

St Blasius
Shanklin C of E Primary
Academy



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Dear Parents

On Wednesday afternoon I had the pleasure of taking Cian, David, Cameron and Toby from Year 6 to the BAE Systems and RAF Science Road Show. It was a very informative and entertaining afternoon which opened the children's eyes to all the different aspects of the engineering world. As a focus on our more able children who have a keen interest in a particular area, I have already booked the Academy into 12 of these shows for next year. These will include 'Fractals', 'CSI Maths' and a work shop with the poet and author James Carter. I look forward to accompanying the children on as many of these trips as possible.

As I was on my way to the Science road show on Wednesday I was only able to pop my head in to see the start of the Year 3 assembly. It was good to see so many parents /grandparents/carers there supporting their children. If you can, please take all the opportunities provided to do this throughout next year, it has a very positive affect on learning. Similarly if you have any issues please come in and see me. A bit of local gossip is fine but it doesn't solve any problems and invariably does not get to the truth of an issue - so if it is an issue, please come and talk.

Hopefully you saw the article on p20 of County Press about the Academy last week. In times when Island education is getting such a battering it was nice to read so many positive comments and again can I stress what a good example the children set, a real credit to you and the Academy.

Congratulations to Lily Smith (R), Timmy Phillips (yr1), Grace Chapman (yr2), Chelsea McCluskey (yr3), Millie Troy (yr4), Ella McLaughlin (yr5) and Alysha Ford (yr6) who were winners of the local Co-op design a World Cup Flag Competition. Thank you to the Co-op for supplying the winners and each class with some nice chocolate goodies! The winning flag pictures are on display in the Landguard Road shop.

Best wishes

Mark Stephens
Principal

Whole School Photo

The weather was kind to us on Tuesday and we were able to have all the children and staff together for an inaugural photo of St Blasius Shanklin C E Primary Academy. Proof envelopes are being sent home today. A larger copy of the photo will be on display by the office. If you would like to order a copy, please return your order, together with the correct money, to the office by next Tuesday, 15 July. Whilst this does not give you much time it is hoped that the photos will be sent to us before the end of term. Alternatively, you can order a copy online.

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, crafts, 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 bought home recently and post it, along with your money, in the special "prison box" by the school office. Alternatively drop it into the Christian bookshop next to the United Reformed Church in the High Street, 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, Janet Harley on 862485 or email janet@chezharley.freeserve.co.uk *Run by Christians Working Together in Shanklin*

If anyone has lost their invitation/form - spares are available at the Academy Office and from Dyan Northard (Albert and Tristan's mum) in the playground after school each day.

Family Breakfast

The next Family Breakfast will be on Friday 18th July. They are proving to be very popular and 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 that will be sent home next week.

Attendance

Whole School attendance from 1st September: 95.7 % =

Individual Year Group attendance for the week ending 4th June:

= : same as last week ↑: higher than last week ↓: lower than last week
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Congratulations to Year 4 for the best attendance with 98.8%

Menu - week commencing 14th July

(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, fresh broccoli, fresh swede, 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: Salmon fish fingers with chips, garden peas, baked beans, apple and celery salad. Chocolate sultana crispie.

Important Dates for 2014

Monday 14th July 2014 - Cricket Festival at Shanklin Cricket Ground

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

Friday 18th July 2014 - Family Breakfast

Friday 18th July 2014 - Beach trip for Reception and Year 6

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