

26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parent/Guardians

We have had a fantastic day today. The morning was dedicated to raising money for the local RNLI station; my thanks to Year 3 and Mrs Heal for their wonderful Chapel service and thanks also to Keith Meldrum, a local volunteer lifeboat-man for giving up his time to come and visit us. Mrs Heal organised a cake sale at morning break where we were joined by the children from the Pre-Prep. The children of the Prep Department also wore 'Nautical Mufti'.

This afternoon we held our Interhouse Cross Country races; more information on results and placings will be in next week's newsletter.

Rather disappointingly the PTA Quiz that was planned for this evening has had to be postponed due to lack of ticket sales; this is a real shame as it is usually such a good evening. Hopefully there will be more interest when a new date is announced.

This morning in Chapel I presented many certificates. My congratulations to Freddie Whyte-Wood, Jack Wentworth-Wood, Lewis Dunn and Roshan Piratheepan in Year 5 for achieving their Bronze Awards. Congratulations also to Jason Coles, Rose Webster and Ethan Rattenbury in Year 6 who were also awarded with their Bronze Awards. I presented Silver Awards to Grace Cadey and William Last in Year 3 and Rima Jaohar and Samuel Parle in Year 4. Well done to all.

Last weekend our swimmers raced the first events of the Suffolk County Swimming Championships at UEA Norwich with the girls racing the 800m Freestyle and boys in the 1500m Freestyle. My congratulations to Rose Webster who finished in 11<sup>th</sup> place and Oscar Cole who won a bronze medal.

We are now a week into running our new menus and I have heard nothing but positive reviews. The children have been eating exceptionally well and there has been little waste; long may it continue! A reminder that the menus can be viewed here: <http://www.stfelix.co.uk/lunch-menus>

Rehearsals for the performance of 'Olivia' have continued this week with many of the children finding their feet in their allotted roles. Please, if your child has lines to remember then encourage them to learn them! We will soon be in contact regarding costume requirements for the play but it is safe to say that every child will require 'blacks'; a long sleeve black t-shirt and play trousers/leggings. We are currently sourcing these *en masse* and will let you know further arrangements shortly.

We will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March and as always we will be encouraging all children (and staff!) to come in dressed as their favourite book character (please no Disney or Marvel characters) to celebrate the day. We will also be hosting our annual book swap where children bring along an old book of theirs and are able to swap it for a different book. We would also welcome donations of other books prior to the day to ensure a wide variety are on offer.

On Wednesday the Under 11 A and B netball teams played against Langley Prep at Taverham Hall at home and although they lost it is clear to me that they have improved already this season. Their interplay is good but sometimes the last pass or a dropped ball lets them down; I am confident that under Miss Wong's and Mrs Gallagher's tutelage we will see continued progress.

Next week is very quiet, there are no sports fixtures or trips so I am sure the children will enjoy a steady, focussed, academic week.

Yours sincerely

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