:30pm Parents' History Workshop  
**8<sup>th</sup> June Polling Day – School open as normal**  
 13<sup>th</sup> Jun Y3 at Victoria & Albert Museum  
 13<sup>th</sup> Jun Y5 Thames Trip  
 14<sup>th</sup> Jun Y6 at Tate Britain  
 20<sup>th</sup> Jun Rec to Y6 Science Day at Bosco  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Jun French Day  
 28<sup>th</sup> Jun Paris Visit  
 29<sup>th</sup> Jun Y6 Transition Day  
**Sports Events**  
 23<sup>rd</sup> May KS2 Summer Mini Games at Newham LC  
 24<sup>th</sup> May Y1/2 Quad Kids Mixed at St Helen  
 25<sup>th</sup> May Inter-School Chess Tournament in Church Hall  
 27<sup>th</sup> May Chess Tournament  
 7<sup>th</sup> Jun Tennis Mixed Y5/6 at Langdon  
 13<sup>th</sup> Jun London Borough Tennis  
 14<sup>th</sup> Jun Handball Mixed Y5/6 at Langdon  
 28<sup>th</sup> Jun ABC team Festival Year 3 and 4 at Langdon



## From the Headteacher



### Dear Parents and Friends,

This week has been a very busy test week with Year 2 children doing their SATs and Years 3,4,5 doing their tests. I am very pleased that all the children appeared to take the tests seriously and cope well. The tests continue for Years 3,4 and 5 on Monday and Tuesday. Well done to all our children. Thank you also to many of our governors who came in to observe the tests being administered correctly.

Thank you to all the parents and children that have supported all the charitable appeals this year for CAFOD, Brentwood Children's Society and Toilet Twinning. The traditions of Catholic schools are to help those in need and that has certainly been well supported by many children and their families of our school.

Next week is the last week of this short half term. We will be having class photographs for the whole school on Thursday.

Immediately when we return after half term I will be going with our Year 6 children to their annual residential in Wales, which we are all very much looking forward too. This week will be full of many new learning experiences as well as challenges. We will be mountain walking and doing various activities deep in North Wales near Snowdonia.

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June it will be polling day in the school hall. School will be open as usual for lessons, however, children will not receive a cooked meal that day but will be provided a pack-lunch by our catering company Lunchtime.

Finally, as May is the month of Mary we have been focussing on the Mother of our Lord in assemblies, through our prayers and at the Rosary clubs. It is wonderful to see so many children join in the devotion.

James Allen

### Paris Day Trip - Meeting

Next week on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 4pm there will be a meeting for parents whose children will be going to Paris.

For those parents who are unable to attend you will be provided a letter about the trip details.



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION School Money



We would like to thank the parents who have already started to use the *School Money*. If you buy uniform through this system, we will have it ready for you to collect on the earliest Wednesday after the order has been made. If you have not received the message from *School Money* or were not able to log in please inform the office staff. We need to resolve issues now.

### Times Table Challenge – CAFOD Lenten Appeal

Final amount collected from CAFOD was an impressive £974.93. A HUGE thank you to all the children and parents supporting CAFOD Week.



### Summer Term Attendance

Attendance since 24<sup>th</sup> April to 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	98.9	99.65	3
Y1	99.0	99.53	4
Y2	99.5	98.92	9
Y3	95.7	99.16	7
Y4	99.2	99.77	2
Y5	99.1	99.02	8
Y6	99.5	Booster	-



**Winners: Attendance – Y6 and Y2 at 99.5%  
 Punctuality – Y4 at 99.77% very good. Well done!!!**

### Tests and Assessments

22<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 3,4,5 (Continued)

12<sup>th</sup> Jun – Year 1 (Phonics test)

### Nursery Admissions - September 2017

**If your child is 3 years old or will be 3 years before 31st December 2017 you need to complete an application form.**

**Please collect a form from the school office. Application forms must be submitted by 31st May 2017.**

## Custom House Library Holiday Scheme

Custom House Spring  
Half-Term Activities  
Come along to Custom House Library  
for fun filled half-term activities.

Tuesday 30 May  
Storytelling/Rhyme session (under 5s)  
10.30-11.15am  
Friendship Bracelet & Henna (4-12years)  
2-3.30pm

Wednesday 31 May  
Closed

Thursday 1 June  
Chatterbooks 'Launch Event' (7-11years) 2-3pm  
Arts & Crafts (4-12years) 3-5pm

Friday 2 June  
Closed

Saturday 3 June  
The story painters craft club with Ingenium (4-10years)  
2-3pm

Tuesday 30 May –  
Saturday 3 June  
For more information please contact  
Custom House Library on 020 3373 0855 or email  
CN.CustomHouseCanningTown@newham.gov.uk 11am-4pm



## St. Joachim's Citizen of the Year

Congratulations to Francesca in Y6 who was elected by all the staff as Citizen of the year, particularly for all her work with children in KS1 playground. Francesca was presented her prestigious award by Bishop Alan at Brentwood Cathedral.



### Polite Reminder

*If parents find that their children have had issues at school, for one reason or another, then these must be dealt with through the school. Parents should report concerns to the class teacher or Mrs Hamilton. If you feel that the issue has not been addressed properly then you can go to the Assistant Headteachers, Miss Pape KS2 and Miss Wilson KS1. We take all issues seriously and we always follow our behaviour and anti-bullying policies. Parents must not approach other children directly or their parents. Most parents do this which we applaud.*

## Bosco Summer Camp



### SUMMER CAMP 2017

Boys' Camp 8 -13 years old | Girls' Camp 9 -12 years old



The SVP St John Bosco Camp provides an opportunity for children to have an exciting, activity-packed camping holiday in the Essex countryside.



**COST**  
£145  
(Suggested donation)  
**APPLY AT**  
www.svpboscocamp.org.uk  
Twitter: @Boscocamp



**DATES OF CAMP**  
Boys' Camp Wk1  
22 July – 29 July  
Boys' Camp Wk2  
29 July – 5 August  
Girls' Camp  
5 Aug – 12 August



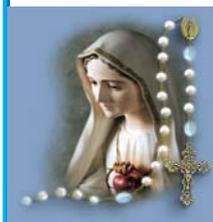
**SVP**  
A part of the  
St Vincent de Paul Society.  
Registered Charity No: 1053992



Once again the St. John Bosco children's camp is taking place in the summer. It is a wonderful Christian holiday experience for children. Fr James, Mr Bennett and Mr Allen all went to the camp as children and continue to go there as helpers. It is a fantastic opportunity and experience for the children. If you are interested in sending your child to the camp then please speak to Mr Bennett or Mr Allen. The school may be able to provide some financial assistance with the cost.

### May is the Month of Mary

As tradition, children from both KS1 & KS2 have had the opportunity at lunchtime to go along to the Rosary Club. Children have been learning about the prayers of the Rosary and the Mysteries. Children across KS have been also learning the Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven). Some days we have had up to 25 children attend.



### Information for Parents

#### 30 Hours Free Childcare/Tax Free Childcare

The government is introducing new ways to help parents with childcare costs. For more information or to find out whether you are eligible for the 30 hours free childcare or the tax free childcare scheme, please click on the links below.

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tax-free-childcare-10-things-parents-should-know>

