

St Blasius  
Shanklin C of E Primary  
Academy



NEWSLETTER NO. 26 - 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014

**Royal Visit**

A lucky group of children attended Shanklin Theatre yesterday as part of the Royal Visit by The Earl and Countess of Wessex. The children were delighted when the Countess of Wessex came up to the balcony area where they were sat and spoke to several of them. The children then watched a performance by a disabled theatre group, followed by Prince Edward cutting a special birthday cake and making a short speech.

**Easter Fayre**

A big thank you to all parents and carers who helped with the Easter Fayre, and to everyone who came and supported it. Details of the amount raised will follow in a later newsletter.

**Netball**

Yesterday, a team of Y5 and Y6 children went to Sandown Bay Academy for a netball tournament. It was a busy afternoon with 7 games to be played. The St. Blasius team won some, drew some and lost some games!! All children were a complete credit to St. Blasius and tried their absolute hardest in every match they were on court for. Miss Westbrook was extremely proud of you all. A Big well done to Cameron Cooke, Ellie Honey, Ellie Baker, Georgia Fox, Jarrison Smith, Meredyth Smith and Max Henley.



**Appeal**

Occasionally some of the younger children have 'accidents'. Although we have had a supply of spare underwear in the past, very often it is not returned. If any parents/carers have younger children (both boys and girls) who have outgrown any good condition underwear that they would be willing to donate, we would be most grateful.

Thank you.

### **Easter Competition**

A reminder that the competition entries need to be in first thing on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March, ready for judging. Details of the winners will be given next week. Good luck everyone!

### **Flower Festival/Easter Service**

Please join us at St. Blasius Church at 10.30am next Friday to join in with our end-of-term Easter service.

This year we are combining this with our annual Flower Festival. Please can we ask for a donation of flowers? These flowers will be distributed to the elderly in the community during the afternoon. Thank you.

### **Dog mess around the school**

Sadly this is an ongoing problem and one we have had many complaints about. If people allow their dogs to foul on the pavements around the school it is not pleasant for the children or parents, so it is an issue we would like your help in solving.

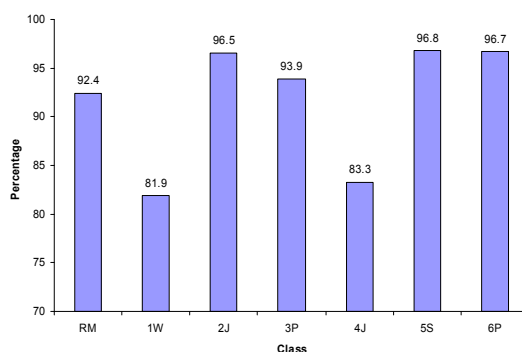
Island Roads have informed us that they can only clean up if they are given an exact location of the dog mess. May we therefore ask that if you encounter dog mess around the school you telephone Island Roads, giving the exact location, on 01983 822440. Thank you.

### **Attendance**

Whole School attendance from 1<sup>st</sup> September: 95.9 % =

Individual Year Group attendance for the week ending 21<sup>st</sup> March was:

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



Congratulations to Year 5 for the best attendance with 96.8%,  
just beating Year 6 with 96.7%  
WELL DONE YEAR 5!

### **Box Tops for Education**

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

### **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:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/pages/introduction.aspx>.

[tp://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/homehygiene/Pages/prevent-germs-from-spreading.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/homehygiene/Pages/prevent-germs-from-spreading.aspx)

### **Menu - week commencing 31st March**

Monday:	Main - Beef Bolognese with pasta, Vegetarian sausages with mashed potato and gravy, Broccoli, sweetcorn, cucumber and tomato salad. Dessert - Steamed syrup pudding with custard.
Tuesday:	Main - Roast chicken or quorn roast with roast or mashed potatoes gravy, cabbage and swede. Apple, cucumber and celery salad. Dessert - crunchy cookie and milk.
Wednesday:	Main - Sausage meat and Cheddar cheese plait with wedges, vegetable pasta bake, green beans and sweetcorn, Carrot and Sultana salad. Dessert - apple cracknel and ice-cream.
Thursday:	Main - Chicken curry with rice or cheesy jacket potato, carrots and broccoli, vegetable sticks. Dessert - fruit salad.
Friday:	Main - Fish fingers and chips, baked beans and peas. Dessert - marble cake with chocolate sauce.

### **Important Dates for 2014**

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

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

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014 - Final instalment due for Year 6 trip

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

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2014 - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Easter Holidays

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2014 - May Day Holiday

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2014 - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June Spring Half Term

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2014 - Year 6 to Shorefield

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014 - Baylink Games

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014 - Country Dance Festival at Havenstreet

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

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014 - last day of summer term 2014

# Pan Park SAFARI

**Saturday 5 April 11am to 4pm**  
**Pan Lane, Newport**

Discover the Island's newest Country Park with  
Natural Wight and The New Carnival Company.

Escorted animated walks and trails, nature crafts,  
bug hoovering and more.

**FREE ENTRY**

Bring a picnic. Wear your wellies,  
and come prepared for the  
great outdoors!

More info from The New Carnival Company

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**Come and join us for**



**Coffee and**

**Hot Cross Buns**

**at St Blasius' Church Shanklin**  
(through the Old Village and past Big Mead)

**on**

**Easter Monday**

**21st April**

**from 10.30am to 1.00pm**

**Easter craft activities - church trail and egg hunt**

**Cake stall**

**All the family very welcome**

**Free admission**



**Proceeds to church funds**

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