

St Blasius
Shanklin C of E Primary
Academy



NEWSLETTER NO. 39 - 18th July 2014

Dear Parents

It is now very close to the end of my first full term and most enjoyable it has been. Much of the time has been spent sorting out systems and dealing with paper work, so it was with great delight I took the year 3 /4 and the year 5 cricket squads to the cricket festival at Shanklin on Monday. Twenty two children took part, so this gave me the opportunity to get to know a large number of children in greater depth, to see how they worked as individuals and in a team. Congratulations to the children, all of whom gave their best. I look forward to Easter next year when we start practice for the season ahead!

Also many congratulations to the year 6 pupils, Miss Powell, Mrs Egan and Mrs Woodford for putting on a most entertaining end of term play. The time, effort and teamwork in the lead up to the production was particularly commendable - well done everybody!

Keystage 2 results (year 6 SATs exams) are published in detail around November time. However, I can say there has been a very big improvement. So again well done to year 6 and a big thank you to all the staff and parents who have supported the children through the year.

This is the last full newsletter this term; however there will be a short newsletter on Tuesday which will include the details of all the awards that will be presented to the children in the award assembly on Monday 21st July.

Best wishes

Mark Stephens
Principal

Co-op World Cup Flag Competition

Here are the winners announced in last week's newsletter!



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.

Year 6 Leavers and Achievement Assembly

This assembly will be at 9.00am on Monday 21st July. It will include the normal half-term Achievement Awards, the presentation of Year 6 leaving gifts and some special Year 6 Awards. It is often an emotional assembly for the Year 6 pupils who are leaving and for the proud parents, so please do come along if you are able to.

Junior Challenge the Wight

The total raised so far is £318.49! If there is any more sponsor money to come in, please return it as soon as possible, thank you.

Clubs

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

Job Vacancy

We will have a job vacancy for a MSA (Mid-day Supervisory Assistant) - to start in September. This position is approximately 1 hour a day, 5 days a week and term time only. If you are interested in working with the children at lunchtimes, then please ask for further details at the academy office.

Music Lessons

We will be offering the opportunity for private singing, keyboard and guitar lessons from September. Please contact the academy office for further details.

Summer Activities

There are lots of activities available throughout the holidays, details are available from the Isle of Wight Council website. Please go to <http://www.iwight.com/azservices/documents/1694-Summer-Guide-2014-final.pdf>

Holiday Bible Club Tue 29th July - Fri 1st 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.freemove.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.

Attendance

Whole School attendance from 1st September: 95.8 % ↑

Individual Year Group attendance for the week ending 11th July:

= : same as last week ↑: higher than last week ↓: lower than last week
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Congratulations to Year 2 and Year 5 for the best attendance with 98.3%

Universal Free Meals - Reminder

As from September all children in Reception Class and Years 1 and 2 will be entitled to a free school meal, regardless of parental income.

Menu - week commencing 21st July

(Please note all menus are subject to change)

- Monday: Chicken and broccoli Pasta/Quorn pitta pocket (v), sweetcorn, carrots, cucumber and tomato salad, pineapple upside cake with custard
- Tuesday: Cottage pie/Cheese and tomato pizza with Cajun wedges (v), peas and vegetable sticks, mixed salad, ice cream bar or ice cream with fruit

Important Dates for 2014

Tuesday 22nd July 2014 - last day of summer term 2014 (change of date)

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

Saturday 23rd August 2014 - 12.30 pm unveiling of a plaque at Shanklin Railway to celebrate Island Lines 150th celebrations

Tuesday 2nd September - School reopens to children Years 1 to 6 - start of Autumn Term

Wednesday 3rd September 2014 - Reception children start - 8.45am to 12 noon

Thursday 4th and Friday 5th September 2014 - Reception children - 8.45am 1.00pm (stay for lunch)

Monday 8th September 2014 - Reception children in full time



Go Wild On Fridays!

Friday 8th August - "A dip in the Pond" (Community Orchard, Longwood Lane, Sandown)

See what creatures are lurking beneath the surface in our special pond; can you find a frog or net a newt? Equipment provided but feel free to bring your own net if you have one. There will also be a chance to learn how to make your own pond viewer or create a pond monster collage.

Friday 15th August - "Mega Minibeast Hunt" (Pan Mill Meadows, Newport - to the south of Matalan on the Newport-Shide cycle path)

Join us to see what is creeping and crawling within the undergrowth and learn about the fascinating lives of Britain's bugs. There will also be the opportunity to make your own ladybird hotel or seed bomb to take home.

Friday 22nd August - "Troll Trail Fairytales" (Starts and finishes at Merstone Station, Main Road, Merstone)

Come along for a walk with a magical twist. With stories, games, magic potions and pixie playgrounds you are (spell) bound to have a wicked time! Walk suitable for all the family, including babies in buggies. Why not bring a picnic and stay a bit longer? Fairytale fancy dress welcome.

- Each event runs 10.30am - 12.30pm
- Fun for the whole family. Children must be accompanied.
- Suggested donation to Gift to Nature £2 per adult per event, children free.
- Booking strongly advised – please call Tracy or Carol on 296244 or email

tracy.underwood@naturalenterprise.co.uk

Special educational needs and disability (SEND)

Changing for the better

September 2014

The special needs reforms will introduce a new approach that seeks to join up support across education, health and care from birth to 25. Help will be offered at the earliest opportunity for children and young people with SEND and their parents or carers so that they can be fully involved in decisions about their support and what they wish to achieve.

Key changes from September 2014

- Local authorities and clinical commissioning groups will work together to **commission services jointly** to secure better services for 0 to 25 year olds.
- Together, they will produce a **local offer** of services, developed with parents and young people.
- A **co-ordinated assessment process**, across education, health and care, and involving children and young people and their families throughout.
- A new **0 to 25 education, health and care plan** to replace the current system of statements and learning difficulty assessments.
- A **phased transition** for those already with statements and learning difficulty assessments, taking place over time.



Discover more about the reforms at **WWW.IWIGHT.COM/SENDREFORM**