

11th January 2019

Dear Parent/Guardians

Welcome back to the Spring term; the children have returned refreshed and ready for the new school term and it's going to be a busy one. This week the children have been thinking about targets and resolutions for 2019. We have put a positive spin on this idea by saying what we "will do" instead of saying what we will "give up."

We have started rehearsals and castings for our end-of-term production this week. The play is titled 'Wind in the Willows'. All children will take part in the production in some way and they seem excited to have started preparations; it is only 11 weeks away! The performance dates are Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th April 2019; this is in the last week of this term; PLEASE do not book any holidays that leave early!

Next week the Year 6 pupils will sit entrance exams and take scholarship assessments; if parents have any queries about this process then do please ask.

This term's main sports are detailed below. Please ensure your child has the correct kit and protective equipment. It is clearly very cold at the moment, please ensure your child has enough warm clothing, such as skins.

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| Years 3 & 4 | Boys | Rugby | Games kit, rugby shirts, green socks, studded boots, gumshield |
| | Girls | Netball | Games kit |
| Years 5 & 6 | Boys | Football | Games kit, studded boots and shin pads |
| | Girls | Netball | Games kit |

A Spring Term fixture list has been put into the children's planners; please be aware that this document may change. Team sheets will go out as usual in diaries with selection and details about the fixtures. If your son or daughter is unable to participate in a fixture, then please email me as soon as possible. Even though the U9 rugby fixtures are 'tag rugby' Mr Currie will still teach them contact rugby in parts of the games lessons so they know how to tackle and be tackled safely; we ask that you purchase a gumshield.

Sadly, this term we have said farewell to Mr Barbrook who has left Saint Felix. He has undertaken a new adventure with "Little Gems" fruit and vegetable shop in Southwold. He will be missed but I am sure we see him around. We wish him the best of luck! So as one teacher departs another teacher arrives, Mr Mick Chapman will be taking over as the Prep Department Football Coach. Mr Chapman has a wide experience of football coaching and was the manager of Lowestoft Town FC. We are excited to have him on board. He had an excellent introduction lesson with Year 5 and 6 boys on Wednesday.

Sport

We have some excellent news of Isabelle Last's continued Cross Country success. On Sunday she ran in the U11 age group at an event in Thetford and came third overall. On Thursday she took part in the third round of the Anglian Cross Country Races held at Woodbridge School. In this event she came fourth! This is an outstanding achievement which means that Isabelle has qualified for the East Anglian Race on Saturday 2nd February 2019. We wish her the best of luck!

Joshua Tallamy (Year 3) and Lucia Franco-Key (Year 4) have been selected for the Suffolk County Tennis Squad. They have undertaken a busy schedule of training and fixtures. Last weekend they both triumphed three matches each. It is fantastic to see our pupils do so well!

Music

I was delighted to award the latest round of ABRSM music certificates in Chapel this morning. Congratulations to the following: Rima Jaohar, Saffron Vine, Lara Fisher and Esmae Shaw-Clutten.

I was also pleased to present Oliver Cooper and Ava Holmes with their Silver Awards. I must apologise that Hugo Whyte-Wood did not receive his Silver Award today - I will make sure to give this to him next Friday.

Polite notice

We ask that all parents are considerate when driving through the school site. Please ensure you observe the site speed limit, be aware of people crossing the roads, observe the one-way system on the drive and do not leave your cars idling when waiting.

Next week:

Tuesday 15th January

Year 6 Entrance Exams all morning
Year 6 Pips tests in the afternoon

Wednesday 16th January

Year 6 Scholarship Assessments (applicants only)
Year 6 Parents' Transition Evening with Mr Harrison and senior staff in Gardiner Hall 7pm
U11 A & B Netball vs Orwell Park at home 2.30pm

Thursday 17th January

Year 6 Scholarship Assessments (applicants only)

Friday 18th January

Year 6 Scholarship Assessments (applicants only)
U9A and U11A & B Netball vs Norwich Lower School at home 2.15pm

Other Important Dates:

Thursday 7th February – Senior School House Shout - Year 6 to attend starts at 6.30pm

Friday 15th February - Saint Felix Interhouse Cross Country 2pm

Saturday 2nd March - Finborough U11 Netball Tournament & U11 Football Tournament 10am-1pm

Tuesday 5th March - Year 3 Parents' Evening

Thursday 7th March - Year 5 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 12th March - Year 4 Parents' Evening

Thursday 14th March - Year 6 Parents' Evening

Saturday 23rd March - Spring Open Morning times tbc

Tuesday 2nd April - Preparatory Production – Dress Rehearsal 1.45pm

Wednesday 3rd April - Preparatory Production - Evening performance 7pm

Thursday 4th April - Preparatory Production - Evening performance 7pm

Yours sincerely

Miss Jade Wong
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