

St Blasius
Shanklin C of E Primary
Academy



NEWSLETTER NO. 28 - 25th April 2014

Dear Parents

I hope all the children had a happy and safe holiday.

It was difficult working in two schools last term, however it did give me an insight into the issues that needed to be tackled at St Blasius before I officially started and allowed me to do much of the forward planning.

It will be fair to say the school has gone through a few turbulent years, however the ship is now stable. Those who have been around the school will notice the changes being made in facilities. The new library area is nearly finished. The locked garden area will soon be open to add an outdoor teaching and play area. A lawn has been created at the top end and Mr Bolt and the Gardening Club are planting the lower end of the Garden and the front of the School. However, whilst welcome, new facilities do not make schools outstanding. The School's clear focus has been on improving teaching and learning. Many of the key issues have been easy to sort, they were processes (albeit important processes) that just needed to be put in place. With these in place it is now a case of moving forward. I hope to make one more teaching appointment in early May and will report back to you following the interviews.

Parental involvement is also key; children really do love the support of their parents. There will be opportunities for you to come into school throughout the year, please try and do so. If you would like to become more involved, by helping on the Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) please contact me at school.

I should also like to mention one of the main reasons I applied for the post of Principal. During my previous visits I was very impressed with the nature and attitude of the children; it is the best I have come across in the numerous schools I have visited. There are always some issues when you put 200 children together, (issues in my house with two children!) but in St Blasius there are very few. The children are extremely polite and very welcoming. They are a joy to work with and to talk to. As parents you should be very proud.

If you have any concerns or wish to look in more detail at how the school is moving forward please do not hesitate to call me and arrange a visit.

Mark Stephens
Principal

Shanklin Cricket Club Junior Cricket

Shanklin Cricket Club, Westhill Road, Shanklin have under 11, under 13 and under 15 teams. They are keen to welcome any keen young player to the club to learn how to play cricket. The club supplies all necessary equipment. Practice for the under 11's on Tuesday at 6pm and for the under 13's and under 15's on Monday at 6pm.

Please contact: Guy de Belder 01983 615679 or guydebelder@hotmail.co.uk

'PHIL' the Bag

All children have brought home an empty 'Phil' the bag.

Simply fill the bag with any unwanted old or used textiles - such as clothing, shoes, bags, belts, curtains, towels and bed linen. Items are accepted in any condition.

Please bring the filled bag to school on recycle day - **MONDAY 12th MAY** - and leave it in the school hall.

Your bags will be taken and weighed, and we will receive a certificate and a cheque.

This is a brilliant and easy way of raising funds for our school!

Family Breakfast

Our second Family Breakfast was even more popular than the first one! Thank you to everyone that was able to attend.

The next Family Breakfast will be on Friday 23rd May, when we look forward to even more families joining us!

Breakfast starts at 8am, there is a choice of: sausage, bacon, scrambled egg, beans, toast, cereal and juice at a cost of 30p per item. We will also be doing tea and coffee, also at 30p a cup. The cost is payable on the day but we ask that you complete the Family Breakfast request form each time to help with judging numbers. The letters will go out the week of each breakfast.

If your child is entitled to a free school meal but prefers a packed lunch? The school kitchen can provide that for you. There is a choice of sandwich or baguette, with ham, cheese or tuna filling. It comes with a drink together with the pudding of the day or fresh fruit.

Summer Fayre

The time is fast approaching for our Summer Fayre - the proposed date is 27th June, more details to follow shortly. In the meantime if you have any ideas for this, or would like to get involved please come in and talk to Mrs Wenman, Mrs Fox, Miss Wilson or Mrs Fallone.

Attendance

Whole School attendance from 1st September: 95.6 % =

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Individual Year Group attendance for the week ending 4th April was Year 6

Congratulations to Year 6 for the best attendance with 97.6%,

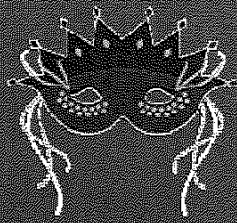
Menu - week commencing 22nd April

(Please note all menus are subject to change)

- Monday: Sausages, mashed potatoes and gravy, jacket potato with cheesy coleslaw, carrots, broccoli, apple and celery. Oaty fruit crumble with custard
- Tuesday: Chicken korma with rice, macaroni cheese with garlic and bread herb bread wedge, garden peas, cucumber and tomato salad, carrot and sultana. Chocolate surprise sponge
- Wednesday: Roast gammon or Quorn roast with crispy roast or mashed potatoes and gravy, carrot and swede mash, cabbage or mixed salad. Crunchy cookie with milkshake
- Thursday: Italian Lasagne, frittata with new potatoes, seasonal vegetables, sweetcorn, vegetable sticks. Date slice and custard
- Friday: Fish fingers with chips, garden peas, baked beans, sweetcorn and pepper. Banana chocolate muffin

Important Dates for 2014

- Monday 5th May 2014 - May Day Holiday
- Monday 12th to Friday 16th May 2014 - Year 6 SATs
- Friday 23rd May 2014 - Family Breakfast
- Saturday 24th May 2014 - Sunday 1st June Spring Half Term
- Tuesday 29th April 2014 - Fun day at Sandown Bay Academy Year 6
- Monday 2nd June 2014 - Whole school photos
- Monday 9th to Friday 13th June 2014 - Year 6 to Shorefield
- Tuesday 10th June 2014 - Baylink Games
- Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th July 2014 - Year 6 Transition day
- Monday 16th June 2014 - Staff development day - school closed to children - CHANGE OF DATE from 27/6
- Friday 27th June 2014 - Family Breakfast
- Friday 27th June 2014 - Summer Fayre (to be confirmed)
- Friday 18th July 2014 - Family Breakfast
- Wednesday 23rd July 2014 - last day of summer term 2014



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