

8th February 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

Half term is upon us so soon! This morning in Chapel I was pleased to hand out a Silver Award to Isabelle Last in Year 6, and Gold Awards to Bruno Ashford, Megan Fisher and Holly Wilson, all in Year 3. Congratulations for all of your hard work and effort in achieving these certificates.

'House Shout'

Last night proved to be a thrilling experience at the Senior Department's 'House Shout'. The Senior Department performed an array of songs from musicals in various categories: solo, ensemble and of course the 'House Shout'. The Year 6 pupils were delighted to be invited as important guests and were reserved front row seats! They, of course, will be a part of the whole event next year. There were some outstanding performances which made the judges' decisions very difficult. It was a tremendous triumph for Rowell who won both the 'Overall' and 'House Shout' trophy!

Sport

Last weekend the swimmers raced in Ipswich at the County Championships. We had 49 Saint Felix swimmers which included - 4 Prep School pupils and 30 Senior pupils! Isla Webster managed to obtain 2 silver medals and 1 bronze medal. She also managed to come fourth twice. Matilda Williams came 7th in her races and achieved PBs in all other races. Rufus Carr made the final of the 100m Free but was unable to swim it due to illness. Samuel Barker-Harrison achieved a PB in the 100m Back.

Ben Every has had a very successful Championships so far. He has competed in nine events having won eight gold and one bronze medal. Amongst those swims, he has also managed to get his first Regional Qualifying Time, which is a great achievement as he will be swimming in the 11/12 age group.

This afternoon the runners from Year 3 to Year 6 will take part in the Norwich Lower School Cross Country Competition. Details of the afternoon will be posted later on social media - our twitter page is @StFelixSch

NFER Assessments

Next week the children will sit their NFER English and Maths tests. These will start on Tuesday 12th February. Please can I ask that all children arrive to school on time as the morning tests start at 8.45am. Mrs Proctor and Mrs Barker Harrison will also give them their 'Single Word Reading Test' this week. There is no formal preparation or revision to do for the tests so moving them forward one week will have no effect on the children.

Parents' Evening

I have had to add another date for the Year 6 Parents' Evening. Letters offering individual appointment times will go out after half term but please be aware of the following dates:

- Tuesday 5th March – Year 3 Parents' Evening
- Tuesday 12th March – Year 4 Parents' Evening
- Thursday 7th March – Year 5 Parents' Evening
- Thursday 14th March – Year 6 Parents' Evening DAY 1
- Monday 18th March – Year 6 Parents' Evening DAY 2

If you have any problem with the change in dates for Parents' Evening, then please do let me know and I can arrange an alternative date for you.

Valentine's Day Disco

Next Thursday 14th February is the Pre-Prep and Prep Department's Valentine's Day Disco. Children will be able to get changed into their party clothes at the end of the school day. The children will then be escorted over to the dining room for the disco. Please pick your children up from there at 6.00pm. There is no cost for the disco but we would ask that you bring in an item of party food – but nothing with nuts please. Thank you.

Timings:

- Pre-Prep: 3.45-4.45pm
- Prep: 5.00-6.00pm.

Year 5 Cake Sale

This term Year 5 have been studying Charities in PSHCE and have decided to put on a cake sale in support of a charity of their choice, *Hillside Animal Sanctuary*. The cake sale will take place next Friday during morning break (10.00-10.20am). Each cake will cost 50p. Any donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated.

PTA

It's that time of year again where the PTA have designed a quiz to complete over the half term. More details to follow soon but please keep your eyes open! It would be fantastic to have more people involved this time round!

Next week:

Monday

U9 Netball vs St Joseph's College at home - 2.30pm start
U9 Rugby vs St Joseph's College at home - 2.30pm start

Tuesday

NFER tests Year 3 to Year 6

Wednesday

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U11 A and B Netball vs St Joseph's College at home - 2.30pm start
U11 A and B Football vs St Joseph's College away - 2.30pm start

Thursday

Valentine's Day Disco

Friday

9.15am Pre-Prep Inter-House Cross Country
2.00pm Prep Inter-House Cross Country
End of Half Term

Upcoming dates:

- Tuesday 12th February – Year 3 to Year 6 NFER Maths and English tests, and Single Word Spelling and Reading Tests
- Thursday 14th – Valentine's Day Disco
- Friday 15th February – Saint Felix Inter-House Cross Country: Pre-Prep at 9.15am and Prep Department at 2pm
- Saturday 2nd March – Finborough U11 Netball Tournament & U11 Football Tournament 10am-1pm
- Tuesday 5th March – Year 3 Parents' Evening
- Tuesday 12th March – Year 4 Parents' Evening

- Thursday 7th March – World Book Day
- Thursday 7th March – Year 5 Parents’ Evening
- Friday 8th March – Saint Felix Day
- Friday 8th March – School Photographs: whole school, siblings and individual
- Thursday 14th March – Year 6 Parents’ Evening DAY 1
- Monday 18th March – Year 6 Parents’ Evening DAY 2
- Saturday 23rd March – Spring Open Morning – All pupils to attend school
- Tuesday 2nd April – Preparatory Production – Dress Rehearsal 1.45pm
- Wednesday 3rd April – Preparatory Production - Evening performance 7pm
- Thursday 4th April – Preparatory Production - Evening performance 7pm

Yours sincerely

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