

9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

We have enjoyed another busy week in Clough House; a whole school assembly, four parents' evenings, a re-arranged World Book Day, Saint Felix Day, two rugby matches, three football matches and our inaugural Founders' Walk.

It was lovely to see so many wonderful outfits on World Book Day; clearly much time had been devoted to celebrating reading in this special way. My thanks to Miss Greenfield and her Year 6 class for organising another wonderful book swap event which raised over £80 for library funds.

Today saw our inaugural Founders' Walk. The route started in Aldeburgh and went along the coast picking up more and more pupils and staff as we progressed along. I was delighted to accompany the Prep children at Dunwich and Walberswick to finish the whole-school walk. Sponsorship forms and monies should be brought into school over the next week and handed to your child's form tutor.

I was delighted to award the following certificates in Chapel this morning:

**Silver Awards**

Emily Oldman and Isabelle Last

**Gold Awards**

Grace Cadey and Bryce Newman

**Platinum Award**

Eva Bullion

On Monday, the Under 8 and Under 9 rugby teams enjoyed an afternoon of rugby at St Joseph's in Ipswich and represented the school well. The three boys in Year 3 enjoyed a mixed training session and game with St Joseph's and the Year 4 boys enjoyed their first taste of contact rugby at school; although they lost, much was learnt from the experience.

On Wednesday the Under 11 A, B and C football teams hosted St Joseph's. The A team drew a thrilling match 3-3, the B team lost narrowly 4-3 to a fluke winning goal and the C team lost 6-1. It was a great afternoon and only the second time I have known Saint Felix to be able to field three teams in one age group.

I watched yesterday's rehearsals of Olivia and am pleased to say that the show is coming along nicely. We are slightly behind with rehearsals due to the 'Beast from the East' so we are having to use some extra time next week to progress further. I was delighted to see ALL the children taking such an active part in rehearsals and enjoying their time. If you still need to buy tickets, then please see Mrs Stephens next week or fill out the form on the back of the flyer.

A reminder that I am away from school from tomorrow until next Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March on a recruitment and promotion trip to China with the Headmaster. Whilst I will still have access

to email I am grateful to Miss Greenfield for acting as my Deputy in my absence. Please direct any questions or concerns to her whilst I am away.

Lastly, it is with mixed emotions that I write to tell you that after 10 years of life at Saint Felix I have secured promotion to a Deputy Head role at a leading Prep School in Wiltshire and will be leaving, along with my family, at the end of the Summer term. We will always hold Saint Felix fondly in our hearts as it is where my family started and my career progressed, but we are finally getting closer to 'home' in the South West. I will be working alongside Mr Harrison to find a replacement for my role and will continue to give life at Saint Felix my all until the end of the academic year.

### **Next Week**

#### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

Commonwealth Service Trip (Selected Year 6 pupils). 7.30am departure.

#### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Under 11 A & B Netball and Football v Moreton Hall (H).

#### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

Olivia rehearsals all day. (Children may wear mufti for the day).

Yours sincerely

Mr Tim O'Connell  
Head of Prep Department