

St Blasius
Shanklin C of E Primary
Academy



NEWSLETTER NO. 30 - 9th May 2014

Dear Parents

It has been a very busy time. Is it just me or do four day weeks always seem longer than the usual working week?

On Wednesday we held interviews for a KS2 teacher. We are not losing any permanent teachers, but rather strengthening the depth of our team. I am pleased to announce that Mr Mikey Woods has been appointed. He is currently teaching at Gurnard Primary and whilst still in the early stages of his career, Mr Woods has been deemed an outstanding practitioner. He is particularly strong in the area of ICT and you will notice a number of developments in this area over the next school year. Mr Woods also has a passion for sport and will be supporting the development of this area in both lessons and after school activities.

The School Development plan is probably not an enticing sit down and read in one go thriller (though please make an appointment to see me if you wish to see it). However, in regular stages in the newsletter I shall include the important aspects of it so you are informed as to the changes being made or actions being reinforced.

Pupil progress is one of the key issues. Children will be formally assessed on five occasions throughout the year. Following these assessments teachers will meet to review progress and put in any interventions for children not making progress and extra opportunities for those deemed to be excelling. In this way there should never be a time when lack of progress is not picked up quickly. You will receive data on your child three times a year, though of course you can make an appointment to see me or their class teacher for an update anytime in the year.

The assessments will be part of your child's general lessons (except in Years 2 & 6 when we are required to do national tests). Assessing their progress is important for obvious reasons, however, please be reassured that there will also be a strong emphasis on sport, art, music and ICT etc.

Best wishes

Mark Stephens
Principal

Sports for Schools

On Tuesday, Year 5 travelled by train to Sandown Bay Academy for the Sandown Bay Sports 4 Schools event. Despite a disappointing turnout, the event went ahead, and Year 5 enjoyed a whole day carousel of sports; tag-rugby, cricket, football, rounders and netball. The event was led by PE students from Sandown Bay Academy 6th form, who enthusiastically coached and mentored the children throughout the day. A thoroughly positive attitude was shown by all the children, who supported each other well when a competitive element was added to each sport. The children behaved superbly and as always were a credit to themselves and our Academy.

SAT's Year 6

A free breakfast and revision session will be available for Year 6 children Monday 12th to Thursday 15th 2014 at 8am each morning. There will be beans, sausage, toast and juice available. On these 4 mornings, entry for Year 6 children only, having breakfast will be by the Hall door.

Mufti Day Friday 16th May

Next Friday the children are invited to come to school dressed in bright colours. (no football shirts please), in exchange for bringing in an item for the Summer Fete tombola.

Perhaps Reception, Years 1 and 2 could bring chocolate/sweets, and Years 3 - 6 bring packets, tins jars and bottles. Please check the expiry dates carefully. Thank you.

Attendance

Whole School attendance from 1st September: 95.7 % ↑

= : same as last week ↑: higher than last week ↓: lower than last week
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Individual Year Group attendance for the week ending 2nd May:

Congratulations to Year R for the best attendance with 99.6%,

Menu - week commencing 12th May

(Please note all menus are subject to change)

- Monday: Sausages with mashed potato, pasta bake, garden peas, baked beans, tomato and cucumber salsa. Toffee apple crumble with custard.
- Tuesday: Italian Bolognese with pasta, vegetable curry with Basmati rice, seasonal cabbage, fresh carrots, mixed salad. Jam and coconut sponge with custard.
- Wednesday: Roast chicken with sage and onion stuffing, quorn roast with crispy roast or mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, fresh vegetable sticks. Carrot cake with citrus frosting.
- Thursday: Mexican beef tortilla with couscous, cheese and onion quiche with new potatoes, light coleslaw, sweetcorn, carrot and sultana salad. Fruity yogurt crunch.
- Friday: Fish fingers with chips, garden peas, baked beans, apple and celery salad. Chocolate sultana crispie.

Important Dates for 2014

Monday 12th May 2014 - Phil the Bag to be returned

Monday 12th to Friday 16th May 2014 - Year 2 and Year 6 SATs

Friday 16th May 2014 - Mufti Day, Items for the Summer Fete Tombola - CHANGE OF DATE FROM 23RD May

Friday 23rd May 2014 - Family Breakfast

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

Monday 2nd June 2014 - Whole school photos

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

Tuesday 10th June 2014 - Baylink Games

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

Thursday 26th June 2014 - Sports Day

Friday 27th June 2014 - Family Breakfast

Friday 27th June 2014 - Summer Fete

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th July 2014 - Year 6 Transition day

Friday 18th July 2014 - Family Breakfast

Tuesday 22nd July 2014 - last day of summer term 2014 (Change of Date)

Wednesday 23rd July 2014 - Staff development Day - school closed to children