

St Blasius
Shanklin C of E Primary
Academy



NEWSLETTER NO. 37 - 4th July 2014

Dear Parents

Despite my early morning concerns, the weather held out for the Summer Fete. The event raised over £1000. Some of the money will go to a charity selected by the children on the Academy Council and the rest will go directly to equipment for the playground for the children. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event. Thank you also to the children for all the games and cakes they made to raise money, but most importantly to the PTA and in particular Mrs Cheralyn Fox and Mrs Carole Wenman who organised the event. Well done everybody! This again is an ideal time to remind you that if you want to be part of the PTA or can offer your services in anyway please contact Mrs Fox, Mrs Wenman or me at the Academy. All of the money raised goes directly back to the children or to events they wish to support.

Over the last two days the children have all spent time with their new class teachers for next year. When I visited the classes they all seemed to be enjoying themselves and undertaking a variety of exciting activities.

The Diocesan Academy Improvement Partner (like a helpful inspector!) spent Tuesday and Wednesday on site. Obviously there are still things to improve, we are particularly looking at our work on phonics and opportunities for the more able children (in whatever format that maybe). Specific plans are in action to tackle these issues. That said, the Academy Improvement Partner is very pleased with the speed and direction in which the Academy is going.

Parents may be aware of possible industrial action by NUT on Thursday 10th July, it is my expectation that the Academy will be open as normal. If the situation changes I will contact you immediately.

Best wishes

Mark Stephens
Principal

School Photographer

Next Tuesday, 8th July, Cardwells photographers will be here to take a photo of the whole school. So please make sure everyone is extra smart for the photo!

Clubs

Just a reminder, after school clubs will finish Friday 18th July. There will be no clubs on Monday 21st or Tuesday 22nd July.

Holiday Bible Club Tue 29 July - Fri 1 August 10.00am - 12.30pm

Wondering what to do with the children during the long school holidays? Well, once again this year the Holiday Bible Club will be held here at St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary Academy for children in year groups Reception to Year 6. There will be games, craft, a DVD, lively actions songs, messy challenges and loads more fun - all with a Cops and Robbers theme this year.

To book simply fill in the blue booking forms, that the children have bought home this week from school and post it along with your money in the special "prison box" by the school office or drop it into the Christian bookshop next to the United Reformed Church in the High Street in Shanklin. It only costs £6 for the four days or £10 for two or more children.

Last year 70 children came, so why not be one of them this year and join in on all the fun!

For more info feel free to call me, Janet Harley on 862485 or email janet@chezharley.freereserve.co.uk

Run by Christians Working Together in Shanklin

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 27th June:

Congratulations to Year 4 for the best attendance with 99.4%

Menu - week commencing 7th July

(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 Sponge with chocolate sauce
- 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 beef or quorn roast with new potatoes and gravy, carrots, cabbage, apple, cucumber and celery. Orange and coconut 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

Tuesday 8th July 2014 - Photographer here for whole school photos

Wednesday 9th July 2014 - Science Workshop at Newchurch Primary for some of Year 6

Wednesday 9th July 2014 - Year 1 and 2 to visit Shanklin Chine and the beach

Saturday 12th July 2014 - Primary School Island Games at Fairway Sports Centre

Monday 14th July 2014 - Cricket Festival at Shanklin Cricket Ground - details to follow

Thursday 17th July 2014 - Year 6 Play 1.30pm and 6pm - more details to follow

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

Tuesday 2nd September - School reopens to children - start of Autumn Term