

NEWSLETTER NO. 25 - 21st March 2014

Industrial Action

As earlier communicated to you, the teaching union NUT is proposing industrial action on Wednesday 26th March, which if it goes ahead will result in a partial closure of the school.

The school will only be closed to Reception Class and Year 2.

ALL children in Years, 1,3,4,5 and 6 will be expected to attend.

We will inform you as soon as possible if the proposed industrial action does not take place.

Year 1 and 2 Greenfingers Exhibition



A big thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for the amazing exit point of our topic Greenfingers.

The children really enjoyed sharing all their hard work and impressed us with how sensible and mature they were when explaining their learning.

Particular highlights included; freshly made herb bread, sandwiches using herbs nurtured by the children and grass and cress heads which looked particularly good, along with other aspects linked with Spring, growing and eating.

A special thank you to the Year 1 and 2 School Council members for meeting and greeting parents and making everyone welcome.

Welcome

A big welcome back to Jessica Brett in Year 1 who has re-joined us.

Easter Fayre

We will be holding an Easter Fayre in the school hall on Friday 28th March

We would be really grateful for your help. If you can help please contact Carole Wenman on either 07807 274 938 or by email carolewenman@stblasiusacademy.iow.sch.uk

We will need:

Volunteers to help set up and run stalls

Donations for the tombola (tins, packets, bottles, toiletries etc)

Cakes, either home made or shop bought (Friday morning please)

There will be:

Easter crafts made by your children, cake stall, refreshments and sweets etc.

Children will have an opportunity to visit the Fayre at 1.30pm so please remember to give your child/children some money for them to spend!

Parents, carers, grandparents and friends are invited to visit the Fayre from 2.30pm.

Children will be dismissed from the playground as normal at 3pm.

Sickness and diarrhoea bug

Due to the severe outbreak of the vomiting and diarrhoea bug Norovirus at St Mary's Hospital, and the Island community in general, residents have been asked to make every effort to minimise the spread of infection by exercising good hand hygiene.

Further information can be found at:

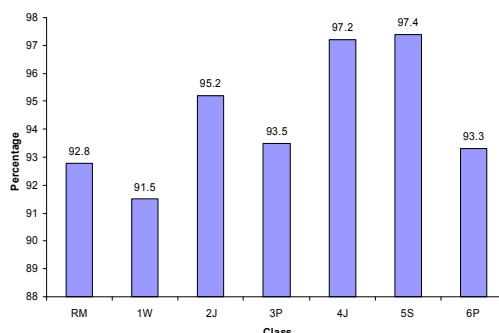
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Attendance

Whole School attendance from 1st September: 95.9 % =

Individual Year Group attendance for the week ending 14th March was:



= : same as last week
↑: higher than last week
↓: lower than last week

Congratulations to Year 5 for the best attendance with 97.4%
WELL DONE YEAR 5!

Box Tops for Education

As previously mentioned, the Box Tops Scheme will end on 31st March 2014 so please make sure any tokens you have collected are handed in by this date please.

Friday Family Breakfasts

How about joining your children/grandchildren for a Full English cooked breakfast on a Friday morning once a month?

There will be a choice of: sausage, bacon, scrambled egg, beans, toast, cereal and juice at a cost of 30p per item. (Payable on the day)

A letter has gone home this week with more details, a copy of this letter is on the last page.

Menu - week commencing 24th March

Monday:	Main - Sweet and Sour Chicken with rice, or cheese and tomato pizza with jacket wedges, sweetcorn, vegetable sticks. Dessert - Fruit yoghurt crunch.
Tuesday:	Main - Roast turkey or Quorn roast, roast or mashed potatoes, gravy, Swede and cabbage, mixed salad. Dessert - Sussex pudding with custard.
Wednesday:	Main - Meatballs in tomato sauce with pasta, Cheese whirls, broccoli, vegetable sticks. Dessert - chocolate crunch with milk.
Thursday:	Main - Roast gammon with roast potatoes, peas and carrots, Quorn and Vegetable stir fry with noodles, mixed salad. Dessert - Rice pudding with sultanas.
Friday:	Main - Battered fish and chips or Macaroni cheese, beans, peas, cucumber and tomato salad. Dessert - Fruit in jelly.

Important Dates for 2014

Wednesday 26th March 2014 - Potential NUT strike resulting in partial closure, see letter sent home 14th March

Thursday 27th March 2014 - Easter Craft Day parents invited, more details to follow

Friday 28th March 2014 - Easter Fayre, more details to follow

Friday 28th March 2014 - Family Friday Breakfast - join your child/children for breakfast

Monday 31st March 2014 - Easter Competition, entries to be in by first thing in the morning of 31st

Monday 31st March to Wednesday 2nd April 2014 - Year 5 Little Canada trip

Wednesday 2nd April 2014 - Final instalment due for Year 6 trip

Friday 4th April 2014 - Flower Festival and Easter Service at St Blasius Church, 10.30am all welcome

Saturday 5th April 2014 - Monday 21st April - Easter Holidays

Monday 5th May 2014 - May Day Holiday

Saturday 24th May 2014 - Sunday 1st June Spring Half Term

Monday 9th to Friday 13th June 2014 - Year 6 to Shorefield

Monday 16th June 2014 - Staff development day - school closed to children - CHANGE OF DATE from 27/6

Wednesday 23rd July 2014 - last day of summer term 2014



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Dear Parents

FAMILY BREAKFAST ON A FRIDAY

How about joining your children/grandchildren for a cooked breakfast on a Friday morning?

We would like to encourage families to come into school at 8am, one Friday a month starting Friday 28 March, to enjoy a full English Breakfast. There will be a choice of: sausage, bacon, scrambled egg, beans, toast, cereal and juice at a cost of 30p per item. (Payable on the day)

When we have hosted family breakfasts in the past they have been extremely popular, and are a lovely social event, for not only the children but also for parents to meet in an informal setting.

The following dates planned are: Friday 25 April, Fri 23 May, Friday 27 June and Friday 18 July.

Please complete and return the slip below to indicate whether you would like to join us.

Thank you.



Family Breakfast

I/we would like to come to school for breakfast on Friday 28 March at 8.00am

Names and numbers of: Adults

Children

Year Group