

Saint Felix Pre-Preparatory Department Newsletter 19th January 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome to a new term, a new year, dark gloomy mornings and some wild weather. Please take care when driving your little ones to and from school – especially within the school grounds - as your child's safety is our number one priority. Judging by their enthusiastic return to school, we are anticipating seeing some great work in this term's Star Assemblies. We had much to celebrate last week, even though the children had only been back in school for a few days!

An invitation to Chapel and Coffee

All parents of children in Bronte House are welcome to attend Prep and Pre-Prep Chapel at 8:40am every Friday morning followed by coffee and biscuits in Clough Drawing Room in the company of both the Head of Prep Tim O'Connell and the Headmaster James Harrison. Please do try to come along if you are able.

School Meals

We are delighted to update all parents on the progress that has been made following a wholesale review of the catering at Saint Felix before Christmas.

The school has appointed a new chef, Scott Wilson to work alongside our Head Chef Brian Herrington. With a career history in the RAF, Scott has won a bronze medal and certificate of merit in the Combined Services Culinary Competition and has catered for Her Majesty the Queen on two occasions. In civilian life, Scott has run the catering at a large holiday park on the Norfolk Coast, run his own pub and restaurant and oversaw the redevelopment of the restaurant at Great Yarmouth Stadium. He brings a wealth of experience to the position.

Following a meeting with the menu committee we are also pleased to launch our new menu on Monday. The new, three-week rolling menu incorporates a greater variety and wider selection of hot food, including specified vegetarian meals, soup with freshly baked bread, and the jacket potato option will be available every day. We aim to provide a wider range of cold options as the weeks progress and will also review these new menus after two cycles. The lunch menus can be viewed here <http://www.stfelix.co.uk/lunch-menus>

Last week's 'Super Stars'

Georgie Strachan, Imogen Dawson and Isobel Tallamy make up our youngest equestrian team to date. The girls have just ridden in the National Schools Equestrian Association 'Grass Roots' Showjumping Championships, achieving 2nd place overall. We were able to see their individual rosettes and a lovely photograph of them all taken on the day. Our riders were presented with a special Saint Felix rosette to add to their collection. What a wonderful way to start a new year. Well done team, we are very proud of you.

Barnaby Sibson in Reception and Seyomeh Adjaku in Year 1, both achieved star work awards for writing about their Christmas presents in their first piece of news.

Barnaby had drawn a detailed picture of his 'drone' and had written a sentence independently underneath without the need for highlighter pen. Well done Barnaby.

Seyomeh had written about her fun filled family Christmas complete with presents, games and pretty dresses. Her descriptive writing was correctly sequenced and surpassed all Mrs Kinsella's expectations, setting a wonderful example to the rest of KS1. Excellent work Seyomeh.

This week's Star Assembly

In Year 2 Edward Meen was this week's star worker. Edward has been working hard in his history lessons and looking at the designs and features of England's first castles. He drew a detailed picture of a 'Motte and Bailey' castle and labelled it accurately. Edward was also the first child to finish cutting out the parts of a castle keep in order to construct a 3D model. Well done Edward.

Daniel Brown in Year 1 achieved this week's star certificate for making super progress in maths. Daniel can now use his head and fingers to complete addition sums, recognising that the numbers can be swapped around to give the same answer. Daniel was able to prove his ability by completing pages in his New Heinemann maths book independently. Well done Daniel.

Children in the Reception class have been reading traditional tales. Thea Love amazed Mrs Laughland this week by working independently to first colour then sequence correctly a set of pictures that tell the tale of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Thea had also drawn an excellent picture in her news book and written a sentence independently. Finally, Thea had ordered pictures by size: big for daddy bear, medium for mummy bear and small for baby bear! Excellent work Thea.

Parents' Information

Next Tuesday, children currently in our Nursery, who have signed up for the Reception class in September, have been invited to join us with their parents for Star Assembly. Mrs Laughland and I will then host coffee in the Reception classroom, where we will be available to answer any questions. The children will be able to enjoy the many toys on offer. Extra chairs have been ordered!

Next Friday is both RNLI fundraising day and the first ever Prep and Pre-Prep Cross Country race.

CHILDREN SHOULD COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED IN THEIR TRACKSUIT AND TRAINERS instead of Mufti. Volunteers from our very own Southwold Lifeboat Station, will be joining us in chapel at 8.35am and telling us about the work they do and the equipment they need.

Mrs Heal's Year 3 class will be selling cakes at snack time to raise much needed funds for this essential charity. Cakes cost 50p each, but any further donations in lieu of mufti will be gratefully received.

On the same morning at 11.15am, all children in the Pre-Prep, will be taking part in their first cross country race. Reception children will start the races accompanied by a running 'buddy' from the Prep department, to help them around the short course. Children in Years 1 and 2 will then run unaccompanied at about 11.30am. We are hoping that everyone will enjoy their first taste of running competitively.

Yours sincerely

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