

Saint Felix Pre-Preparatory Department Newsletter 11th May 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed the bank holiday weekend, which was for once, gloriously hot and sunny. It seems as if summer has arrived all at once. May I please remind you to check that your child has a sun hat in school and to apply sun cream first thing in the morning for their protection. If you are leaving a bottle, spray or roll on sun cream at school, please make sure it is clearly named.

We welcomed a very special guest to Star Assembly this week. Mr Hillier is the Governor appointed specifically for the children, parents and staff of Bronte House. He had come along to spend a bit of time in the Nursery and Pre-Prep classes to see for himself exactly what the children were doing and how they were being taught. Judging by the amount of time he spent in the classrooms working alongside the children, I am sure he thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Star Assembly

Bruno Ashford (ably accompanied by Mrs Cliff) played his ukulele and sang us a song to wake us all up at the beginning of Star Assembly. The song seemed somewhat familiar - but Mrs Cliff had made it her own with a new spin on the words. Bruno performed extremely well, showing great confidence. It is very hard to play the correct notes whilst singing at the same time and Bruno proved how talented he is in both disciplines. Well done and thank you Bruno.

Lena Crisp was this week's Reception super star for making progress in reading. Lena demonstrated her growing confidence and sounding out skills by reading aloud one of her first grown up reading books. Mrs Laughland was particularly impressed with Lena's growing ability to talk about the pictures, ask questions and explain what she can see happening. Well done Lena.

In Year 1 Seyomeh Adzaku also impressed us with her reading skills by reading aloud an imaginative story ending that she had written almost independently. Seyomeh not only has beautiful handwriting with all the correct joins, but her story demonstrated an ability to think creatively and record sentences accurately. A worthy recipient of this week's star certificate. Well done Seyomeh.

Holly Love in Year 2 was awarded her star work certificate from Mrs Grimmer who teaches PHSCE. Last week's work on 'Food Groups and Nutrition' was very tricky and included matching foods to their vitamin content. Throughout the lesson Holly showed great interest and knowledge. She was able to complete the follow up work independently and it was neat and 100% correct. Well done Holly.

Barnaby Sibson in Reception and Oliver Cooper in Year 2 have both been very busy outside school, honing their skills and achieving awards in their chosen sports. Barnaby was awarded his Level 5 Gymnastics badge and certificate and Oliver had been awarded 'Supporters Player of the Year' award from Southwold Rugby Club.

Southwold Festival

Please be aware that the fifth annual Southwold Arts Festival will run from 23rd to 30th June. There are lots of talks, recitals and other activities with a programme of events and tickets available from the festival's website <http://www.southwoldartsfestival.co.uk/>

Please note that Polly Chan, Year 8, will be giving a piano and trumpet recital on Tuesday 26th June at 1:15pm at the United Reform Church in Southwold. Polly is an outstanding musician and tickets which are priced at £6.00 seem outstanding value.

Mr Harrison will be giving his own talk on Romano-British History: Resistance and Revolt: Boudicca, Queen of the Iceni also on Tuesday 26th June at 11:00am at the Southwold Arts Centre with tickets still available (just!!) at £7.50. Mr Harrison has given a number of talks on various aspects of Roman History throughout the country and this talk was derived from a chapter of his recently published book which can now be bought from Amazon or directly from the publisher Bloomsbury (links below). The book is co-authored with two other Roman historians and it has proven to be a good introduction to all aspects of Roman History.

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/ocr-ancient-history-as-and-a-level-component-2-9781350015272/>

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For your diaries

Tomorrow - Saturday 12th May 10.00am -12.30pm ‘Open Morning’

We look forward to seeing all the children in school tomorrow for art activities and the Under 7s Football Tournament against visiting teams. Children playing in the tournament should come to school wearing the Saint Felix ‘strip’ they have been given. Shin pads should be worn by all players. Please bring all children to the Reception class at 10.00am for registration.

Tuesday 15th May –Transition Day (Please note: there will not be a Star Assembly on this day).

All current and prospective pupils will spend the morning with the teacher who will be taking them next year. Year 2 children will be taken to Clough House straight after registration. This is always an exciting morning for the children and we look forward to giving them a little taste of what to expect in September.

Friday 18th May 8.40am Pre-Prep French Chapel and Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their ‘Breakfast’ slips to Madame Crane. There is still time to order your coffee and croissants after the French Chapel service. We look forward to welcoming as many parents and friends as possible.

Wednesday May 23rd - Y2 return to Benacre for the Estate Open Day

A separate letter will be sent out next week.

Grandparents’ Day is on Friday 25th May this year between 11am and 2pm.

We love welcoming our children’s grandparents into school to look at their grandchildren’s work and share their fish and chip lunch! I know from the many letters we receive afterwards, how much the grandparents appreciate this opportunity and enjoy the day. Many of our children’s grandparents live far away, so please make them aware of the date to give them plenty of warning! Children without grandparents are always paired up with ‘spares’ on the day, so nobody feels left out!!

An invitation letter will follow.

The PTA Summer Masked Ball is on Saturday 16th June 7pm till midnight

This is always a fantastically enjoyable evening with 3 course meal, Auction of promises, raffle prizes and dancing. Please come along to support the members of the PTA who put so much hard work into giving us an evening to remember. Tickets are available from the school shop or Reception. See you there!

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