



St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary Academy

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NEWSLETTER NO. 20 – 14th February 2020

Dear parents and families,

It has been a very busy and exciting half term at St Blasius. We have so much to be proud of and to be thankful for. Our wonderful children continue to amaze us every day and we are so lucky to be surrounded by them.

We always encourage our children to work as hard as they can all of the time, and that every lesson counts. It would be easy to think that the children will work a little less hard just before a holiday, or that we actually ask less of them, but the opposite is true! I have given more Principal stickers and sent more postcards home in the last two weeks than ever before. So many children have shown our value of endurance of late; trying again and again to do their work to the best of their ability, even when they make mistakes. A number of our children have produced work which has surprised and delighted us, and we always like to share that with you.

A very special mention must go to our School Council who, along with Mrs Northard, have met with lots of our visitors this week and shown that they do a wonderful job and are our best ambassadors.

We have spoken in Worship this week about the fact that we are now half way through our school year; a time to reflect upon our successes, challenges and progress so far. It is important that all of us, adults and children alike, pause and be thankful for the experiences we have had so far this year and to thank one another and God for the support we have had until now. As we wish our children and all of our families a very happy, safe and hopefully dry half term we look forward to the rest of the school year. We look forward with a feeling of excitement, optimism and a real sense of achievement for all that we have learnt together until now.

Thank you to all of our parents and carers for supporting our staff and our children, it is gratefully received and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday the 24th February.

Our VIPs this week are Arthur, Samuel, Kaiden, Mrs Hicks, Jessica M and Angel and they have been described by their friends as kind, a fast runner, energetic, amazing, sweet hearted and compassionate.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Perkins
C.E.O & Principal

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



Breakfast club

Starting after half term on Monday 24th February we will be offering children in all year groups a breakfast club. Breakfast club will be available Monday to Friday every week from 8.10am to 8.30am. There will be a cost of 50p per session **which must be booked and paid for in advance** as there will be limited availability for each session. **If you would like more information or to sign your child/ren up for breakfast club please come to the academy office to sign a permission slip and book their place **before the first session****



Sports news

Football Kit

We have purchased a new football kit, which looks very smart. This will be used by both the Years 5/6 boys and girls teams. I will take some team photos when we come back from half-term.

Swimarathon 2020 at the Heights. Saturday 2nd May 2020

We are hoping to enter both a teachers and pupils Team into the swimarathon this year. If your child is interested could they please come and see me, so we can see if there is enough children to enter a team. Money raised will be split 50/50 between specified Lions Charities and a local organisation of the schools choice.

Sports Legend of the Week

After half term I will be choosing a Sports Legend of the week. This will go to an individual who has impressed me the most during P.E lessons. This will include behaviour during lessons, not just for performance. They will receive a certificate during Celebration Assembly for their hard work and dedication.

Hope you all have a fun and active half-term.

Mr Read

World Book Day

We will be taking in World Book Day this year is on Friday 6th March. We would like to ask all children to come to school dressed as **pirates** for the day, as this is the theme this year.

Isle of Wight Foodbank collection point

We now have a collection basket located at the academy office if you would like to leave a donation for the Isle of Wight Foodbank. Thank you.



School ties

We now have school ties available at the academy if you would like to purchase one for your child. They are priced at **£3.50** each. Thank you

After school clubs

After school clubs will continue after the half term break until 27th March. There is no need to sign up for clubs again until after Easter.

Co-op coat rail competition



Co-op on Landguard Road in Shanklin have been working with their food share partners and have sourced a coat rail for outside the branch. The idea behind the initiative is for people to donate coats to the rail that they no longer need. These can then be taken free of charge by people who are in need.

Co-op have asked our academy if our children would like to enter a competition to design a poster publicizing the initiative. The winning posters will hopefully be displayed around Shanklin town and in the other Co-op branches on the Island. If your child is interested in entering the competition please could they design a poster on a sheet of A4 paper and include **their name and their year group on the back**. Some ideas for the posters could include: Pictures of clothes rails, coats,

the Co-op logo, the wording 'donate a coat' or Co-op coat initiative etc. We look forward to seeing all the entries and will pass them on to Julie at the Co-op for judging before announcing the winners.

Please could all poster entries be returned to the academy office by **Wednesday 26th February.** (This date has been extended till after the half term holiday)

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, either from the academy office or from the 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.

Absence during term time

Could we remind parents that a 'request to remove a child in education during term time' form will need to be filled out if you wish to remove your child from school for any reason other than illness. This form is available from the school office or on our website under whole school letters.
<http://www.stblasiusacademy.co.uk/>

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 be removed for P.E.

Menu for week commencing 24th February (Menu subject to change)

Monday: Cheese and tomato pizza with wedges/Chickpea curry with rice (v) both with sweetcorn and coleslaw. Oaty pear crumble and custard, yoghurt or fresh fruit

Tuesday: Steamed rice with chicken and tomato sauce/Tomato and vegetable pasta with garlic bread (v) both with sweetcorn and broccoli. Syrup sponge with custard, yoghurt or fresh fruit.

Wednesday: Roast chicken with stuffing, roast potatoes and gravy/Potato and courgette stack with roast potatoes (v) both with carrots and green beans. Apple, cheese and crackers, yoghurt or fresh fruit.

Thursday: Sausage roll with mashed potato/Vegan sausage roll with mashed potatoes (v) both with cauliflower and broccoli. Yoghurt or fresh fruit.

Friday: Fish fingers with chips/Homemade vegetable sausage with chips (v) both with baked beans and peas. Pineapple cake, yoghurt or fresh fruit.

Universal Free School Meals

Please remember if your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they can enjoy a meal 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.

Attendance

Whole School attendance from 2nd September: 96.2% =
Individual Year Group attendance for the week ending 7th February:

Congratulations to Year 6 with the best attendance of 99.5%

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

Important Dates for Sept 2019 - July 2020

(Events held at St Blasius Church are shown in italics)

Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February – Half term holiday

Monday 24th February – Children return to school

Wednesday 26th February – Ash Wednesday – 6.30pm Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes

Monday 2nd March - Year 6 residential trip instalment due

Friday 6th March – World Book Day – Children to come dressed as pirates for the day

Monday 9th March to Friday 13th March – Sports Relief – more details to follow

Monday 16th March – Parents Evening – More details to follow (change of date)
 Tuesday 17th March – Parents Evening – More details to follow (change of date)
 Friday 3rd April - Year 6 residential trip instalment due
 Friday 3rd April – Last day of term
 Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April – Half term holiday
 Monday 20th April – Children return to school – First day of summer term
 Friday 8th May – **Bank Holiday – Academy closed to children**
 Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May – KS2 SAT's tests
 Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd May – Year 6 residential trip
 Friday 22nd May – Last day of term
 Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May – Half term holiday
 Monday 1st June to Friday 5th June – **Development days – Academy closed to children**
 Monday 8th June – Children return to school
 Friday 24th July – Last day of term

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**GET FIRED UP AT THE EXCITING
 DRAGON DAY**

**10am to 2pm Thursday
 20 February 2020**

FREE ENTRY

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