



## St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary Academy

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### NEWSLETTER NO. 12 – 6th December 2019

Dear parents and families,

Thank you so much to those of you who came and supported our Christmas Fayre last Friday. It was a huge success! The atmosphere was fantastic during it and everyone there seemed to really enjoy themselves.

The stalls were so well organised and looked amazing in the classrooms and the hall. A huge thank you to all of our very willing PTA members who spent so much of Friday here and then stayed later in the evening to help to clear away and help the school to get back to normal for Monday. We took so much money it took five of us to count it! We have taken just over £1,600 and are still working out exactly how much profit we have. We should know this by next week and I will include the final figure for you then. As we said previously, all of the money will go towards buying things for the children directly.

We are already planning a Fayre for next year and would welcome any feedback you may like to give us about this year's event.

The excitement for Christmas continues to build as we start to enjoy our special events that we have planned.

This Sunday some of our children and Ms Hodgson and I will be attending the service at St Blasius Church at 10:15am.

On Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> December our Christmas Play "Bah Humbug!" takes place at Shanklin Theatre at 6pm.

We are really looking forward to showcasing the talents of our children for you; it promises to be a wonderful evening.

Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> December is "Christmas jumper day", when we raise money for Save the Children by wearing a jumper or any clothing with a Christmas theme. Please can we ask that each child donates a £1 to take part.

Our VIPs this week are Troy, Iris, Josie, Isabelle, Megan and Mrs Wells and they have been described by their friends as energetic, friendly, artistic, kind hearted, a great singer and a nativity star.

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



## **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.

## **Primary school admissions for September 2020**

The online application window for children who are due to start primary school in September 2020 opened on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September. The closing date for primary school applications is midnight on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020** and after this date the online application form will be closed. If you are unable to apply online you can request an application form from School Admissions and Transport by clicking the link: [www.iow.gov.uk/Council/OtherServices/School-Admissions/Starting-School-Primary-2019](http://www.iow.gov.uk/Council/OtherServices/School-Admissions/Starting-School-Primary-2019)

## **Christmas post box**

The Christmas post box is now located in the school hall for children to send Christmas cards to their friends. Please make sure full names and year groups are written on the front of the envelopes. These will be delivered by children from Year 6 to all classes every afternoon.

## **Menu for week commencing 9th December (Menu subject to change)**

- Monday: Pork sausage in a hot dog roll with potato wedges /Quorn sausage in a hot dog roll with potato wedges (v) both with sweetcorn and coleslaw. Orange drizzle cake, yoghurt or fresh fruit.
- Tuesday: Chilli con carne with rice/Macaroni cheese with homemade pizza bread (v) both with green beans and carrots. Apple crumble with custard, yoghurt or fresh fruit.
- Wednesday: Roast pork with roast potatoes and gravy/Mixed vegetable loaf with roast potatoes and gravy (v) both with cauliflower and broccoli. Oaty cookie, yoghurt or fresh fruit.
- Thursday: Chicken pie with mashed potato and gravy/Vegetable pie with mashed potato and gravy (v) both with peas and cauliflower. Yoghurt station or fresh fruit.
- Friday: Fish fingers with chips/Red pepper and cheese frittata (v) both with baked beans and garden peas. Carrot and courgette 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](mailto:ycurran@caterlinkltd.co.uk).

## **Attendance**

Whole School attendance from 2nd September: 96.0% ↓

Individual Year Group attendance for the week ending 29th November:

**Congratulations to Year 6 with the best attendance of 98.2%**

**The fish award (for lining up nicely and being ready to learn) this week goes to Year R.**

= : 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)*

*Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Twelve Days of Christmas Festival at St Blasius Church – 10am – 4pm free admission*

*Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December – The Simon Langton school for boys choir concert from 7pm*

*Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December – St Blasius Church Nativity*

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Whole school Christmas play at Shanklin Theatre – more details to follow

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

*Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Nine lessons & carols featuring the choir of St Blasius Church from 4pm*

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas dinner

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle service – more details to follow (CHANGE OF DATE)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Carols with Rev Jonathan for children and staff

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Christmas half term holiday

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Children return to school – first day of spring term

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January - Closing date for primary school applications

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**Have a wonderful  
Christmas**

**St Paul's Church, Regent Street**  
**Would be delighted to welcome you to any**  
**of its Christmas services**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm - Town**  
**Carol Service**

There will be traditional Christmas readings and carols accompanied by a brass band plus mulled wine and mince pies to follow!

**Christmas Eve at 6pm - Carols by candlelight**  
**with Nativity**

A service especially for families. Children are invited to come dressed up for the nativity part of the service. Come and meet the mystery solving mouse!

**Christmas Eve at 11.15pm - Midnight**  
**Communion**

Sing carols and be first to welcome in Christmas Day.

**Christmas Day at 9am - Family Communion**  
Make coming to church a part of your Christmas day. Children are welcome to bring and show us their presents!

May we wish you a very Happy Christmas and 2020