

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Announcement from the Headmaster, Mr James Harrison**

I am sad to announce that at the end of the summer term 2019, Mrs Sue Duckett, Head of Pre-Prep, will be retiring after 21 years' service at Saint Felix. Sue started as the Reception Teacher in 1998 and has gone on to teach over 300 Saint Felix children since then. I have successfully managed to convince her to reconsider retirement for the last couple of years but, on this occasion, even my heartfelt entreaties and best rhetoric has failed; Sue has a grandchild now and has rightly earned her retirement from active classroom service. From my point of view, as a Headmaster as well as a parent of a child who was once in her class, Sue is the epitome of what a teacher should be: kind, knowledgeable, committed, reflective and passionate about seeing all her pupils develop.

She has taught so many pupils in Senior and Clough and I make this announcement so that the whole school can join me in thanking her for her long and dedicated service to this school. I shall be making the appointment of a new Head of Pre-Prep after the Easter break.

**Prep Department newsletter**

We have enjoyed a lovely end of a very busy term in the Preparatory Department. I am sure you will agree with me that all the children performed exceptionally well in the two productions of 'Wind in The Willows'. It was superb to see the children enjoying themselves and showing off yet another side to their talents. I extend my thanks again to the children, parents and staff involved.

This morning in Chapel we were treated to the Pre-Prep Easter Celebration; they all performed so well, it was a pleasure to watch. I have been so impressed with the singing across the entire Pre-Prep and Preparatory Departments it is truly a credit to the music staff and all of their hard work!

I was also delighted to award the following certificates at the end of the performance in Chapel this morning:

**Silver Awards**

Emily Phelps (Year 6)

**Gold Awards**

Joshua Tallamy (Year 3)

**Platinum Awards**

Darcey Impson and Megan Fisher (Year 4)

This morning I had to raise the alarm of some very important news! I was certain I had seen a fluffy tail of some sort out on the Clough lawn. I went outside but could not see anything; then something small and shiny caught my eye...it was at that moment I knew *they* had been. There was only one thing left to do – I had to go and spread the news that the Easter Bunny had visited! The children were screaming with excitement and readied themselves for an Easter Egg Hunt! It was a joy to see all the children run wildly around the playground in search for chocolate eggs!

## **PE and Games**

This afternoon the games staff performed a full kit check to make sure all kit has been returned home. Please can I remind parents to label all item of sports clothing including trainers for when we return for the Summer Term. If you find any spare kit at home that does not belong to your child, then please return it to school. Thank you.

**Summer Term Kit:** Your child does not need their green polo top for the Summer Term.

*Boys:*

Cricket tops, cricket trousers, white cricket jumper (optional), green tracksuit bottoms, green hoodie, green shorts, white sports socks, trainers and swimming kit

*Girls:*

White sports top, cricket trousers (optional), white cricket jumper (optional), green tracksuit bottoms, green hoodie, green skort, white sports socks, trainers and swimming kit.

### **Summer Term Games Lessons:**

Monday – U9 Boys’ and Girls’ Cricket (Incrediball/Softball)

Wednesday – U11 Boys’ and Girls’ Tennis (Orange and Green Balls)

Friday – U9 Boys’ and Girls’ Tennis (Red and Orange Balls)

Friday – U11 Boys’ and Girls’ Cricket (Hardball)

(Please note that some fixtures may not be on the allocated games afternoon, for example, U11 may have a couple of cricket fixtures on Wednesday instead of Friday)

## **Sport**

**Swimming:** Last weekend, the Norwich Swan Open Meet took place at the UEA in Norwich. Some of the Prep swimmers had a very successful day at the meet:

Isla Webster won 9 Gold medals, Matilda Williams won 1 silver and 2 bronze medals, Rufus Carr won 3 gold and 1 silver medal, Samuel Barker-Harrison swam 4 personal best times and Darcey McDonough swam 3 personal best times.

I am also pleased to confirm that the Prep School Relay Team have qualified for the ESSA National Primary School Relay Championships to be held in Sheffield on the 15th June 2019, qualifying as the fastest school in the East Region! Well done to Rufus Carr, Ben Every, Isla Webster and Matilda Williams.

**Equestrian:** The Saint Felix Equestrian Team had a very successful trip to Forest Edge Arena on Saturday 30th March for the National Schools Equestrian Association Eventers Challenge qualifiers.

Charlie and Flora Macmillan, Louisa Everett and Jack Wilmot as a team came 4th in 70cm. A superb win for the 80cm team of Quim and Laia, and Cardona Carne, Louisa Everett and Jack Wilmot. Other member of the senior school also took part in this event and qualified for 3 finals at the All England Jumping Course, Hickstead NSEA Eventers Challenge Champs in May. A great day for everyone involved!

## **PTA**

### **Silver Smarties Challenge**

This Tuesday the children took home a letter from the PTA explaining their Easter challenge for the children. Every child has now been given a tube of smarties (to eat) and then try to fill with silver coins (20p/10p/5p) in payment for small acts of kindness, doing good deeds or completing chores at home. All tubes should be returned on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Saint Felix Spring Spectacle**

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April the PTA will be hosting a Spring Spectacle for the pupils in the Preparatory Department. The evening will consist of a variety of fun and games in the drawing room, as well as a movie in the music room. Popcorn and refreshments will be provided for everyone. The cost of the evening is £5 which will go towards raising money for Saint Felix Prep Department. If your son or daughter is interested, then please fill in the reply slip and return to the Clough office by Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019.

### **Stationery**

We would like to remind parents that the children should have a well-stocked pencil case including necessary items such as: pencils, ruler, rubber, sharpener, ink pen and ink cartridges (no biros please). We will of course provide any spare stationery that the children may need at school but we would like all children to come prepared with their own stationery. For more information, please email your child's form tutor directly.

### **First Day Back**

We return to school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April for the Summer Term. Please be reminded that girls should wear their summer dresses and white socks from this date. The girls in Year 6 may continue to wear their winter uniform skirt with a short sleeved white shirt and white socks. Boys may also short white sleeved shirts and of course grey school shorts.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

- 05.04.19 – PTA Silver Smarties Challenge
- 25.04.19 – Year 3 and 4 Trip to Suffolk Farm Fair 8.45am-4.00pm
- 26.04.19 – PTA Saint Felix Spring Spectacle 4.00-6.15pm
- 26.04.19 – Year 4 Trip to Norwich Castle 8.45am-4.00pm
- 26.04.19 – Year 5 Boys' Football Tournament at Worlingham Primary
- 29.04.19 – Year 3 and 4 Tennis Tournament at Saint Felix School
- 30.04.19 – Red Boys' Tennis at South Lee School 4pm start
- 01.05.19 – Year 4 to Year 8 Girls' Athletics Event at Ipswich School
- 02.05.19 – Orange Boys' Tennis at Framlingham College, Brandeston Hall
- 03.05.19 – U11 A and B Cricket vs Norwich High at home 2.15pm
- 06.05.19 – May Bank Holiday – No School
- 10.05.19 – Summer Concert at Holy Trinity Church, Blythburgh 7.00pm
- 18.05.19 – PTA Pop Quiz
- 04.06.19 – Whole School Transition Day
- 04.06.19 – Year 6 Transition Dinner
- 15.06.19 – Saint Felix Summer Ball
- 21.06.19 – Whole School Sports Day
- 24.06.19 – Clough Activities Week and Residential Trips
- 29.06.19 – Snappy Opera Rehearsal and Performance

Wishing you all a restful and fun Easter break.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Jade Wong  
Head of Preparatory Department