



Jesus is tested in the wilderness

Matthew 4:1-11

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Dear Parents,

Lent begins next Ash Wednesday, 1st March (St. David's Day) and ends forty days later on Holy Thursday, also known as Maundy Thursday. On Ash Wednesday, the children and staff will receive ashes in school.

As you know, during the Season of Lent, we invite the children to attend 6.30am Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. This year, due to Church refurbishments, Mass will be celebrated in the Church Hall. It is wonderful to see the children and families make an exerted effort to attend early morning Mass every Friday during Lent. Let's make this year the best attendance ever and make God very proud!

Children's Achievements

At the end of January, Abby Fairbanks (4H) was awarded a special trophy at her swimming club presentation for making great progress and competing in the Club Championships in 2016. Well done Abby – keep up the great work!

Congratulations to Poppy Thompson (3D) for being awarded 'Distinction' in her ballet, tap and modern exams. "I was a little bit nervous in my first exam, ballet, but not the second two. I'm really happy I got three distinctions!"

Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day Mass

Many thanks to the thirty children (and their parents) who braved the weather to sing at the Feast Day Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church before half term. They sang beautifully and were outstanding representatives of our school!

Mrs O'Kane

Southend Makes Music 2017 - Palace Theatre - Thursday 2nd March

Next Thursday, the '100' strong KS2 choir, plus our heavenly Harp Ensemble, will be performing as part of the annual Southend Makes Music Festival at the Palace Theatre. The children have been rehearsing hard for their show and are hoping to 'WOW' the audience! If you would like to come along and support us, there are a few tickets left via the Palace Theatre Box Office.

Mrs O'Kane

Green Bag Recycling

We are organising another GREEN BAG recycling event for before the Easter holidays. If you are having a clear out of your cupboards and need somewhere to take your old clothes, bags, pairs of shoes etc. (not jumble, books or bric-a-brac, please!) please could you bear us in mind? We will be giving out bags next week (or alternatively you can use your own bags if you wish) and we will let you know of the collection day as soon as we are allocated one! Thank you in anticipation!

Mrs O'Kane

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop **is now taking card payments** as well as cash. Cheques will be accepted up until the end of July 2017 only. Opening dates for this term are 24/2, 10/3 & 24/3. After Easter the shop will be open every Friday unless advised otherwise.

Contact Details: ololuniform@outlook.com / 07764222825

Danielle Bertella

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (based in Rayleigh) is looking for a new Trustee to join the Board. If you have accounting or finance skills and would like to join the talented Board of this wonderful diocesan charity, please contact Steven Webb on 01268 784544 or swebb@bccs.org.uk



Dates to Remember

Feb 27 th (Wk Comm)	Book Week	
Mar 1 st	Ash Wednesday	
Mar 8 th	Year 6 Walsingham House Retreat Day	
Mar 14 th	Reception trip to Belfairs Woods	
Mar 15 th	E-Safety Talks for KS2 and Staff (afternoon)	
	Parents' Information Evening on E-Safety & Child Protection	6.30pm-8.30pm
Mar 21 st	Hot Cross Bun Run at St. Thomas More	12.30pm
Mar 27 th	Stations of the Cross – Year 5 Parents	10.00am
Mar 28 th	Pupil/Parent/Teacher Consultations	3pm – 6pm
Mar 29 th	Pupil/Parent/Teacher Consultations	4pm – 7pm
Mar 31 st	End of Term – School closes at 1.30pm for pupils	
	April 3 rd - 17 th Easter Holiday	

Have a lovely weekend with your families.

Mrs. M. Sullivan
Headteacher

DEAR FATHER GOD

**We thank you for the amazing,
beautiful world You created.**

Help us to care for it.

**We thank you for the wonderful,
unique people You have
made us to be.**

Help us to care for one another.

**During Lent, teach us to be
true friends to one another
and especially those who are in need.**

**Guide us to be generous
and forgiving
and to live following**

Your example.

AMEN