



“Put your finger here, and look at my hands; then stretch out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting, and believe!”

John 20:27

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the summer term. Last Friday we had our own Easter Celebratory Day with our Easter Egg raffle organised by our School Council, Mrs Watts & Miss Anastasiou. Many thanks for their support with this.

Our Easter Bonnet Parade was amazing - some truly creative styles on show and lots of fun for all! We then had a number of children displaying their talents at the Easter Mini Variety Show before and during lunch. The final highlight of the day was handed over to the Friends of The School - Rebecca Bull & Sarah Daves, who organised a fabulous Easter Egg Hunt for all our children. A big “thank you” from staff and children to these two super ladies who put an enormous amount of work and effort into this.

I reminded the children in assembly that this celebratory day is special as we are now remembering the wonderful Resurrection of Jesus and what it means to us. Before Easter, Year 5 took us on Jesus’ painful journey to Calvary and now as a school, a Parish and a community we are joyful because of His Resurrection. His rising from the dead (like no other being in history) opens a door for us to Heaven, where our loved ones who have gone before, await us.

Yesterday’s Gospel (John 20:19 – 31) reminds us that for St Thomas (doubting Thomas) on seeing and touching Christ on the evening of Easter Day, was life-changing. Now he himself was a witness to the Resurrection, since he had seen and touched Jesus and spoken with Him. It was that encounter that gave rise to the great act of faith that we often use at Mass, when we behold Jesus at the moment of Consecration and say “My Lord & My God”.

Many thanks to Fr Basil who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the children in Years 4 , 5 & 6 during Lent.

First Holy Communion.

Year 3 are now getting excited about their special day when they receive Jesus for the first time at their First Holy Communion. Ten children from our school will be making their First Holy Communion at St Peter’s Church and Fr Jeff asked us to remember them in our prayers. We congratulate the following children and pray they will always stay close to Jesus and continue to visit and receive Him often at Mass, as he asks them to do from this day forward.

Congratulations to ***Tara Nolan, Jessica Cotgrove, Albert Adams, Kiera Barnes, Channelle Nagginda, Monica Hopkins, Lucy Squire, Grace Squire, Poppy Chambers, Aaron McCormick.***

Philippine Evening

Our next community evening is our Philippine Evening on Friday 9th June 2017! After the wonderful Indian Summer Evening in the autumn term, the Filipino community wish to share their culture, food, music and costumes. I hope that many families will come and celebrate with us and we look forward to seeing you there.

Our Summer Fete is going to take place on Saturday 8th July 2017. The Friends of the School will send out information this week regarding the event which we hope will be another wonderful community end of year celebration

Children's achievements

Poppy Chambers (3B) won the mountain bike race at Hadleigh cycle track for the 2nd year running during the Easter holidays. Poppy said "it was fun, but quite hard". Congratulations Poppy!

During the Easter holidays Jessica Cotgrove (3D) won a gold medal for singing "In My Own Little Corner" from "*Cinderella*" and a silver medal for singing "Maybe" from "*Annie*". Jessica said "I was a bit nervous as I was up against 11 other people. Some were 10 years old." Well done Jessica!

We were very pleased to receive this report from James McCarthy: "On Wednesday 19th April, my brother & I were asked to represent our school. Sean & I took part in a golf competition at Garons Par 3 course. Feeling excited, I walked over to the first tee and prepared my ball. I was playing in a four ball: two boys from Bournes Green, me and my brother. I hit an outstanding tee shot to about 12 ft and then two putted for a par. I played an excellent round of golf and ended up coming in second place with a silver medal. Also, my brother played really well and did himself proud. Thank you Mr Abel for giving me a great opportunity to take part in this school sport experience." What a great achievement James!

Baby news

We send congratulations to Ms Charles on the birth of her baby boy! He arrived on Thursday 20th April 2017 and we wish the family lots of love and happiness. We welcome Mrs Harding back from her maternity leave on a part time basis. She has been really missed and it is a joy to see her smiling face again!

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. After Easter the shop will be open every Friday unless advised otherwise.

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Danielle Bertella

50th Anniversary of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School

This year is the 50th Anniversary of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School, Rayleigh and the highlight of their celebrations will be a special Mass in a marquee on the school playing field on Friday, 14th July at **10.30am**. Bishop Alan Williams will be the main celebrant. They would love to welcome past pupils and staff to the Mass. If you would like to attend, please contact the school on [01268-785741](tel:01268785741) as they wish to ensure that they have adequate seating for everyone. Thank you.

BCCS

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is hosting an evening of classical music in the beautiful surroundings of Ingatestone Hall on Saturday 6th May at 7.30pm. Come and enjoy an exciting and varied programme with three professional musicians singing duets from some of the best known operas. Tickets are £25 and include prosecco and nibbles. For tickets or further information, please call Libby Phillips on 01268 784544 or email lphillips@bccs.org.uk

Dates to remember

April 25th	Safeguarding assembly by NSPCC.
April 29th	First Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
May 2nd	Fundraising for the NSPCC.
May 6th	First Holy Communion at OLOL Church
May 8th	SATS week
May 13th	First Holy Communion at OLOL Church
May 19th	Diocesan Citizenship Awards with Bishop Alan
May 25th	KS1 Pentecost Dash
June 6th	Year 6 London trip
June 9th	Philippine Evening
June 20th	KS1 sports day
June 21st	KS2 Borough sports
June 22nd	KS2 sports day
June 27th	Year 6 production
June 28th	Year 6 production
July 5th	KS1 Catholic Sports
July 6th	KS2 Catholic Sports
July 8th	Summer Fete
July 12th	NSPCC workshops Year 5 & Year 6

Have a lovely weekend with your families.

Mrs. M. Sullivan
Headteacher



*Suffer Little Children to come unto me
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven*