



St. Philip's Newsletter

14th May 2021



Dear St Philip's Families,

It has been a busy hive of activity in school for the last two weeks – so much better than last year!

Catholic Life

Yesterday was the Feast of the Ascension, the fortieth day after Easter Sunday, which commemorates the Ascension of Christ into heaven. Usually we would celebrate with a Mass altogether, although this was impossible this year.

As we were unable to meet to celebrate the Good Shepherd Liturgy in person this year, Year 6 recorded their part on IMovie. The Good Shepherd Liturgy is a celebration of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. It is usually an opportunity for us to gather together with all the schools in the Diocese and it will be wonderful when we can do this next time. The children wrote and read bidding prayers, with a sung response of the Celtic Rune, 'Lord Hear our Prayer'. It was very moving and we look forward to sharing the whole Liturgy when it is edited together.

May is the month of Mary. We have been exploring the life of Mary in our assemblies and wondering how we can be brave just like her and say 'yes' to God. Our May service in Honour of our Lady was due to be filmed this week but has been delayed by rain! Let's pray for a bit of sunshine next week.

Staff Development

It has been good to return to high quality teaching and learning and professional development.

This week all staff completed a two session course with our educational psychologist about using visuals to support learning.

Mrs Dunne and I attended a certified course in Therapeutic Thinking, last week. Our Inset day before half term will develop this with staff. We will be developing a Therapeutic Approach to social, emotional and mental health needs in children, which seems timely given the year we have all had.

Moving Forward

The next lockdown easing does not bring any significant change for us, apart from the fact that residential trips are now permitted. We are, however, looking forward to 21st June!

Do check our growing list of diary dates, as life begins to pick up pace again.

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend.

Joanna Sanchez

Diary Dates - all subject to government guidelines at the time

May	
Fri 28th	INSET Day – school closed
31st – 4th June	Half Term
June	
Mon 7th	First day of term
Tues 8 th	School Nurse YrR & Y6
Tues 15 th	Individual photos Y5 Hermonceux Science Centre
Mon 21 st	Class photos
Tues 22 nd	Pirate Adventure day YrR & Y2
Thurs 24 th	New Parents Meeting
Mon 28 th	Sports Day
Wed 30 th	Y4 Drusillas
July	
Sat 3 rd	Summer Fair
Mon 5 th -7 th	Y6 Blacklands Farm Residential
Tues 6 th	Transition Morning
Fri 9 th	Y3 Bignor Roman Villa
Mon 12 th	Reserve Sports Day
Wed 14 th	2.15 Reception & Y1 Teddy Bears' Picnic
Mon 19 th	Y6 production
Wed 21 st	9am Leavers' Assembly Last day of term
Thurs 22nd	INSET Day – school closed
Fri 23rd	INSET Day – school closed
September	
Wed 1st	INSET Day – school closed
Thurs 2nd	First Day of School