



St. Philip's Newsletter

10th June 2022



Dear St Philip's Families,

I hope you all had a lovely half term and enjoyed the extra Bank Holiday in the sunshine.

Catholic Life

Thursday 26th May was St Philip's Day. The children enjoyed learning about our Patron Saint, St Philip Neri. He was born in Florence on July 21, 1515. From a very young age, Philip was known for being cheerful. He easily caught others' attention with his warm personality and incredible sense of humour. The children enjoyed learning about St Philip in PC groups and enjoyed telling jokes on St Philip's day too!

The 26th May also marked the feast of the Ascension. This is celebrated on the Thursday on the 40th day of Easter (or 39 days after Easter Sunday). The ascension literally means that Jesus ascended, or was taken up, to Heaven. This is significant as it shows that he has returned to Heaven after completing his mission on Earth.

Pentecost Sunday was 5th June this year. This week in assembly we explore the idea of the disciples as Superheroes-spreading the word of God and performing miracles. The children explored how they too could be disciple superheroes!

Trips, visits and memorable experiences

Year 1 and Year 4 had a fabulous visit to Drusillas. Year 1 children enjoyed an animal handling session and got to hold a snake, a cockroach, a gerbil and a skink (a type of lizard). They also enjoyed exploring and learning about all the different animals at our wonderful small zoo. Year 4 explored the habitats and adaptations of animals at Drusilla's Zoo. They were given a fascinating talk by James who explained about endangered animals and conservation. They also had a chance to meet a boa constrictor and a rat. This trip will support the children's learning whilst discovering animals' habitats and how their bodies are suited to their survival.

The Arts Council and some Reception children worked really hard on decorating a flag to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. This was then paraded by some of

our pupils who had worked on it at the Uckfield celebration, last Friday. The Year 6 and Reception special friends also decorated bunting, which was shown in the arena. We were delighted when we were awarded 2nd place in the flag competition! Thank you to all the pupils who represented us so well in the parade.

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to the library where they enjoyed a performance from the London Mozart Players. The company performed works from Roald Dahl's revolting rhymes - something which they explored in class last term, in their poetry lessons. Each musician shared some information about their own instruments, such as the French Horn, Clarinet and Piano. They all really enjoyed the dramatic reading from the narrator alongside the classical music which most of them have never experienced before!

Friends'

Many thanks to the Friends' for all their hard work on the Jubilee Disco. The children had a wonderful time and looked fantastic in their Union Flag hats, waving their flags! After school today, it's BBQ Bar and Ball Games on the Field. Do come along and join in the fun!

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend.

Joanna Sanchez

Diary Dates

June	
Fri 10 th	Friends' BBQ, Bar and ball games
Tues 14 th	Y2 Smugglers Adventure 3.45 – 5.15pm Y5&6 Stoolball Festival
Wed 15 th	Y6 Retreat at Mayfield
Thurs 16 th	6pm New Parents' Meeting
Wed 22 nd	Y6 Good Shepherd Liturgy at Worth
Mon 20 th	Sports Day – Infants am, Juniors pm parents welcome to attend
Mon 27 th	Reserve Sports Day
Wed 29 th	St Peter and St Paul Mass 12.45 – 2.45pm Y2 Top Play at Uckfield College (bottom field)

Thurs 30 th	12.45 – 2.45pm Y5 Top Sport at Uckfield College (bottom field)
July	
Tues 5 th	Y6 habitats day at Ashdown Forest 3.45 – 5.15pm Y5/6 Badminton Festival at Uckfield College (sports hall)
Thur 7 th	Transition morning
Fri 8 th	Reception & Y6 NHS National Childhood Measurement Programme Year 2 & Reception Seaside Day in school
Sat 9 th	Uckfield festival Parade
Mon 11 th	Zylo Drama Performance for Parents after school
Tues 12 th	Y3 Roman Workshop 2.15pm Teddy Bears' Picnic, Reception Class and new Reception Class
Sun 17 th	First Holy Communion
Mon 18 th	6.30pm Y6 Production
Tues 19 th	9.00 Y6 Leavers' Assembly Last day of school for children
Wed 20th	Inset Day – no children in school
Thurs 21st	Inset Day – no children in school
September	
Thurs 1st	Inset day – no children in school
Fri 2nd	Children return to school