

St Blasius Shanklin C of E Primary Academy

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St Blasius Church of England Academy Shanklin

Dear St Blasius families

What an absolutely wonderful few weeks we've had at St Blasius! I'm bursting with pride as I share some truly exciting updates with you all.

Our worship this week, explored how Jesus saw the peoples' need, prayed and provided through an unbelievable miracle. Today He continues to provide for our hunger and need, especially in the Eucharist. Children shared their own understanding of how we can offer the 'loaves and fishes' of our time, talents and prayer to Jesus, discovering that He multiplies our offering and fills us with His love. The Scripture Luke 9:11b-17 was shared with the children to help support this.

Our Year 6 children have been having the most incredible time on their residential trip to Paris! They've been exploring the magnificent Eiffel Tower, enjoying a delightful boat trip along the River Seine, and even being brave enough to try escargot - what adventurous spirits they are! Meanwhile, our Year 6 children who stayed behind have been equally busy exploring the delights of our beautiful island, making the most of every opportunity right here at home. I must say, our Year 5 children have been absolutely fantastic, stepping up magnificently to fulfil the Year 6 duties in their absence. They've shown such maturity and responsibility - it's been wonderful to watch them rise to the challenge with such enthusiasm.

Looking ahead, our Year 4 children are buzzing with excitement as they prepare for their residential adventure to PGL Little Canada next week. I know they're going to have the most amazing time! Our Year 5s are also looking forward to their first of three sailing opportunities at Seaview - what fantastic experiences await them.

We were blessed to have Karen Crowhurst from St Blasius church lead our whole school worship, bringing the story of the feeding of the 5000 to life through the dramatization from some of the Year 5 children.

We also held our very first 'night at the movies' which was a huge success and enjoyed by all! A huge thank you to the staff who stayed and supported – without you, these events could not take place.

But here's the most fantastic news I have to share - I'm absolutely delighted to announce that we are **THE TOP OF THE ENTIRE TRUST** with our phonics screening check results! This incredible achievement reflects the dedication, passion and expert teaching of phonics from our amazing staff, alongside the incredible hard work shown by our wonderful children.

A HUGE HUGE WELL DONE!!!

The big question last week was:

Can one person change the world?

Three people could. Kenzo, EYFS

Yes, if you can perform miracles. Tommy, Year 1

Yes because Jesus changed the World. Lydia, Year 2

No because they will need God to spread the word of peace. Henry, Year 3

Yes because Iran with the war could use nuclear weapons. Lyle, Year 5

Yes... because one smile can cheer someone up in the hardest of times and they can pay it forward. Casper & Spencer, Year 6

The big question this week is:

If you could ask God one question, what would it be?

Kind regards

Jemma Powell Assistant Principal

Important dates:

Wednesday 2nd July– Year 5 Sailing Trip

Wednesday 2nd July-Friday 4th July- Year 4 PGL Trip

Tuesday 8th July

IOW School Transition date

Thursday 10th July- DCAT Enriched

Friday 18th July-

Sports Day

Friday 18th July– Summer Fair

Thursday 24th July-

Our School Vision



<u>Year 1 - Mary Ellis Class</u>

Mary Ellis Class have been busy learners over the last few weeks! Every one of them is growing in independence and confidence which is fantastic to see.

In English, we have begun our writing based all around our text on Mrs Honey's Hat. To get us started, the children created their own imaginative hats by sticking on a variety of interesting items as part of our 'hook' activity. They then used their growing vocabulary to describe these items, carefully choosing exciting adjectives and learning how to separate them with commas in their writing. We've also begun exploring how to write speech. The children started by using speech bubbles and some have even started experimenting with speech marks!







In Maths, our young mathematicians have been hard at work solving and creating their own addition and subtraction word problems. Using 'First', 'Next' and 'Now' frames, they've been able to break down problems step by step and shown real determination.

To wrap up our History topic on Castles, we enjoyed an exciting visit to Carisbrooke Castle. The children climbed the tower and experienced what life might have been like for Lords, Ladies, Knights and Soldiers by dressing up in costumes. Some even climbed all the way to the keep, looked through the arrow slits and admired the beautiful views from the top of the walls It was a wonderful day full of learning, laughter and adventure.





<u>House points</u>

Yellow House-537

Green House-472

Red House- 453

Blue House-344

Well done Yellow House



Class Attendance

Congratulations to **Year 2** for having the highest class attendance this week.

Year 2 = 97.86%Year 4 = 96.43%Year 3 = 96.3%Year R = 95%Year 6 = 94.88%Year 5 = 94.4%Year 1 = 90.67%



St Blasius After School Club's

Monday	KS1 Athletics	***
	Run by Mr Poplett	X.X
Tuesday	KS2 Cricket Club	
	Run by Mr Poplett	
Wednesday	John Cattles Skateboarding club	
	Run by John Cattle £4 per session FULL	5 5
Thursday	KS2 Athletics Run by Mr Poplett	\gg
Thursday	EYFS + KS1 Dance club	
	Run by Mrs James £3 per session	7
Thursday	Science Club	
	Run by Mr Clarke	
Friday	KS2 Dance club	- (
	Run by Mrs James £3 per session	*
Friday	KS2 Tennis club Run by Mr Poplett	

Invitation from the School nurses who will be attending on Tuesday 22nd July:

We are able to offer targeted support for the following areas for students:

- Sleep
- Constipation/toileting concerns
- Day and night time wetting
- Hearing/vision concerns
- Dietary advice/weight management/body image
- Development/puberty advice
- Personal hygiene/oral health
- Emotional wellbeing

If you are interested please contact the school office to book an appointment on 01983 862444.





Friday 18th July– Sports day





If you would like to join or support the PTA please contact the office.

Join the PTA!



Ice Pop Friday!

We will be selling ice pops every Friday after school.

Donations of Ice Pops will be gratefully received.





Tuesday-Year 2

Wednesday-Year 1 and Year 6

Thursday-Year 3

Monday – Year 5

Friday—Year 4 and EYFS

• Please remember PE kit MUST be worn to school on your child's PE day. PE kits should be brought in for all after school sports.



School information:

School starts at 8:30 and finishes at 15:00. Please ensure your child is dropped off in plenty of time for the start of the day and that you collect your child promptly at the end of the day of after their club.

<u>Attendance</u>

If your child is absent from school please ensure you contact the school office promptly in the morning you can leave a message on 01983 862444.

From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country are £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. This rate is in line with inflation and is the first increase since 2012.

In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.

Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to $\pounds 2,500$.



Relish and School Meals:

Children will no longer be able to book their meals in the classroom, all meals including home packed lunch should be booked via Relish.

Healthy Snacks

A reminder that only healthy snacks should be brought in for breaktime, not crisps or chocolate. Thank you.

Meal price change

Relish have increased the cost of paid school meals from £2.80 to £2.95.

