

NEWSLETTER NO. 26 – 16th April 2021

Principal's Messages:

Dear families,

It has been a super start to the summer term with some beautiful sunshine to wake us up each morning. We have been pleased to see all pupils return ready to learn and will update you on attendance each week, as we did before the last lockdown. Ensuring children attend every day and on time is the best way of helping them to make the most of what we offer, as even missing ten minutes can mean they feel unsettled and it stops the flow of learning for the rest of the class. I have plans to introduce a punctuality award, in addition to the certificates for class attendance, so watch this space!

Each teacher met with the leadership team this week to discuss the progress of their class in preparation for their meetings with you next week and to support their planning for this term. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for their on-line meeting. We decided to extend the deadline for making bookings until 6pm on Sunday as we appreciate you may have had a busy Easter break, or had some difficulties as this is a new system. Please contact me with your feedback as we would like to know if this is something you would like to continue with in future before we make a longer term commitment to the package. We hope you will find the meetings useful and we want to work with you to ensure children make the best progress possible this term given the disruption to the learning this year as a result of COVID.

Finally, our theme in worship for the next few weeks is friendship. I spoke with the children about how much I had missed seeing my friends and enjoyed the chance to see them for a barbeque when it was warm enough in the holiday. Please help to keep everyone safe by sticking to the guidelines around meetings with groups in the open, as well as the usual 'Hands, Face, Space' advice. We ask that you continue to wear face coverings when bringing children to and from school, particularly when you enter our grounds, unless you are medically exempt.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Mobley

P.S. Don't forget to take part in our survey regarding changes to the Relationships and Sex Education Policy and curriculum. This closes on Monday next week.

**Worship Theme:
Friendship**

**Friendship in Good
times and Bad**

**Dear God,
Thank you for our
friends.**

**Help us to know how
to help them when
they are in trouble.**

Amen



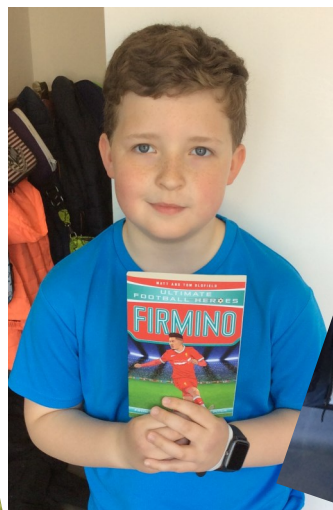
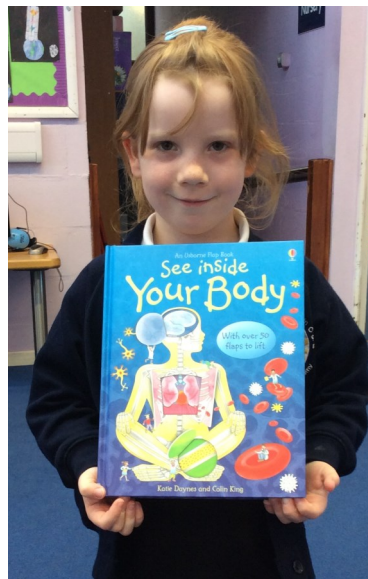
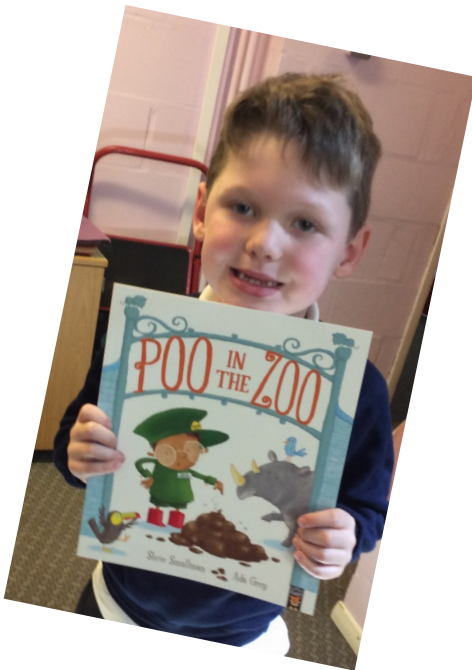
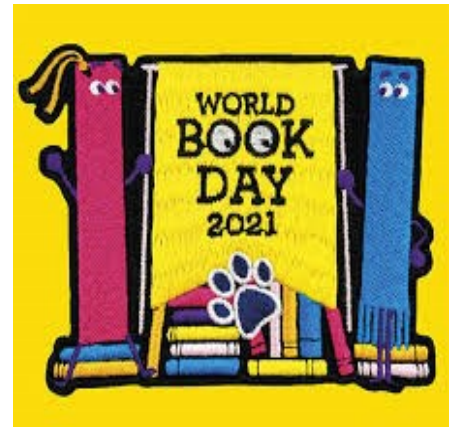
Diary Dates - Coming Soon

Mon 19th– Fri 23 April	Parent Consultations week
Thur 29th & Fri 30th April	School Nurses screening Reception Class pupils
Mon 3rd May	Bank holiday: school closed
Mon 17th May	'Chance To Shine' Cricket - details on page 4
Friday 21st May	Last day of term
Mon 24th May – Friday 28th May	Development days: school closed to pupils
Mon 31st May – Friday 4th Jun	Half term holiday

World Book Day winners

Well done to all the World Book Day winners. I hope that you enjoy reading your new books this weekend! How fantastic that the sun is going to shine for you — I do hope that you continue to think about reading in unusual places! I will definitely be spending time reading at the beach this weekend. You were all very worthy winners.

Mrs Hicks



Relationships and Sex Education

Please see a letter at the end of this newsletter giving details of the consultation period for our draft Relationships and Sex Education policy. More information can be found by clicking on the parent/carers tab on our website www.stblasiusacademy.iow.sch.uk We are asking all parents to please complete the google form on the link below:

<https://forms.gle/AtnVNhZR4fyyThJeA> or you can email us at PDL@stblasiusacademy.iow.sch.uk if you have any questions or comments. Thank you!

Lunch menu

		Summer Menu 2021				
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One 15th March 19th April 10th May	Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Pork Sausage, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Pie with Wedges and Gravy	Fishfingers/ Salmon Fishfingers with Chips
	Option 2	Soya Spaghetti Bolognese	Vegetarian Sausages, Mashed Potato and Gravy	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Lentil and Basil Puff Pastry Whirl with Wedges	Cheese Frittata with Chips
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn Peas	Cauliflower Cabbage	Swede and Carrot Mash	Broccoli Carrots	Baked Beans Peas
	Dessert	Marble Sponge with Custard	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Apple, Cheese and Crackers	Pineapple Cake	Chocolate Cocoa Cookie
		Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily				
Week Two 22nd March 26th April 17th May	Option 1	Sausage Roll with Wedges	Sweet & Sour Chicken with Rice	Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Fish in Batter with Chips
	Option 2	Tomato and Vegetable Pasta	Five Bean Chilli with 50/50 Rice	Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with 50/50 Rice	Wholemeal Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn Baked Beans	Peas Carrots	Fresh Mixed Vegetables	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Baked Beans Peas
	Dessert	Flapjack	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Pear and Ginger Slice	Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Drizzle	Orange and Lemon Shortbread
		Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily				
Week Three 8th March 12th April 3rd May	Option 1	Cheese and Tomato French Bread Pizza with Wedges	Beef Meatballs in a Tomato sauce with 50/50 Rice	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cottage Pie with Gravy	Fishfingers with Chips
	Option 2	Jacket Potato with BBQ Beans	Vegetable Hotpot	Potato and Courgette Stack with Roast Potatoes	Broccoli and Cheese Pasta Bake	Vegan Mexican Bean Roll with Chips
	Vegetables	Coleslaw Mixed Salad	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Peas Cauliflower	Green Beans Carrots	Baked Beans Peas
	Dessert	Oaty Cookie	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt	Banana Sponge and Custard	Chocolate and Mandarin Brownie	Peaches and Ice Cream
		Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily				

Added Plant Power
Vegan
Wholemeal

Available Daily:

- Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised)
- Bread freshly baked on site daily
- Daily salad selection

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.

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.



Important Dates from April - July 2021

Monday 12th April - New term begins - children return to school

Monday 19th April - Parent Consultations week

Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday

Friday 21st May - Last day of term

Monday 24th - Friday 28th May - DEVELOPMENT DAYS - Academy closed to children

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June - Half term holiday

Monday 7th June - Children return to school

Friday 23rd July - Last day of term

Monday 26th July - First day of summer holiday



Sports News

It has been so nice welcoming all the children back to school this week. The sun has been shining and we have been out on the field, which has made a huge difference. Mr Read has been very happy this week.

What's been happening in P.E.?

It has been so nice being able to get out and use the big space.

This term we are concentrating on Athletics, Striking and Fielding and Invasion Games. A track has been marked out, which the children have loved.

The children seemed to have loads of energy, so we concentrated on running races this week.

Even the Reception Class had their first taste of Athletics on the field.

Sports Legends and Sports Class of the Week

KS2 Sports Legend of the Week: RB (Year 2)

This girl impresses me every week. She is always on task and one of the first to be ready to move on. She is a brilliant gymnast and gives 100% in every P.E. Lesson. Well done RB.

KS2 Sports Legend of the Week: AS (Year 6)

This boy is always enthusiastic about P.E. He impressed me with his Athletics this week. He is also a very keen boxer and all-round sportsman. Well done AS.

Sports Class of the Week: Year 4

It was a difficult one this week, because all the classes behaved really well. I have however decided to give it to Year 4. They behaved brilliantly throughout the lesson. Well done Year 4.

What Sports do you do outside of School? LD in Reception

This week I had a lovely email from a parent of a child in Reception, telling me about the success they are having in a sport, that they take part in outside of school.



LD in Reception competes in dressage, which is a form of horse riding. LD competed on her pony in an online dressage test, (she does these regularly) this involved filming her dressage test while dressed as a bunny for an Easter themed month, submitting and awaiting her result, her results came back last week and she won her section with a whopping 73.5%.

As well as already having 3 sponsors, LD has just become a brand ambassador with a saddle company in Texas, USA.

LD will be back competing this weekend, when she takes part in a lead rein dressage competition on the Island.



I have absolutely loved reading your story. I am super proud and can't wait to hear lots more. Well done LD.

Remember, if your child competes in any sports outside of school, then please do let me know, so I can put them in the Sports News.

Dates for your Diaries

Chance to Shine Cricket: Monday 17th May

We will be welcoming a Cricket Coach for the day. Every class will get a 45 minute session, so everyone will need to come in, in P.E. kit that day. More info to come.

I hope everyone has a great weekend and enjoys the sunshine.

Mr Read

P.E. Coach and Year 6 Teaching Assistant





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Personal Development Learning Curriculum consultation

Dear Parents and Carers,

During the Summer Term we would like to begin to deliver the new Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE), in line with the statutory guidance given by the Department for Education (DfE). All schools are expected to be working towards this and for it to be in place by September 2021.

This means that we'll be reviewing our RSHE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

- Age
- Physical and emotional maturity
- Religious and cultural backgrounds
- Special educational needs and disabilities

This is already taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body. All teaching takes place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values.

We feel that it is important that parents are informed and consulted as we develop our Personal Social Health Education (PSHE) and (RSHE). This will now be called our Personal Development Learning curriculum. It will cover the new guidance for RSE and, as a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents and all stakeholders within it and as such we need your feedback to help us do this.

All the information we feel that you will need has been put in to a PowerPoint for you to read on the school website, as well as the Draft Relationship and Sex Education Policy (this will be ratified in April 2021).

We would therefore like to invite you:

- To take the opportunity to view our draft policy and curriculum intentions
- Complete a questionnaire in order for your feedback to be captured

We realise that this is a busy time but we hope you might find time to look at the information over the next 30 days and give the team your thoughts and questions.

This will be our consultation period - Monday 22nd March until Monday 19th April. Any further questions or queries about PDL should be sent to PDL@stblasiusacademy.iow.sch.uk.

Thank you in advance for your time and comments.



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Term Dates and Holidays 2021-22

SEPTEMBER 2021					
M	6	13	20	27	
T	31*	7	14	21	28
W	1	8	15	22	29
T	2	9	16	23	30
F	3	10	17	24	
S	4	11	18	25	
S	5	12	19	26	

OCTOBER 2021					
M	4	11	18	25	
T	5	12	19	26	
W	6	13	20	27	
T	7	14	21	28	
F	1	8	15#	22	29
S	2	9	16	23	30
S	3	10	17	24	31

NOVEMBER 2021					
M	1*	8	15	22	29
T	2	9	16	23	30
W	3	10	17	24	
T	4	11	18	25	
F	5	12	19	26	
S	6	13	20	27	
S	7	14	21	28	

DECEMBER 2021					
M	6	13	20	27	
T	7	14	21	28	
W	1	8	15	22	29
T	2	9	16	23	30
F	3	10	17	24	31
S	4	11	18	25	
S	5	12	19	26	

JANUARY 2022					
M	3	10	17	24	31
T	4*	11	18	25	
W	5	12	19	26	
T	6	13	20	27	
F	7	14	21	28	
S	1	8	15	22	29
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FEBRUARY 2022					
M	7	14	21	28*	
T	1	8	15	22	
W	2	9	16	23	
T	3	10	17	24	
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MARCH 2022					
M	7	14	21	28	
T	1	8	15	22	29
W	2	9	16	23	30
T	3	10	17	24	31
F	4	11	18	25	
S	5	12	19	26	
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APRIL 2022					
M	4	11	18	25*	
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W	6	13	20	27	
T	7	14	21	28	
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MAY 2022					
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T	5	12	19	26	
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JUNE 2022					
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JULY 2022					
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AUGUST 2022					
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W	3	10	17	24	31
T	4	11	18	25	
F	5	12	19	26	
S	6	13	20	27	
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* First day after break

Last day before break

LA & Academy Holidays

Bank Holidays / National Holidays

Development Days – closed to pupils

2 further closure days to be confirmed

Autumn Term 2021 starts on Tuesday 31 August 2021 and ends on Wednesday 22 December 2021 (Half term from Monday 18 October to Friday 29 October 2021)

Spring Term 2022 starts on Tuesday 4 January 2022 and ends on Friday 8 April 2022 (Half term from Monday 21 February to Friday 25 February 2022)

Summer Term 2022 starts on Monday 25 April 2022 and ends on Friday 22 July 2022 (Half term from Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022)

Term	Start date	End Date
Autumn 2021	31 August 2021 Development Day	22 December 2021 Development Day
	Half term 18 October- 29 October 2021	
Spring 2022	4 January 2022	8 April 2022
	Half term 21 - 25 February 2022	
Summer 2022	25 April 2022	22 July 2022
	Half term 30 May – 3 June 2022	

Bank and Public Holidays 2021/2022			
Christmas Day	25 December 2021	Easter Monday	18 April 2022
Boxing Day	26 December 2021	May Day Holiday	2 May 2022
New Year's Day Holiday	1 January 2022	Spring Bank Holiday	30 May 2022
Good Friday	15 April 2022	Summer Bank Holiday	29 August 2022

The term dates above and overleaf are the same as LA maintained schools; this is to support our families who have children, or work, in other schools.

Three Development Days have been set for staff training, one to coincide with the proposed dates for the rescheduled Isle of Wight Festival. The remaining two development days will be communicated 2 months in advance to give due notice to parents/carers.

The first day of the Autumn Term 2022 will not be determined until January 2022 at the earliest.

Nicki Mobley

Principal

05/03/2021