

Saint Felix Pre-Preparatory Department Newsletter 9th March 2018

Dear Parents,

It is only Wednesday, but I feel I must write this week's newsletter early as we have an action packed two days ahead!

Tomorrow we will all enjoy World Book Day, postponed from last Thursday due to the snow. On Friday afternoon, children and staff will travel to Southwold harbour to join in the last leg of the whole school walk from Aldeburgh to commemorate Saint Felix Day. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible in the dining hall at 4pm for the celebration tea.

Star Assembly

We began our Star Assembly with Mr Harrison talking to the children about the sponsored walk on Friday. He had brought along some photographs of the original founder of the school - Isabella Gardiner, along with some of her first pupils. Mr Harrison explained to the children the importance of marking the 'birthday' of our school and the reason for the sponsored walk.

Our Reception 'star' this week was Imogen Dawson who has proved herself an eager, enthusiastic little pupil. Mrs Laughland told us about Imogen's growing ability to sound out and write cvc words independently. We could see for ourselves the emergent writing progress in her English book, as well as witness her growing ability to read out the sentences she had written. Well done Imogen.

Herbie Shaw-Clutton in Year 1 also received a star award certificate for work in English. Mrs Kinsella told us about Herbie's positive attitude towards learning which is ably supported at home by his mum. It appears everything is now falling into place for Herbie, who was able to show us examples of free written sentences and the correct use of prepositions. Well done Herbie and mum!

Holly Love in Year 2 was awarded her star work certificate for work completed in French. Madame Crane has been particularly pleased with Holly's enthusiastic approach in lessons and her ability to complete work independently. Holly had two excellent pieces of work to show. In the first she had written in French the names of various fruit and vegetables shown and in the second, Holly had completed a lovely independent drawing of a basket of vegetables, again all correctly labelled in French. Well done Holly.

Message from the Headmaster

Mr Tim O'Connell, who has been a highly valued member of the school staff since his appointment in September 2007 as Teacher of Boys PE and Games, Head of Boarding and latterly as Head of Prep Department, will be leaving at the end of the Summer Term to take up the Deputy Headship of a Prep school in the South West of England. I will begin the process of finding his successor in the coming weeks.

Forthcoming dates for your diaries!

Friday 16th March - Y2 trip to Orford Castle (see separate letter for details)

Friday 23rd March 8.40am – Pre-Prep tell the Easter Story in Chapel (refreshments after in dining hall)

Tuesday 27th March 9.30am – Nursery Easter Celebration in Gardiner Hall (refreshments after)

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