

21st June 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The children are very excited about their upcoming adventures of Activities Week. Most groups will leave Saint Felix at approximately 9am on Monday 24th June so please bring your child to school at the normal time. If your child has any medication then please ensure it is kept in a labelled bag; this must be given to the member of staff running the trip.

We have had a very busy week building up to the last couple of weeks of term!

On Monday 17th June, Year 5 travelled to Sutton Hoo near Woodbridge, to explore and find out about the discovery of an Anglo Saxon King's burial mound. They were welcomed and taken on a tour of the mound and told the story of the important discovery. They were all pleased to act the roles of the people who were associated with 'the find', Tait Marsden made an excellent cap wearing Basil Brown, and Toby Ritchie nobly wore the cloak of King Raedwald.

During the rest of the day the children took part in archaeological detective work, learned about the techniques used by archaeologists and handled replicas of some of the priceless objects, several made of gold. Finally, before coming back to school they followed the 'River Walk' path and enjoyed the wonderful views of the River Deben.

Also on Monday, Year 6 attended an assembly lead by the two Year 7 forms. The pupils talked about their experiences of the first year in senior school and what to expect next year.

"It was really interesting because the two Year 7 forms talked about how life would be next year in the senior school and it wasn't as big of a jump as it looked. For example, they enjoyed having more freedom between lessons and time to walk and talk together." Freya Attwell.

Thank you to Year 7 for preparing a thoughtful assembly.

On Wednesday, several pupils from the Prep Department took part in the ABRSM music examinations. It was nice to hear that once they got in to the exam their nerves began to disappear. Well done to Imogen Vaughan, Jack Wentworth-Wood, Alexander Drake, Saffron Vine, Emily Oldman, Lewis Dunn, Lara Fisher, Chloe Partridge and Sophie Everett
We wish them the best of luck!

The children have been eagerly rehearsing for the Snappy Opera. On Thursday afternoon the Prep Department were invited to come and watch their production. We look forward to seeing the final performance next Saturday at the Southwold Arts Festival. The performance will take place at St Edmund's Hall at 2.00pm.

Chapel

Due to sports day this week there was no chapel. I will present certificates for Year 3 to Year 5 next Friday 28th June and certificates for Year 6 (and any other pupils) at the Leavers Chapel on Friday 5th July.

Sport

On Monday, our Under 11 Mixed Green Tennis team took part in the Suffolk Mini tennis finals at Woodbridge School. The team members, William Foskett, Edward Oldrey, Rory Hunt and Ella Austrin played their first match against Framlingham A Team. It was a tough encounter and sadly, they lost. The next match was the third and fourth final against South Lee B team. The games were very close and despite some good shots and rallies the Saint Felix team lost out on points difference. Although the team felt disappointed about coming fourth, it is important for them to recognise that they had reached the County Finals, and still came in the top four teams in Suffolk!

On Thursday, 4 pupils from Year 3 and 4 were selected to play in the U10 Mixed Orange Suffolk School Tennis Finals at Woodbridge School. Bryce Newman, Lucia Franco-Key, Joshua Tallamy and Max Austrin all played extremely well in the first round against Framlingham B Team and won all of their individual and doubles matches. This meant that they went through to the final, which was against Framlingham A Team! The children were nervous but felt ready for action! It was a very close final; Bryce and Lucia won their individual games while Joshua and Max lost their individual games, but they were extremely close matches! It was make or break for the doubles; Bryce and Lucia won their double match 2-1 in sets and Joshua and Max also won their doubles match 2-0 in sets which meant that once the scores came in Saint Felix were awarded first place! Well done to all four of the players for winning the U10 Mixed Orange Tennis Suffolk Finals!

On Friday the Senior and Prep Departments took part in sports day. It was a glorious day filled with lots of sunshine! The Prep pupils were given the opportunity to take part in 75m, 100m, 800m, ball throw, Javelin, Turbo Javelin, Shot Putt, Long Jump, High Jump and a House and Fun Relay. I was super impressed with the pupils' determined and sporting attitudes. It was lovely to see them all cheering for one another! At the end of the day the Prep and Senior school results were totalled together.

1st Place Rowell

2nd Place Kay

3rd Place Pemberton

4th Place Edmund

Some new records were also broken I will announce these in next week's newsletter alongside the overall individual winners for each year group.

Senior Production

The Senior Department's summer production of *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* is being performed during the final week of term. We would like to remind you to buy tickets for this fabulous show which includes singing, dancing and some very fine acting from the pupils in Years 7 – 13. The performances will be held on Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th July inclusive at 7pm in the Silcox Theatre. Tickets are selling fast so if you would like to come please contact the School Office as soon as possible on 01502 722175.

Sport outside of school

After a year of hard work and great improvement in netball, Isabelle Last was awarded the Player of the Season trophy for her County Hub last night. She was also awarded the attendance trophy.

Last weekend, Joshua Tallamy was chosen to play for Suffolk in the county cup this weekend in a team of four boys. They played against Cambridge and Norfolk. Suffolk managed to scoop the silver, just missing out on the gold. A great day for the team representing Suffolk – well done Joshua!

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 24th June - Wednesday 26th June

All year groups depart for Activity Week residential trips

Year 3 and 4 return on Wednesday 3.30pm approx.

Thursday 27th June

All day - Year 3 and 4 Southwold Beach Day, Gun Hill

All day - Year 5 Walberswick Crabbing and Southwold Beach Activities

Friday 28th June

Year 5 and 6 Suffolk School Games Swimming Gala (Selected pupils only)

Year 3 and 4 morning activity carousel and games afternoon – all at school

Year 5 Trip to Ringsfield Hall Eco Activity Centre – All Day

Year 6 Return from Hautbois 3pm

Saturday 29th June

Southwold Arts Festival - Saint Felix Prep Department Snappy Opera performance at St Edmund's Hall. The rehearsal will be from 11.00am-12.00pm and the performance will start at 2.00pm

Monday 1st July

Prep Department Inter-House Swimming Gala, (2pm start) refreshments will be available before the gala in the Refectory at 1.30pm

Tuesday 2nd July

Year 5 and 6 RNLI Swim Safe Beach Trip in Southwold

Bronte and Nursery Sports Day on Somerville Field

Year 3 trip to the Lifeboat in Southwold

Thursday 4th July

Year 3 and 4 North Suffolk School Tennis Finals, details tbc

Friday 5th July

Year 6 Leavers Chapel Service

Last Full Day of School

Saturday 6th July

Parents' Day (ALL children must attend)

Please see the school website for a full list of fixtures and dates.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Jade Wong
Head of Prep Department