



ST JOHN PAYNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Be it known...

28th June 2019

Dear Parents & Carers

As with last week's Year 5 taster days, the Year 6 students joining the school in September as our newest Year 7 cohort had a fantastic day on Monday. It was lovely to witness many new friendships forming. The evening presentation to parents and carers was an opportunity to strengthen existing partnerships and establish new links with families for whom the evening represented the start of our association.

As with all occasions that we welcome visitors to the school, we thank the many students who served as ambassadors, guiding students, parents and carers; answering questions; and representing the school in such a positive light.

It was a pleasure to be with our Year 11 students at their Summer Ball on Wednesday evening following months of preparation and hard work. We look forward to celebrating with them on 22nd August when they collect their examination results.

Saturday is the Feast of St Peter & St Paul. We can be inspired by the example of these two flawed men in whom our faith flourished and spread across the world. Before his conversion on the road to Damascus as Saul, St Paul persecuted our forefathers; whilst St Peter, the rock upon whom Christ founded his Church, was a weak, impulsive, rash and violent man.

Rather than watch and pray with Christ in the garden of Gethsemane on the eve of his Passion, Peter slept; when Jesus was arrested, he drew his sword and sliced off Malchus' ear; challenged over his association, Peter denied Christ three times, lacking the courage and conviction to declare himself Christ's friend. We too are often like Peter. And yet, it is Peter who is chosen by Christ, as we all are.

Thomas Coen, Headteacher.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places remaining for the London to Brighton Bike Ride on 15th September 2019. Riders are asked to pay a registration fee of £55 and make a commitment to raise £150 for 'bccs'. Please visit www.bccs.org.uk/GetInvolved/Events or call Julie Abbott on 01268 784544/07912 277413 jabott@bccs.org.uk

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has places available to abseil the arcelor mittal orbit in Stratford Park between 5.00-8.00p.m. on Friday 12th July. Please contact Julie Abbott jabott@bccs.org.uk for information

Please be familiar with a change to the timing of the start of the school day from September. Registration will begin at 8.45 a.m. rather than 8.40 a.m. Aquinas canteen is open from 7.30 a.m. Lesson contact will not be reduced as lunch will be shortened by five minutes. The end of the day will remain 3.30 p.m.

School ends at 1.30 p.m. on Friday 19th July. The day is a non-uniform day.

Children from Braintree OLQP Parish interested in joining a youth group are invited to contact Jacqui Leech jacquileech65@gmail.com

Thank you on behalf of the PTA for donations towards the purchase of a new mini-bus. Whilst fundraising continues, the PTA has in the meantime donated a second hand bus purchased with unrestricted funds. This will greatly enhance students' participation in extra-curricular activities.

The science department requests clean 2 litre plastic bottles with lids & clean plastic milk bottles for use on the water rocket activity on 12th July.

Celebrations & Successes

Congratulations to Crystal Y8 for qualifying for the National Dance finals at Blackpool Tower Ballroom; and to Daire Y8 for his selection in the U14 Gaelic football Premier Division squad.

We enjoyed great success at Tuesday's District Athletics. Year 8 girls and Year 10 & 11 boys secured 1st place; Year 9 boys & Year 10 girls 2nd; Year 7 girls, Year 7 boys, and Year 8 boys 3rd. Girls won the overall relay; and a number of students came first in both their events. Overall boys and girls' teams achieved 2nd place - a fantastic achievement - well done to all competitors, and many thanks to the P.E. team for continuing to drive success in this area.



SJP is a proud Teacher Training Partnership School to Billericay Education Consortium and West Essex Teacher Training School Alliance. Please contact us if you are interested in a career in teaching and/or work experience.



The Full Governing Body has voted in favour of the motion that St. John Payne Catholic School will engage in discussion with the Diocese of Brentwood and members of the prospective Multi Academy Trust (MAT) to influence the final structure and determine whether in the view of the Full Governing Body it is in the best interests of the school to join the MAT. Governors continue to assure parents and carers that no MAT decision involving SJP will be taken without consultation with all parties.



...to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school.

