

St Blasius  
Shanklin C of E Primary  
Academy



NEWSLETTER NO. 33 - 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014

Dear Parents

Whilst two weeks ago, it is definitely necessary to comment on the last Friday before half-term (the previous newsletter had already been written). The Reverend Standing invited us to St Blasius Church, where the Reverend and children from years 3 & 6 gave us an account of the life of St Blasius. It was a wonderful occasion. The children dressed up to form a pageant, the crowd waved flags and we all sang in celebration of the life of St Blasius.

Prior to this Mrs Williams hosted another full English family breakfast. Again the hall was packed and a delicious meal was served up. If you have not done so, do take an opportunity to attend one of these - a good way to start the day!

The photographer was unable to take a full school photo on the first day back. His assistant had an emergency and so was unable to bring all the staging across to the Island. The photo will now be taken on 8<sup>th</sup> July.

Can I remind parents and children that the gates open at 8.30 and school starts at 8.45. We are working very hard to make a prompt start to the school day. This is often the time the children are at their most receptive to learning. Your support will be much appreciated.

Best wishes

Mark Stephens  
Principal

Well done to our Half Term Achievement Award children



## Shanklin Railway Station

The Academy has been invited to take part in the South and South East in Bloom competition. Funding for the plants has been given by the Community Rail Partnership through the Association of Community Rail Partnerships and Island Line. Judging will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014.

Mr and Mrs Bolt, Mrs Wenman with some of the children from Gardening Club, Max and Jessica Wenman, Meredyth and Jarrison Smith, Charlotte Brittan, Vicky Brodowska and Ruby Wild went to Shanklin Railway Station on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to plant up some wooden planters. It was a very wet day and the children did very well, bringing lots of smiles to the passing public. They were a pleasure to be with and a great credit to the Academy.



## Phil the Bag

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes and textiles to Phil the Bag, we raised £150!

## Year 6 Residential Trip

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 are going on a residential trip to Shorefield, Milford-on-Sea accompanied by Mr Stirrup, Miss Westbrook and Mrs Jerram. We are sure they will experience many new activities. Have a good time Year 6!

## A few reminders!

### **Footwear**

Whilst sensible sandals are permitted now that the warmer weather is here, flip-flops, mules and high heels are not acceptable footwear.

### **Nail varnish**

It has come to our attention that some children are wearing nail varnish to school, which is not permitted.

## **September 2014**

Details of staff arrangements for next September will be announced shortly. We are sad to announce the departure of Miss Westbrook who will be taking up a teaching post at Lanesend Primary School, Cowes in September. She will be greatly missed but we wish her well in her new school.

### **Summer Fete**

This year's summer fete will be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June from 2pm. If you can help in any way, even if it is only for an hour or so, please see Mrs Carole Wenman or Mrs Cheralyn Fox. The Summer Fete is an important fund raising event, and it takes a lot of organising. All the money raised will be spent on your children, so please support the Fete in any way that you can. Thank you.

### **Homework Club**

Amanda Henley will be running a family homework after school club, for years 1-6 on Monday and Wednesday. You do not have to sign up for this club, you can decide on the day. However, please note that parents MUST also attend with their child.

### **Guitar and piano/keyboard Lessons**

Private guitar and piano/keyboard lessons are available. Please contact Isle of Wight Music Service for further details at IWMS, Downside Community and Learning Centre, Furrilongs, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 2AX. Tel 01983 556865 E-Mail iwms@iow.gov.uk

### **Attendance**

= : same as last week ↑: higher than last week ↓: lower than last week
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Whole School attendance from 1<sup>st</sup> September: 95.7 % =

Individual Year Group attendance for the week ending 23rd May:

**Congratulations to Year 1 for the best attendance with 99.6%**

**WELL DONE YEAR 1!**

### **Absences and Appointments**

Could we please remind parents and guardians to send in a letter to explain any absence and a copy of and hospital/dentist and doctors appointments. Thank you

## **Menu - week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> June**

(Please note all menus are subject to change)

Monday: Turkey burger in a bun with oven baked wedges, vegetarian cottage pie, sweetcorn, carrots, vegetable sticks. Chocolate marble cake.

Tuesday: BBQ chicken and rice, cheese and tomato pizza with half a jacket potato, light crunchy coleslaw, garden peas, mixed salad. Fruit in jelly

Wednesday: Roast chicken or quorn roast with crispy roast or new potatoes and gravy, carrots, cabbage, apple, cucumber and celery. Chocolate and orange cheesecake

Thursday: Beef and mushroom pie with mashed potato, Italian cheese and tomato risotto, broccoli, seasonal vegetables, cucumber and tomato. Fruit flapjack with custard

Friday: Crispy battered fish with chips, garden peas, baked beans, tomato and cucumber salsa. Peach and pineapple salad with ice cream

## **Important Dates for 2014**

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

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014 - Opening evening 6 - 7pm for September 2014 Reception Class parents

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014 - Staff development day - school closed to children**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - New Intake parent meetings

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014 - Sports Day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014 - Family Breakfast

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014 - Summer Fete

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014 - Induction morning for New Reception Intake

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2014 - Induction morning for New Reception Intake

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014 - Year 6 Transition day

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2014 - Year 6 Transition day

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 - Cricket Festival at Shanklin Cricket Ground - details to follow

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2014 - Family Breakfast

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 - last day of summer term 2014 (Change of Date)

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014 - Staff development Day - school closed to children