

29th June 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

All the children have appeared to enjoy their Activity Week away. Sadly I did not get to witness the very brave young children from Year 3 and 4 jump off various towers and high ropes. Mrs Heal, Mrs Evans and Mrs Nunn, have told me all about how proud they are of their pupils facing their fears. I had the pleasure of spending two nights and a day with Year 6 at Hautbois and two days of activities with Year 5, crabbing in Walberswick and at Ringsfield Eco Centre. Reports are that Year 5 also had a fantastic time at Manor Adventure. If you have not already done so, then please check out our Twitter feed which has lots of photos covering the events of this week. If you are not signed up for Twitter, then just search for @stfelixsch in your web browser and you will see the feed without signing up. My huge thanks, as always, to the staff for their hard work this week; I know for myself it is not easy working on a residential trip; long days and longer nights, often coupled with very early mornings and tired children!

Last weekend our Year 6 swimming relay squad travelled to the English Schools' Swimming Association National finals in Sheffield and I am delighted to inform you that the team won SILVER in both their races to retain the National Title for the FIFTH year running. My huge congratulations to Ben Every, Rufus Carr, Matilda Williams and Isla Webster for this very fine achievement.

Yesterday, selected pupils in Year 5 and 6 took part in the Suffolk County School Games Swimming Finals at Ipswich Crown Pools. Five pupils from Year 6 were collected early in the morning from Hautbios – I was not surprised to hear they had a snooze in the car! The Year 5 pupils left school at 9am and the whole team met in Ipswich. The swimmers involved were: Ben Every, Samuel Barker-Harrison, Darcey McDonough (all in Year 5) and Rufus Carr, Skye Staniforth, Isla Webster, Matilda Williams and Freddie Whyte-Wood (all in Year 6). Six of the pupils swam individual events and all eight took part in one of two relays: freestyle and mixed stroke. Overall they achieved a final score of 154 points which meant that Saint Felix WON THE GALA! This is a fantastic achievement as there were 17 schools involved! Next week I should have the results for the children's individual placings, as there were three heats per event. Well done to all of the pupils involved.

Notices for next week:

Please can you send your child to school with a named carrier bag – this is to bring various bits of work home.

Inter-House Swimming Gala: On Monday 1st July, **all children** from Year 3 to Year 6 will take part in the Inter-House Swimming Gala. Therefore, all children will need their swimming kit. There will be refreshments in the Refectory from 1.30pm and the gala will start at 2.00pm.

Bronte Sports day: On Tuesday 2nd July - if you have a son or daughter in Bronte, please remember to bring wellington boots for the Wellie Boot Race.

Leavers' Chapel: Next Friday 5th July we welcome you all to the last Chapel of the academic year. We look to start at 8.35am and will finish at a slightly later time of 9.15am.

Parents' Day – Saturday 6th July:

All pupils are required to attend in their full school uniform. Please deliver the children to their classrooms at 10am before taking your seats in the Sports Hall. Children should be collected at the end of prize giving from their teachers in the hall. Parents are welcome to picnic in the school grounds afterwards.

Summer Camps: Throughout the holiday, summer camps will be held at Saint Felix School. The children will take part in sports, orienteering, cookery, art, leadership skills, team building, mini tournaments and local trips. We welcome boys and girls from the age of 5-15 years old!

The camps are designed to keep your children busy during the first few weeks of the summer holiday! They will have the opportunity to learn new skills and build on existing ones! The summer camps will also support the Prep Department project to rebuild the shelter area in the Clough playground. We look to build new changing room facilities, a Year 6 common room and an indoor play space for all year groups to use. Sessions start at 9.00am with a 3.30pm pick up. For more information, please contact Miss Wong for a booking form jwong@stfelix.co.uk

Final Week of Summer Term:**Monday 1st July**

Prep Department Inter-House Swimming Gala (2pm start) . Refreshments will be available before the gala in the Refectory Café at 1.30pm. Parents are welcome to take their children home after this (approx. 3.30pm).

Tuesday 2nd July

Year 5 and 6 RNLI Swim Safe Beach Trip in Southwold
Bronte and Nursery Sports Day on Somerville Field, start time 9.45am
Year 3 Trip to the Lifeboat Centre in Southwold

Wednesday 3rd July

Year 6 Walk and Picnic
Year 3-5 Invitation to see snippets of Senior School Production

Thursday 4th July

Year 3 and 4 North Suffolk School Tennis Finals in Bury St Edmunds

Friday 5th July

Year 6 Leavers' Chapel Service
Last Full Day of school

Saturday 6th July

Parents' Day 10am (ALL children must attend)

Yours sincerely,

Miss Jade Wong
Head of Prep Department