



St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary Academy

Enjoy and Achieve in the Presence of God



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Principal's Messages:

Dear families,

As we come to the end of our third week of many of you supporting, or directly teaching, your children at home, I want to thank you again and say how we understand the challenges this can bring. As I mentioned last week, the focus on perseverance has never been more apt. If you need some advice, remember to get in touch with us and we will do all we can to support you. I know you will appreciate this isn't always instant, as teachers are still working - either with children in the classroom, via computers, or planning and responding to work. Our buildings may be closed to many children but we are still here, working and trying our best like you. Our admin staff are busier than ever too.

If you are finding things tough, for whatever reason, please access support available through other sources too. Whether it's due to finances, family life, or your physical or mental health, it is so important that you don't feel you have to struggle on and leave it until a crisis develops. There are confidential services out there who are always very willing to help. Give them a call.

Next week, primary schools nationally will be receiving testing kits for staff. This will mean we can help to identify anyone who is asymptomatic but potentially carrying, and spreading, the virus. We hope this will help to reduce cases nationally, which we all want to see. There is no update at this time as to when we will reopen to all pupils but we have been told we will be given two weeks' notice. Please bear in mind if your children are currently attending that the half term break starts on Saturday 13th February until Sunday 21st February and we are not expecting, at this time, that we will be asked to remain open.

Kind regards,

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Wisdom ~ Endurance ~ Friendship

Worship Theme: Endurance

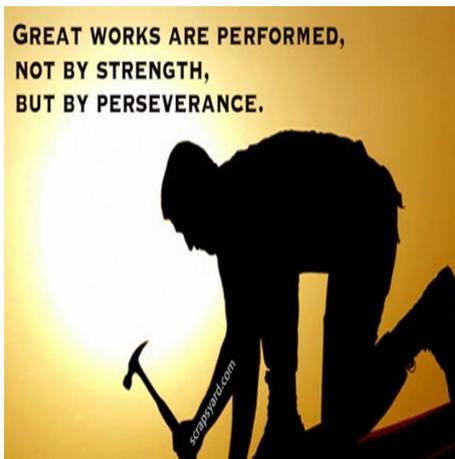
Persevering to finish the job

Dear God

Help us to persevere even when tasks seem long and hard.

Help us to encourage our friends and family to keep going when they are fed up.

Amen



Diocese of **WINCHESTER &**

Diocese of **PORTSMOUTH**

The diocesan education team have produced a bank of ready-made stories and worships.

They can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/>

[UC-mEMvgYPXWx8qwOYpsrTaGQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-mEMvgYPXWx8qwOYpsrTaGQ)

IMPORTANT NOTICE: It is very important that the academy holds the correct contact details for parents/carers of all pupils. For safeguarding reasons, we require phone numbers and email addresses (if available) for at least two contacts for each pupil. If there have been any changes to your contact details recently, please speak to the academy office or email

admin@stblasiusacademy.iow.sch.uk

Thank you

Lunch menu for children attending school



COVID Emergency Menu

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One 11/01/21 25/01/21 08/02/21	Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with potatoes	Sausages / Vegetable Sausages with Oven Baked Wedges	Roast of the day, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken pie with potatoes	Fishfingers with Chips
	Option 2	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato
	Vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables
	Dessert	Fruit Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread	Fruit and Ice Cream	Chocolate Sponge	Fresh Fruit Salad
Week Two 18/01/21 01/02/21	Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with potatoes	Sausage Roll / Mexican Vegan Roll with Wedges	Roast of the day, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese with garlic bread	Fishfingers with Chips
	Option 2	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato	Filled Jacket Potato
	Vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables	Selection of vegetables
	Dessert	Lemon & Orange Shortbread	Fruit Crumble with Custard	Fruit and Ice Cream	Fruit Sponge Cake	Oaty Cookie

Available Daily:

- Freshly cooked jacket potatoes (where advertised)
- Freshly Baked Bread
- Salad Bowl
- Fresh Fruit

ALLERGY INFORMATION:

If your child has an allergy or intolerance please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.



Sports News

Hi everyone,

I hope everyone is keeping well and enjoying the sunshine today.

It has been a very busy week in school this week, so I apologise if I haven't put up many challenges on Dojo. I will try and put some up over the weekend.

The weather is meant to be better this weekend, so do try and get out for some exercise. The fresh air will make you feel so much better.

Challenge

Can you come up with a 10 Minute Exercise Circuit that we could all do next week? Send your circuits in to me by Tuesday and I will put it up on Dojo.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Mr Read



Reading Eggs online

EGG-citing NEWS!!! We have been able to subscribe, as a school to Reading Eggs. We have been able to do this with some extra funding from the PTA. The school Parent Teacher Association organise Raffles, Fayres and other fabulous events which raises funds that we can use on extra things to help the children in school.

To help your child with reading and comprehension. And it's fun! Your child will have received their personal login from their teacher. Enter these details in to the website and you should then see the following screen (or similar)....



NEXT they need to click in the middle where the character is waving. This will take them to a screen like this...



The PLACEMENT TEST is the very first job, which is a short task which your child need to do so that the progress journey is set appropriately for them.

Here is a short video to help you navigate around the program.



[Distance Teaching Resources - 3P Learning Help Hub](#)

Reading Eggs/Eggspress is suitable for all primary aged children with come facilities that we hope will help with remote learning so it is a really good time for the school to begin it's Reading Eggs adventure!

1st Shanklin Beaver Scout Colony

At 1st Shanklin Beaver Scout Colony we are not meeting face to face but virtually via zoom, we are still looking for Boys and Girls aged from 6 and 7 to join our Beaver Scouts and adults aged from 18 to join us as helpers, instructors and leaders.

If you would like to find out more please contact me by emailing me grahamwiow@tiscali.co.uk or Facebook messenger Graham Walmsley.

Thank you
Graham Walmsley
Assistant County Commissioner Beaver Scouts Isle of Wight Scouts

Looking Out From Lockdown

Looking Out From Lockdown is an Island-wide project celebrating the creativity and projects of Island people during lockdown, both in 2020 and again now in 2021.

Children can exhibit their lockdown creations, be it painting, poetry, music, speech, pottery, writing, crafts, projects, inventions, baking, gardening or anything else creative completed during lockdown. They can submit this in any digital format – videos, audios, photographs are all fine.

The online gallery will be an expansion of the Festival of Islesolation which Independent Arts created during the first lockdown in 2020, which was funded by Arts Council England.

Children are encouraged to get creative and submit their projects to fill the gallery with their thoughts, visions and reflections in any art form, plus the story behind them. The website will become a “time capsule” for the community to admire in years to come when reflecting on our experiences during the pandemic.

To find out how to get involved, head to Independent Arts online gallery:

<https://islesolationgallery.com/LookingOutFromLockdown>

Parent feedback

You all do such a wonderful job, thank you for being in contact with us constantly (my child) misses you all so much.

Thank you to all Reception staff that have kept us up to date with information, advice and lots of learning skills on Dojo. It's lovely that they care so much about our children.

N thoroughly enjoyed today's live lesson! He was so happy and excited

Thank you for the personal calls we had even just to check we are all well.

Many thanks for all that you are doing for my son. It means a lot!

I wouldn't of known how to do this without the video, thank you.

(My child) misses you all so much, it's lovely that they feel safe and loved to come to school.