



# St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary Academy

*Enjoy and Achieve in the Presence of God*

Wisdom ~ Endurance ~ Friendship

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Dear parent and carers,

Well we certainly are looking forward to a bit of a rest this weekend to recharge the batteries as this week has been so busy! I have seen classes in Key Stage One working hard on phonics, sharing stories, learning about the world around us and solving maths problems looking at whether statements are true or false. In Key Stage Two children were doing some tricky spelling practise, handwriting (with some very neat work in Year 6 – well done), P.E. on the field carrying out different activities in a circuit, discussing the meaning of creation in R.E., talking about worries and fears in PHSE, learning about electricity in Science. Last but not least, our Early Years children were turn taking, sharing and playing together so well you would think they have been here for weeks rather than five mornings. A huge thank you to the staff for their excellent efforts all week in planning and teaching a wide range of activities, as well as supporting the children back into those good learning and social habits. I can see this is already making a difference.

I also had the pleasure of leading collective worship for each of our bubbles, which I will do each week. Our focus this half term is one of our Christian values, Wisdom, and we talked about the meaning of some proverbs. In class worship, children then produced leaves for our tree in the Hall, or their classrooms, with wise sayings they use, know, or have researched. I think my favourite was, “We are all born with wisdom but only we can expand it.” A great example for us all to consider, thank you to the child in Upper Key Stage Two who shared this one.

Mrs Perkins, our Trust CEO, will be joining us on Monday and Tuesday and we look forward to seeing her and showing the positive start we have made to the term. I know how pleased she will be to see the children all back in school again and that they will be to see her too.

Sadly, we have already been alerted to a very small number of pupils behaving in a way when they are going to or from school which negatively affects our reputation. Children are ambassadors for St Blasius when they are wearing our uniform and we work in partnership with you to ensure everyone behaves appropriately and feels safe and respected. Use of bad language, or poor manners, is not acceptable and we may insist that your child is escorted to school by an adult if they continually behave in a way which brings the school into disrepute. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Finally, can I ask all parents and carers to be really clear about the new government guidelines on social gatherings from Monday. These should now be **groups of no more than 6 adults** unless you are in a family group; this is due to concerns about the increased number of cases nationally. I also posted on Class Dojo this week to ask your support with ensuring **children do not mix/play across bubbles in the park before and after school** for the same reason. We are trying our best to avoid a local lockdown, as we know school is the best place for children to learn, but if we have confirmed cases this will mean children having to learn at home again.

There is more information on the final page regarding advice on what to do if you are concerned your child may have symptoms, or is feeling unwell. As always, ask the professionals.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Mobley  
Principal

## Stranger Danger and Safeguarding Children

Now all pupils have returned to school, it is important to speak with children about how they can keep themselves safe. We used to use the term 'stranger danger', but we know that this message doesn't really cover all the things that children sadly need to be aware of to keep themselves safe from adults, sometimes even those who they might know. There are lots of useful websites out there on this topic, including [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk), <https://www.kidsmartz.org>, [www.fatherly.com](http://www.fatherly.com), [www.netmums.com](http://www.netmums.com) and many others and we will also be covering this topic during the year in our PHSE lessons. We also want to remind you that we have a duty to keep all children safe, so if they share information with us that causes concern that they may be at risk of harm, we will pass this information on to other agencies where appropriate. Sometimes we will inform you but this will depend upon the nature of the information shared. Our Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Mobley and Mr Lyon.

## School meals and menu for week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> September

From 2<sup>nd</sup> September the cost of a school lunch will increase by 10p to **£2.15 which is £10.75 per week**. Please see below the school lunch menu that will start from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

We would like to remind parents/carers that we have gone cashless. To order a school lunch for your child please use your Scopay login. You will be able to pre-order your child's lunch choices (providing they have credit on their account) and top up their credit. Children will still be able to order their lunches in class in the mornings. If you would like a reminder of your Scopay login or need a code issued for your child please phone the academy office on 01983 862444.



### Lunch Menu from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Option 1</b>	Cheese and tomato pizza	Sausage roll	Cheese and tomato whirl	Vegetable pasty	Fish finger sandwich
<b>Option 2</b>	Filled sandwiches: Ham, Egg mayo, Cheese or Tuna				
<b>Vegetables</b>	Variety of vegetable sticks e.g carrot and cucumber				
<b>Dessert</b>	Cooks choice of: Biscuit or cake Piece of fruit Milk or Water	Cooks choice of: Biscuit or cake Piece of fruit Milk or Water	Cooks choice of: Biscuit or cake Piece of fruit Milk or Water	Cooks choice of: Biscuit or cake Piece of fruit Milk or Water	Cooks choice of: Biscuit or cake Piece of fruit Milk or Water

## Universal Free School Meals

Please remember if your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they can enjoy a lunch each day without charge irrespective of your income. If you would like to find out more about the school lunches please email [ycurran@caterlinkltd.co.uk](mailto:ycurran@caterlinkltd.co.uk).

## Packed lunches

We have noticed that some children are bringing in very large lunches which they cannot get through, particularly some of our younger pupils. We know you want to ensure they have plenty of choice, especially if they can be fussy eaters, but this leads to waste and sometimes selection of lots of sweet items rather than healthy options. Please only include one 'pudding' item (fruit if possible) and not chocolate bars or sweets.

## Nuts

A reminder that the academy site is a '**nut free**' zone. We have a pupil with a severe nut allergy so would ask parents/carers to be vigilant when packing their children's lunch boxes, please check to see if any food items in your child's lunch box contain nuts. Thank you.



## Water bottles

Just a reminder that in line with our whole school food policy, children are only permitted to bring water to school in their water bottles (see through bottles with sports/sip top) that are kept in class during the day. Please do not put juice, squash, milk etc in these.



## Sports News

### P.E

It has been so nice being able to teach P.E lessons again. It has been really nice seeing all the children getting involved and showing real enthusiasm. It has also been a bonus that the weather has been nice this week, so we have been able to get out of the field. Let's hope it continues.

### Virtual games

Due to COVID 19, we are unable to take part in School competitions for the foreseeable future. Instead they have come up with the 'Virtual games'. This involves pupils taking part in various Sporting activities, then we send the results in, where we will compete against the other schools.

We will be starting some of the competitions during our P.E lessons in the next few weeks.



### The Golden Mile



During the next few weeks we will be introducing the 'Golden Mile'.

The School Golden Mile is a popular activity which is now done in many **primary schools** throughout the UK. It is part of an initiative which encourages children to be more active. The goal is to improve health and reduce obesity levels, as well as boosting pupils' concentration in lessons.

### Sport Star and Class of the Week

#### Class of the Week: Year 5

Class of the week goes to Year 5 this week. They showed great listening skills and they impressed me with their attitudes. Well done Year 5.

#### KS1 Sports Star of the Week: Elsie F

Elsie showed real enthusiasm in PE this week. She got really involved and even managed to skip with 7 Skipping ropes at once. Well done Elsie

#### KS2 Sports Star of the Week: Tyler B

Tyler got really involved during both PE lessons. He really impressed me in the Football lesson on Thursday afternoon. He was fantastic in goal and made some outstanding saves during the matches. Well done Tyler.

### Brading Town Colts FC.

If you are in Year 6 and are interested in Football then this might interest you. I have been involved with Brading Colts FC for over 10 years. They are a great Club to get involved with.

Have a great weekend.  
Mr Read

Brading Town Youth FC Hampshire FA The FA Charter Standard Community Club

Hampshire FA Award-winning Club

### Football opportunities for Under 11s

Brading Under 11s are looking for players to join their squad for the new season.

- School year 6 in September
- Free taster sessions
- All abilities and experience welcome
- Guaranteed Fair Game time
- FA qualified coaches
- Additional specialist Goalkeeping sessions

Please contact Mark Burton (Manager) at [mark@islandlettings.co.uk](mailto:mark@islandlettings.co.uk) or 07747105136 for more information.



## **Important Dates for Sept 2020 - July 2021**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Half term holiday

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Children return to school

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Whole school individual photographs

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Last day of term

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December – Christmas half term holiday

### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January – Bank holiday**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Children return to school – First day of Spring term

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Half term holiday

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Children return to school

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of term

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Easter half term holiday

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school – First day of Summer term

### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Bank holiday**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Last day of term

### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> – Development days – academy closed to children**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> June to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Half term holiday

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Children return to school

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Last day of term

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Start of Summer holiday

## **Advice to schools from Brian Pope, Assistant Director, Education & Inclusion for the IOW and Hampshire**

Now that children have returned to school, it is important that parents are able to access the right support if their child becomes unwell and that schools can signpost parents and carers to appropriate sources of help. The following is intended to assist conversations schools may have with parents and carers:

### **COVID-19**

If a parent reports that a child has:

- a high temperature
- continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if the child usually has a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- loss of taste and smell

the parent or carer should be advised to arrange for the child to self-isolate, to contact [Coronavirus NHS](#) for further advice and to book a test.

If a child or staff member test positive for COVID-19 then schools will contact the Public Health England local Health Protection Team so they can undertake a risk assessment and provide public health advice.

### **Childhood illnesses**

If a child is unwell with other symptoms such as sore throat, ear ache, stomach ache, runny nose, skin rashes, or a winter related illness such as norovirus with vomiting and diarrhoea, then parents are advised to check **NHS 111 online** health condition advice – [Is my child too ill to go to school](#), and contact their local pharmacy or GP if they need further help.

NHS 111 phone line should only be used for an urgent medical problem where parents or carers are unsure what to do.

If a child is too ill to attend school, the parent or carer should advise the school as per normal (phone us and follow up in writing) and arrange to care for the child at home until they are well enough to return.

[Urgent and emergency care](#) explains how to access urgent assistance for a child.

The advice as always is to call 999 if it is a medical emergency - when someone is seriously ill or injured, or their life is at risk.