



St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary Academy

Enjoy and Achieve in the Presence of God
Wisdom ~ Endurance ~ Friendship



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NEWSLETTER NO. 9 – 13th November 2020

Principal's Messages

Dear families,

I would like to start by thanking everyone who contributed to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this week. We completely sold out of poppies and had very few items left to return. I look forward to hearing how much we managed to raise and would particularly like to thank Harry in Year 6 for volunteering to help with this, giving up his time at the end of the school day to do so.

The children were very respectful during our Collective Worship this week, when we discussed the significance and history of the poppy as a symbol. We also enjoyed hearing the story behind a special cross in our Remembrance Service in each bubble on Wednesday; if you would like to know more, this short film was produced by a member of the Portsmouth and Winchester Diocesan Team and is available at <https://youtu.be/XnJSqxmMnNk>.

It has certainly been a week where we have thought of others, as we also marked Children in Need today by allowing children to attend in home clothes. We will update you next week on the money raised for this worthy charity. We will be asking our School Councillors to choose the charities we support after Christmas. Don't forget we are having an Odd Sock Day on Wednesday to highlight difference and diversity as part of Anti - Bullying Week.

In place of our usual staff meetings over this fortnight, we have been reviewing children's progress since the start of term. We will then update you on arrangements for our next round of parent consultations. We want to work with you to ensure that children who are making less than expected progress have the right support to help them to catch up as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Mrs Mobley

Principal

Attendance Update

Whole School attendance from 2nd September: 96.8% ↓

Individual Year Group attendance for the week ending 6th November:

Congratulations to Year 3 with the best attendance of 100%

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Worship Theme: Remembrance

Prayer of the week

Dear Lord

We remember people who have helped us in the past, those we knew and those we didn't know. This week, we think especially of people who have died in wars and fighting.

We take a moment to think of all who risk their lives today for our safety.

Together we say thank you.

Thank you.

Amen



= : same as last week
↑: higher than last week
↓: lower than last week

Covid-19 reminders

Please ensure that you maintain the recommended distance (2m) from all other families and from any member of staff when you are waiting to drop off and collect your children. Where this is not possible please wear a face covering or mask. Also, please remember **only one adult must collect children**.

School crossing patrol

Please could parents/carers remind their children of the importance of using the school crossing patrol on their way to and from school and to not cross the road in unsafe places. Thank you.

Parking

We have been contacted by Parking Enforcement following several complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking. We understand that Parking Enforcement will be carrying out spot checks each week. We would like to remind all parents and carers to be respectful of people's driveways when parking around the academy site and to drive with care. Please also be observant of members of the public and pupils walking to and from the academy. A parking permit is available from the academy website and at the end of this newsletter, allowing free parking at the start and end of the school day in Orchardleigh car park. If you are unable to print this, please ask your child's teacher to provide one. Please do not block the academy car park entrance on Albert Road as this prevents staff from arriving at work on time or leaving.

Illness

We thank parents and carers for your co-operation in telephoning every morning when your child is ill and unable to come to school. A reminder that you do not have to wait until the academy office is open to phone as we have a 24 hour answer phone available for you to leave a message. We ask that enough detail is provided concerning the reason for your child's illness. We are unable to accept that your child is 'unwell' or 'ill', instead please give details such as temperature, sickness, sore throat, etc. On return, parents/carers must supply a written explanation of the reason for absence. A pro-forma is available if you prefer, from the academy website. Failure to do so will result in the absence being marked as an unauthorised absence. You may or may not be aware that a certain level of unauthorised absences may trigger a truancy fine.

Pupil Premium

All children who currently qualify for Free School Meals based on their family circumstances are entitled to Pupil Premium. This applies if you receive any of the following benefits:

- **Universal credit** (provided you have a net income of £7400 or less)
- **Income support**
- **Income based Jobseekers Allowance**
- **Guaranteed Pension Credit**
- **Child tax Credit** (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC, which does not exceed £16,190)
- **Support under part VI of the immigration & Asylum Act 1999**
- **Income Related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit run-on**

If your child is in Years R, 1 or 2 they are entitled to a free meal through the Government Universal Meal Scheme **although you can still apply for Free School Meals**.

If you are unsure if your child qualifies for Free School Meals & Pupil Premium please phone the academy office on 01983 862444 for help.

Virtual Christmas raffle and tickets

The PTA have organised a virtual Christmas raffle this year as it is not possible to hold a normal Christmas Fayre. We would like to ask for good quality donations for raffle prizes or items to be made into hampers. Please could donations be left at the academy office before Thursday 26th November.

Children will be bringing home sheets of raffle tickets next week, please ask the academy office if you require more sheets.

Thank you in advance for supporting this activity—funds raised will be spent for the benefit of all children.

Maths Challenge

On Tuesday, four children from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in a Maths Challenge. They worked hard in their own time to learn their number bonds and square numbers. Although it seemed complicated at first, they completed it effortlessly. The intended outcome was that they would be able to instantly recall square numbers, square roots with their number bond pairs to 100 and I must say I was impressed by them!

Group 1 – CB, RL and FL
Group 2 – IC, MR and BS
Group 3 – JS, JB and BH
Group 4 – DJ, NL and HJ

Year 4 also had a reserve, KK, who wasn't called upon, but worked equally hard and I have a quote from mum who said they had "a lot of fun practising and learning together." Well done KK.

Following the first round, the children then played against each other in the position they finished and these are the final results:

3rd Place – RL, MR, BH with the outright winner DJ
2nd Place – HJ, FL, BS with the outright winner JS
1st Place – NL, JB, CB with the outright winner IC

I am very proud of you all for your efforts, even though Year 6 admitted they didn't practice as hard as they could have and this resulted in them feeling 'a little bit gutted' about the positions they came in. Will this be a lesson learned, that with a little more effort, greater things can be achieved if you really want them? Thank you for taking part, I hope we can do something similar in the future.

Enjoy your weekend,
Mrs Egan



Sports News

What's been going on?

It's been another busy week this week regarding P.E. KS2 have been continuing with Hockey and have been introduced to playing games. I have been really impressed with how they have improved over a short period of time. Reception class have been introduced to the balance bikes. I am looking forward to seeing them again on Wednesday afternoon for our next lesson.

Sports Legends of the Week

KS1 Sports Legend of the Week : HW (Year 2)

This pupil impressed me with his dancing skills this week. Unfortunately due to the weather we couldn't do P.E outside on Monday, so we did some 'Super-Movers' dances in the classroom. This pupil really impressed me with his dance moves.

Well done HW

KS2 Sports Legend of the Week: JS (Year 5)

This pupil really impressed me this week. He was always on task and ready to go. He volunteered to go in goal for the Hockey match and he made some fantastic saves.

Well done JS

Sports Class of the Week: Year 2

Well done Year 2, who are the class of the week. They couldn't go outside, but still got on with it and we had loads of fun. Well done Year 2

Don't forget if you do any sports outside of school then please let me know, so I can give you a little write up in the Sports News

Have a great weekend

Mr Read



Walk to School week

A big thank you to all of the children who took part in the Shift It Walk to School week from Monday 12th to Friday 16th October. We have received some prizes from Shift It, congratulations to JW (Yr 4) who has won a back pack and AP (Rec), KP (Yr 1), TM (Yr 2), KB (Yr 3), JM (Yr 4), MR (Yr 5) and HE (Yr 6) who have won water bottles.
Miss Powell



Cats Protection Isle of Wight



This year due to Coronavirus we have decided to host a Virtual online Fayre Via our Facebook Page. It will be held on November 29th through the day, with lots of activities and entertainment to join in on!

We are aware that children are not permitted to use Facebook, and we would very much like to include them in our fayre this year, so we have decided to run a Christmas Card Design completion to all Primary School aged children,

which can be seen here: <https://www.facebook.com/iowcats/photos/a.724968000887600/3773973109320392/>

To Enter Children can design a card for us at the centre, and either get a grown up to post it to our Facebook Page @ www.Facebook.com/iowcats or post it to us to this address:

122 Marlborough Road
RYDE, Isle of Wight
PO33 1AW

There will be £10 Voucher for the Toy Master Shop to be won, along with some sweets! Toy Master are going to kindly donate us a voucher, and in support of local business we are buying a 2nd £10 Voucher for 2nd prize.

We need to receive all entries by the 28th of November to the centre. A winner will be announced during our virtual fayre on the 29th.

This year has been tough on us all, and we are fortunate to have been able to still care for the cats here on the Island. We hope everyone is staying safe and keeping well.

Take care,
Cats Protection

Important Dates for Nov 2020 - July 2021

Monday 16th November to Friday 20th November – Anti bullying week

Wednesday 18th November – Odd Sock Day

Tuesday 22nd December – Last day of term

Wednesday 23rd December to Thursday 31st December – Christmas holiday

Friday 1st January – Bank holiday

Monday 4th January – Children return to school – First day of Spring term

Friday 12th February – Last day of term

Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February – Half term holiday

Monday 22nd February – Children return to school

Friday 26th March – Last day of term

Monday 29th March to Friday 9th April – Easter holiday

Monday 12th April – Children return to school – First day of Summer term

Monday 3rd May – Bank holiday

Friday 21st May – Last day of term

Monday 24th to Friday 28th May – Development days – academy closed to children

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June – Half term holiday

Monday 7th June – Children return to school

Friday 23rd July – Last day of term

Monday 26th July – Start of Summer holiday

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.

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.



| | | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Week One 1 st Sept 21 st Sept 12 th Oct 16 th Nov 7 th Dec | Option 1 | Chicken Curry with 50/50 Rice | Beef Burger with Wedges | Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes & Gravy | Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread | MSC Fish fingers with Chips |
| | Option 2 | Vegetarian Bolognese with Spaghetti | Quorn Burger with Wedges | Lentil & Basil Whirl with Roast Potatoes | Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with 50/50 Rice | Vegetable Pasty with Chips |
| | Vegetables | Cauliflower Broccoli | Coleslaw Mixed Salad | Carrots Cabbage | Mixed Vegetables | Baked Beans Peas |
| | Dessert | Mixed Fruit Crumble with Cream | Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Station | Lemon Drizzle Cake | Chocolate & Orange Cake with Choc Sauce | Vanilla Shortbread |
| Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily | | | | | | |
| Week Two 7 th Sept 28 th Sept 2 nd Nov 23 rd Nov 14 th Dec | Option 1 | BBQ Chicken Pasta | Sausage Roll with Wedges | Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes & Gravy | Chicken Wraps with 50/50 Rice | Battered Fish with Chips |
| | Option 2 | Vegetable Tagine with Rice | Vegan Mexican Roll with Wedges | Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes & Gravy | Vegetable & Bean Wraps with 50/50 Rice | Spanish Omelette with Chips |
| | Vegetables | Sweetcorn Broccoli | Peas Carrot & Beetroot Slaw | Carrots Green Beans | Mixed Vegetables | Baked Beans Peas |
| | Dessert | Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie | Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Station | Iced Sponge | Apple Sponge & Custard | Spanish Cookie |
| Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily | | | | | | |
| Week Three 14 th Sept 5 th Oct 9 th Nov 30 th Nov 21 st Dec | Option 1 | Cheese & Tomato Pizza with sautéed potatoes | Turkey pie with mashed potato | Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Gravy | Spaghetti Bolognese | MSC Fish fingers with Chips |
| | Option 2 | Summer Vegetable Risotto | Tomato & Vegetable Pasta | Vegetable Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy | Five Bean Chilli with Rice | Cheese & Potato Wheel with Chips |
| | Vegetables | Sweetcorn Peas | Green Beans Cauliflower | Carrot Cabbage | Broccoli Sweetcorn | Baked Beans Peas |
| | Dessert | Banana Chocolate Oaty Square | Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Station | Marble Cake | Orange Drizzle Cake | Peaches & 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.



Harvest Donations

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards our Harvest Festival donations to the local Foodbank.



PARKING PERMIT

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| DESIGNATED CAR PARK | Orchardleigh Road |
| SCHOOL | St Blasius Shanklin C E Primary Academy |
| VALID TIMES a.m. | 8.30 am to 9.10am |
| VALID TIMES p.m. | 2.45 pm to 3.15 pm |
| VALID DURING TERM TIMES ONLY AND UNTIL END OF JULY | 2021 |

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Isle of Wight Council
School Park & Stride
Parking Permit

- This permit must be displayed on the front nearside windscreen
- The permit is only valid for the car park designated above, and for the times stated
- It is not valid during school holidays
- Having a permit does not guarantee a parking space
- Please do not park in the coach park
- Should you wish to continue parking in the space, please purchase an appropriate ticket
- Failure to park correctly or abide by the parking regulations set out could result in a penalty charge being issued

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The Isle of Wight Council is helping schools to promote walking to school by providing free parking, at designated times and places, through this Park & Stride scheme. Parents of younger children are encouraged to walk to school with their child. Parents of older children may encourage their child to walk independently.

The scheme is administered by schools, with the agreement of the Parking Services section of the Isle of Wight Council. If there is any aspect of this scheme which you wish to discuss please contact the school in the first instance or the Council's Sustainable School Travel officer on 821000.