



St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary Academy

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NEWSLETTER NO. 11 – 29th November 2019

Dear parents and families,

The atmosphere in the academy today was one of great anticipation for our Christmas fayre, which is taking place this afternoon straight after school.

The room next to the office has looked like Santa's grotto all week as donations for the fayre arrived daily. This morning, an army of PTA volunteers descended upon the school to transform it into a winter wonderland of stalls, prizes and games – all for a good cause-raising money for our children.

The hall and classrooms in Key Stage 1 are (at time of writing) filled with Christmas goodies and festive tunes to get us in the mood for the celebrations we will all be enjoying in the coming couple of weeks.

A huge thank you to the staff involved in the PTA, Miss Powell, Mrs Fox, Mrs Travellion, Ms Hodgson, Ms P and Mrs Northard for the work they have done. Miss Tate was last seen under a mountain of bread rolls and hot dogs if anyone is looking for her!

A special thank you to the parents who have given so much of their free time over the last few weeks to organise, plan and simply be so supportive of our fayre.

Today, a great number of them were in school, moving Christmas trees, wrapping prizes, blowing up balloons and I am sure several of them will be putting raffles tickets on prizes with cellotape in their sleep!

We hope that the fayre is a great success, not only as a fundraiser for our children but as a joyous start to Christmas for our whole community at St Blasius.

Dates for events leading up to Christmas are as follows and more detailed specific information about each one will come closer to the time so please look out for further details:

Sunday 8th December- Selected children attend St Blasius Church with Ms Hodgson and Mrs Perkins for the St Blasius Church nativity.

Wednesday 11th December - Christmas Play at Shanklin Theatre at 6pm. **Parents welcome, ticket details to follow.**

Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day for Christian Aid – children invited to wear jumpers or anything Christmassy to make a donation. Autumn Term Written Reports to parents from class teachers will also be given on this day.

Monday 16th December – Christmas crafts, games, and activities in class and preparation for our special services.

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas lunch **parents invited**, Christmas games, crafts and activities for the children in the pm. See details below.

Wednesday 18th December – Christingle Service at 9am here at the academy with the Venerable Peter Leonard, the Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight, **parents invited to join us and for mince pies afterwards. The service will also include the awarding of VIP certificates and prizes for our children instead of on Friday.**

Thursday 19th December- Christmas Carols with Rev Jonathan for children and staff.

Friday 20th December – break up for Christmas. **Please note there will be no Achievement Worship today as this will take place on Wednesday 18th December.**

Our VIPs this week are Noah, Poppy, Reyena, Zachary, Alfie G and Lucy and they have been described by their friends as cheeky, smiley, friendly, focused when you are learning, kind hearted and confident.

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



Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner this year will be held on Tuesday 17th December. There will be two sittings:

Rec, Year 1 and 2 – 11.45am to 12.30pm
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – 1pm to 1.45pm

Children should have bought home a green letter last week for you to pre-book a Christmas dinner for your child/ren and adults. Please return this form to the academy office by **3pm on Monday 2nd December**. Unfortunately due to catering restrictions we will be unable to accept any requests after this date.

The Christmas dinner will be the only dinner option on this day. If your child does not wish to have a Christmas dinner please send them a home packed lunch to school. 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 9th September. The closing date for primary school applications is midnight on **Wednesday 15th 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

Menu for week commencing 2nd December (Menu subject to change)

- Monday: Beef bolognese with spaghetti/Soya bolognese with spaghetti (v) both with peas and carrots. Pear crumble with custard, yoghurt or fresh fruit.
- Tuesday: Cottage pie with gravy/Shepherdess pie with gravy (v) both with sweetcorn and broccoli. Rice pudding with mixed berries, yoghurt or fresh fruit.
- Wednesday: Roast chicken and stuffing with roast potatoes and gravy/Vegetarian wellington with roast potatoes and gravy (v) both with mixed seasonal vegetables. Apple, cheese and biscuits, yoghurt or fresh fruit.
- Thursday: Chicken pasta with homemade garlic bread/Five bean chilli with rice (v) both with roasted mixed vegetables. Yoghurt station or fresh fruit.
- Friday: Fish fingers with chips/Cheese and onion quiche with chips (v) both with baked beans and garden peas. Chocolate and mandarin sponge, 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: 96.3% ↑

Individual Year Group attendance for the week ending 22nd November:

Congratulations to Year 4 with the best attendance of 99.7%

The fish award (for lining up nicely and being ready to learn) this week goes to Year 4

= : same as last week ↑: higher than last week ↓: lower than last week
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Important Dates for Sept 2019 - July 2020

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

Monday 2nd December – Deadline for pre-booking Christmas dinner

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

Saturday 7th December – The Simon Langton school for boys choir concert from 7pm

Sunday 8th December – St Blasius Church Nativity

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

Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day for Christian Aid

Sunday 15th December – Nine lessons & carols featuring the choir of St Blasius Church from 4pm

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas dinner

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

Thursday 19th December- Christmas Carols with Rev Jonathan for children and staff

Friday 20th December – Last day of term


Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January – Christmas half term holiday

Monday 6th January – Children return to school – first day of spring term

Wednesday 15th January - Closing date for primary school applications

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Santa Dash

with  **Mountbatten**

8th December 2019

11.00am at Ryde Superbowl

For details and registration visit mountbatten.org.uk
or call Fundraising on **01983 217300**



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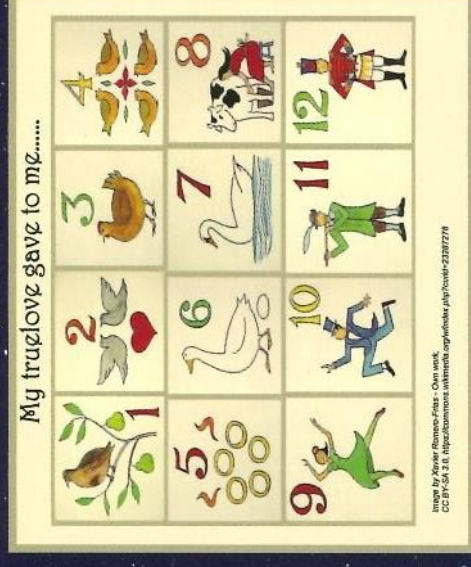


St Blasius Old Parish Church
Church Road, Shanklin, PO37 6QY

Celebration of the

"12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS"

An Exhibition of the Traditional Gifts



6th December to 8th December
10am - 4pm



SIMON LANGTON SCHOOL FOR BOYS, CANTERBURY

CHAMBER CHOIR

SATURDAY, 7th DECEMBER at 7.00 pm.

Vivaldi's GLORIA

and a variety of other choral music to get you in the Christmas mood

(retiring collection for church funds)

Refreshments Served

Free Admission