

Saint Felix Pre-Preparatory Department Newsletter 29th June 2019

Dear Parents,

Activity Week is fast approaching and the children are busy finishing off their academic work in almost every subject. Parents who attended the Open Afternoon yesterday were truly amazed by the amount of work the children have produced in the last thirty six weeks! Thank you for the help you have given the children at home with their reading and spellings. This additional support has paid dividends in terms of the amount of progress shown.

Talking of progress...it was amazing to see how fast and far the children could swim in Wednesday's Swimming Gala. The individual progress and overall effort demonstrated on the day was commendable. Well done to everyone in Kay House for winning the swimming relay, which proved quite a close call. Thank you to all the swimming staff, who work hard every week to inspire confidence and personal best in the children. It was a very exciting Gala with outstanding results.

Star Assembly

There were three separate Year 2 Star certificates to award this week! I am amazed by the determination and sheer hard work shown by all the children, but these individuals exceeded my expectations by working independently to a high standard.

Herbie Shaw-Clutton and Bella Barnes drew a fantastic 'Sunflower Life Cycle' poster and then labelled each stage in their own words. Herbie and Bella worked independently using only four key words from the board. Both posters were differently presented, but equally well executed. Well done Bella and Herbie.

Daniel Brown was one of the first to finish map work last week. Daniel relished the opportunity to show how accurate he could be when reading grid references or pinpointing locations on a map. Daniel is currently busy making his own Treasure Island map complete with hidden treasure. Well done Daniel.

In Year 1 Barnaby Sibson demonstrated his great love of history and of 'finding things out' when Mrs K took the group to the Southwold Sailors' Reading Room and Museum. Barnaby asked some very interesting questions on the visit, immersing himself in the topic. Once back at school, Barnaby remembered all the facts and details of who built the Reading Room and why! Barnaby was able to show us his super drawing of a flare pistol that he found at the museum. Well done Barnaby.

This week's Reception star work award went to Imogen Barker Harrison for number work. Mrs Laughland told us about Imogen's mental maths ability in class, and of how she can work without help to solve number problems. Imogen then demonstrated her quick mind, by giving Mrs Laughland the correct answer to some tricky mental maths sums. We saw a variety of worksheets, where Imogen had been able to match and write numbers up to 20 independently. Well done Imogen.

We ended our last Star Assembly of the year by presenting the now famous 'Monkey Jar' to all children with a birthday in July or August. Congratulations to Monty, Philippa, Lena and Seyomeh.

Dates for your diaries

Monday 1st - 5th July: Pre-Prep Activity Week

Please refer to the Activity Week planner that went home on Tuesday for information on what to wear, what to bring and times of activities each day. We are hoping for sunshine, especially for the beach picnic on Monday and the outings on Wednesday and Thursday to Old Hall Farm and Thrigby Hall.

Saturday 6th July: Parents' Day

All pupils are required to attend. Please deliver the children to their classrooms at 10am before taking your seats in the Sports Hall. Children should be collected at the end of prize giving from their teachers in the hall. Parents are welcome to picnic in the school grounds afterwards.

The Final Word

As this is my last newsletter, I would like to take the opportunity of thanking all current and past parents for the support and encouragement I have received over the years. Deciding when to retire was never going to be easy, as I love my job, the school, and all the children in it! However, with the birth of my first grandchild last August, the time felt right. I know that I am leaving the Pre-Prep in safe hands and that all the traditions and characteristics that make Bronte feel such a special place, will not be lost. I urge you to support Mrs Kinsella and the team as you have supported me. In their safe hands, Bronte will continue to be the happy, vibrant place it has always been, with your children assured of the best possible start to their academic life. I wish you all the very best for the future.

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