

St Blasius  
Shanklin C of E Primary School  
Academy Trust



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**Welcome**

Welcome to the first newsletter of St Blasius Primary School. I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful weather last month and had a relaxing time with family and friends.

With the start of the new school year, we'd like to welcome Mr Dan Stirrup as the new Year 5 teacher and we look forward to welcoming all of our new Year Reception children from next Monday. We hope you all enjoy being active members of the school.

**Building**

As many of you will have seen, the school has benefited from considerable work over the summer holidays, primarily funded by the Diocese. This is the first of many changes that you will see as St Blasius improves its provision for the children and makes the learning environment more enjoyable and purposeful for children and staff.

Huge thanks go to all the staff and governors who helped with this work.

**Dismissal arrangements**

Please can you collect your child from their class line on the playground and make sure that the teacher knows that they are leaving with you. I am sure you can appreciate that until the teacher gets to know each one of you this extra precaution will ensure the children's safety. Thank you.

**Diary Dates**

You will shortly be issued with a set of key dates for this half-term, September/October, which will help you as parents plan for school events in advance.

Regarding next week, our key events are:

**Monday 9 September:** 3.30 - 4.30pm an informal parents "drop-in" to meet your child's class teacher in their classrooms - no appointment necessary.

**Weeks commencing Monday 9 and 16 September:** New Year R children will start attending school.

For those children born between 1 February and 31 August 2009 this will be on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8.45am to 3.00pm.

For those children born between 1 September 2008 and 31 January 2009 this will be on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8.45am to 3.00pm.

### **After School Clubs**

This half term we are able to provide the following after clubs for the children. If you would like your child to participate, then the school will continue to operate its "first come, first served" policy, so do get your requests in fast!

Please see the attached letter for more details and a reply slip.

Club times are 3pm to 4pm:

Monday	Year 5 and 6 - Tag Rugby
Tuesday	Year 1 and 2 - Multi skills
Wednesday	Years 1 to 6 - Art
Friday	Year 3 and 4 - Sports

Tag rugby, Multiskills and Sports will be run by School Sport Coaching and Art will be run by Ms Hodgson.

Further clubs will be advertised as providers confirm details.

### **Menu for Next Week**

MONDAY:	Main - Toad in the hole with mashed potatoes and gravy or quorn bolognaise with pasta, carrots and peas. Dessert - chocolate and apricot brownie or fresh fruit.
TUESDAY:	Main - Roast chicken or lentil roast with roast or mashed potatoes, cabbage and swede, vegetable sticks. Dessert - flapjack with custard or fresh fruit.
WEDNESDAY:	Main - Beef lasagne or frittata, new potatoes, broccoli sweetcorn and mixed salad. Dessert - Biscuit with banana milkshake or fresh fruit.
THURSDAY:	Main - Roast turkey with roast potatoes, gravy, or mild vegetable curry with rice, carrots, green beans, tomato and cucumber salsa. Dessert - fruit in jelly or fresh fruit.
FRIDAY:	Main - Fish fingers and chips or cheese and onion quiche, baked beans, peas, apple and celery salad. Dessert - pineapple upside down pudding with custard, or fresh fruit.

### **And finally**

I'd like to thank children, staff, governors and parents for making me feel so welcome during my first week at St Blasius.

I look forward to working with more of you in the coming weeks and months.

Ms Hodgson the Deputy Head will produce weekly newsletters on behalf of the school which we hope you will find informative and interesting.

Mrs S Matthews  
Executive Headteacher