



## NEWSLETTER NO. 29 – 7th May 2021

### Principal's Messages:

Dear families,

I have enjoyed spending time teaching Year 5 this week, even if it is for a sad reason. Mrs Hicks is unfortunately not at work due to some on-going difficulties, which I am sure you are aware of, following a very severe break to her ankle last year. Mr Lyon and I, ably supported by one of our HLTAs, Mrs Fallone, and Mrs Ross have ensured the children have been too busy to miss her too much but I know they will have enjoyed seeing her during celebration worship this afternoon. Mr Lyon, Mrs Fallone and I will continue to teach the class next week and we will provide parents and carers of the class with regular updates, or answer any questions or concerns they have, through Dojo or phone calls. Well done Year 5, you have had a brilliant week.

Children across the academy had fun during NSPCC Number Day today; this included singing, dancing, sumo wrestling and Roman numeral-linked activities. A huge thank you to anyone who was able to contribute their coins to the NSPCC and to Mrs Egan for her hard work in preparing and supporting staff with so many fantastic activities. We look forward to sharing more about this with you next week.

We are also pleased to let you know that we have officially moved to our new Trust, The Diocese of Chichester Academy Trust (DCAT). Some of you will have met the Chief Executive, Mark Talbot and members of the DCAT team during the handover events. They shared their website which can be found here: <https://dcat.academy/> and also their vision, that every child achieves their God-given potential. This is about children being happy, safe and successful at school, which we all want to see. We look forward to working with DCAT and benefiting from their network of schools and the support they provide. Mr Beruk Berhane, Deputy CEO and School Improvement Lead, will be visiting both Island schools next week and we will welcome him back to St Blasius.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Mobley

### Weekly Attendance Update

Congratulations to Year 1 and Year 3 with the best attendance of 99.0% for last week. Other classes have taken a bit of a tumble - remember, a cold isn't a reason to stay at home, particularly when we have missed so much school this year. Thank you for your on-going support with sending children in to school when they are well; please call us if you have any questions or concerns. Or go to <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

	Week ending 30/04/21			Week ending 30/04/21	
Reception	97.9%	↑	Year 3	99.0%	↓
Year 1	99.0%	↓	Year 4	93.8%	↑
Year 2	98.3%	↑	Year 5	94.3%	↑
			Year 6	91.0%	↑

**Worship Theme: Friendship**  
**Friendship - Friends In**  
**Times of Trouble**

**Dear God,**

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

**Help us to listen,**  
**to try and help**

**and to tell a grown up if we**  
**think we need to.**

**Amen**



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### Diary Dates - Coming Soon

Fri 7th May	NSPCC Number Day - see next week's newsletter for an update
Mon 17th May	'Chance To Shine' Cricket
Fri 21st May	Last day of term
Mon 24th to Fri 28th May	Development days: school closed to pupils
Mon 31st May to Fri 4th Jun	Half term holiday
Mon 7th June	New term begins

## **Award winners**

Well done to all our fantastic winners this week!

Year group	ClassDojo points this week	Postcard home this week	VIP
Reception	Albie T	Vixxen S	(Proud Cloud) Lacey H
Year 1	Ernie B	Shay M	Thomas D
Year 2	Alex K	Lennon S	Jennifer B
Year 3	Harry H	Mia R and Harry W	Harry H
Year 4	Reyena D		Francis N
Year 5	Tyler B	Addison W	Adele S
Year 6	Harry J	Logan D	Tyler P



## **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 if your child is unable to come to school. 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 may 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. All children are now expected to attend unless they are ill, have a medical appointment, or there is an exceptional reason (agreed by the Principal).

## **Hair and jewellery**

Just a reminder that for safety reasons and to help prevent the spread of head lice, all children with hair long enough to be tied up should have it fully tied back (not half up and half down and no large bows are to be worn please).

Rings, necklaces and bracelets should not be worn. If your child has pierced ears, then small ear-studs only may be worn and need to be removed for P.E.

## **School shoes**

As stated in the academy prospectus only black sensible shoes are allowed to be worn to school. No boots, trainers, heels or open toe sandals. Thank you.

## **Collection of children from school**

Please remember that only people named on your child's data collection sheet are allowed to collect them from school. If you would like to add people to your child's data collection sheet please speak to the academy office.

## 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.

## Yr 6 transition information—key dates

### Christ the King

Wednesday 7th July—SEN tea party

Monday 12th July—Year 6 parents information evening

Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th July—Year 6 student induction days

Friday 3rd September—Year 7 first day

## Sandown Bay Academy

Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th July—Year 6 student induction days

Wednesday 14th July—Welcome evening at 5pm

## Medina College

Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th July—Year 6 student induction days

## 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

### NUT FREE SCHOOL



THANK YOU





## **Sports News**

### **What's been happening in P.E. this week?**

The weather has been a little mixed this week, so some classes have been outside and some classes have been inside.

The classes that have been outside have been continuing with cricket and athletics. On Thursday Year 5 and Year 6 had to do P.E. in the hall, due to the weather. The children got to play circuit hand ball, which everyone loves.

Reception class got caught in the rain on Wednesday, so we all rushed inside to take shelter. They did however have time to do some running races. They are all getting super-fast. Let's hope for better weather next week.

### **Sports Legend and Sports Class of the Week**

#### **KS1 Sports Legend of the Week: MBW (Year 2)**

This individual impresses me with her attitude every week. She is polite, caring and is always enthusiastic during our P.E. lessons. This week I didn't actually take Year 2 P.E as we were off on Monday, but this award goes to this girl as she is always a 'legend' during our P.E. lessons. I also think we will see her competing in the Olympics for her gymnastics one day.

#### **KS2 Sports Legend of the Week: JB (Year 5)**

This individual really impressed me with his kindness during circuit hand ball on Thursday. He waited for the opposition player to get into position, which he didn't actually have to, to make it a fair. That really impressed me and made me very proud. He is such a kind and caring lad. Well done JB.

#### **Sports Class of the Week: Year 6**

They led by example this week. They all behaved well, considering we had to move P.E. from the field to the hall. Well done Year 6 and keep up the good work.

### **Dates for your Diaries**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May:** Cricket Day: Each class will get a 45 minute lesson from a Cricket Coach, who is coming in for the day

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September:** Walk the Wight. Registration is now open. There are many options that you can choose from.

Hope everyone has a great weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Stay Active and Stay Safe.

Mr Read

P.E. Coach and Year 6 Teaching Assistant



### The Wave Project

The amazing Wave Project has seen a number of children from St Blasius enjoying the surf over the last month. Here's JB from year 5 showing everyone how it's done.



### Tree Planting

Last weekend some of our KS2 pupils joined Planet Aware planting trees at Big Mead in Shanklin. Planet Aware are working in collaboration with the Isle of Wight Council and the Woodland Trust as part of their Trees for Seas project which looks to engage people through tree planting to raise awareness of the effects climate change is having on our oceans, as well as the other benefits of trees to our oceans.

If you would like to find out more information please visit the Planet Aware website: [www.planetaware.co.uk/](http://www.planetaware.co.uk/)



### Isle of Wight Music Hub

The Isle of Wight Music Hub Music Centre will be re-starting on Saturday 15th May at Cowes Enterprise College, 10am-12.30pm. We run a range of string groups, wind bands and brass bands for players of all standards as well as a ukulele group and youth choir, and a percussion group and a jazz group for more advanced players.

If your child would like to join a group please complete the following form **by Friday 7th May** - <https://forms.gle/SpPbXnSwfeFv3avo8>

We will be in contact with further details of which group your child has been assigned to and the exact time of the group in the week beginning 10th May.

There is a membership fee of £35 for the term - 9 sessions.

We look forward to seeing your child on 15th May

Zoe Hunting  
IOW Music Hub, Ensemble Manager





**PLEASE REMEMBER**

# MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE



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[keeptheislandsafe.org](http://keeptheislandsafe.org)

ISLE of WIGHT COUNCIL



**RAINBOW RUN BUBBLE FUN 2021**

**40th BIRTHDAY**

**Sunday, 18th July Sandown Airport**

3K Fun Run • Powder Paint • Giant Inflatables • Bubble Stations

Walk, run or dance your way through the Island's happiest 3K and help us celebrate our 40th birthday!

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**Drive-in Cinema**

**Sat 5th & Sun 6th June 2021 Sandown Airport**

<b>Sat 5th June</b> 10:00 Jurassic Park 13:30 The Greatest Showman 17:00 Dirty Dancing 20:30 Bridesmaids	 <b>WESSEX CANCER TRUST</b>	<b>Sun 6th June</b> 10:00 The Lion King (2019) 13:30 Mamma Mia! 17:00 Grease 20:30 The Hangover
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[www.wessexcancer.org.uk/event/drive-in-cinema-2021/](http://www.wessexcancer.org.uk/event/drive-in-cinema-2021/)

**PARENTS, IT'S EASY AS ABC**

**A** AVOID  
**B** BREAKING  
**C** COVID RULES

**PLEASE KEEP 2 METRES APART**

