



St. Philip's Newsletter

23rd September 2022



Dear St Philip's Families,

We have been very busy in school and the children have been having lots of exciting learning opportunities!

Catholic Life

In September and October 2022, the Relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes. The relics will be visiting three venues in our Diocese: • St Dunstan's in Woking - 21 October • Arundel Cathedral - 22 October • Worth Abbey - 23 October. Please visit this link to book:

<https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/>

As you are aware, we are reviewing our Mission Statement, in order to make it more memorable. The children all engaged in an activity this week, to explore what our vision, "Let your light shine," means to them. Do please email the office with your ideas, as we really want to incorporate the views of our families into our new Mission Statement.

Sports news

Ms Miles-Lewis is setting up a sports crew. Year 6 had a presentation on skills needed for the job and wrote a letter, telling us why they would be a good candidate. They will learn the skills to run a lunch time club and set up games stations for KS1. When the crew build up their confidence, they will move on to the KS2 play ground to create games/ challenges.

Our football team had a wonderful tournament this week. The boys all worked hard and we came 4th overall. We didn't lose a match or let any goals in – which is an amazing performance! Congratulations to Noah, Tom and Max in Y6 and Ralph, Zac, Baster, Theo in Y5.

Teaching and learning

Class teachers held 'Meet the Teacher' meetings for parents this week. We hope you found the meetings useful and informative. If you were unable to come to the meeting your child will bring home the Curriculum

Guide and the letter outlining RE which will be covered this term.

Children have been enjoying our new scheme of work TenTen. Taught with a spiral approach to learning, the programme includes teaching about personal health, physical and emotional well-being, personal relationships, life-cycles, the dangers of social media, and an understanding of the Common Good and living in the wider world.

The entire teaching is underpinned with a Christian faith understanding that our deepest identity is as a child of God – created, chosen and loved by God. The programme is fully inclusive of all pupils and their families. If you would like to find out more, please visit: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

The infant classes thoroughly enjoyed watching a puppet show on Thursday called 'Goldifox.' Whilst having lots of interactive fun, they learnt about how a well known story can be altered and heard lots of great adjectives along the way too!

On Wednesday, Year 5 enjoyed a trip to Newhaven Fort. They learnt about what life was like on the Home Front during World War II and got the chance to handle some amazing artefacts. The children had an air raid experience, before exploring the rest of the fort. They enjoyed looking at all the different exhibits and had some great historical discussions. In the afternoon, the children explored the fort, having fun wandering around the ramparts and exploring the tunnels and lighting passages hidden around the fort.

Year 6 visited Bedgebury Pinetum, this week, as part of their science work. Pupils explored the coniferous trees in the Pine and Cypress family and how they have evolved. Children played a pollination game and an evolution game to help develop their understanding. They observed five different trees in the pinetum, noticing how the trees have adapted to suit and survive in their native environment.

The children behaved wonderfully on both trips and were a credit to the school. Thank you to all the helpers who made these trips possible.

Friends'

Friends' AGM The Friends AGM was held last week on zoom and it was great to welcome some new families. I am pleased that Clive Christian has agreed to serve another year as Chair, he brings a wealth of prior experience to the role and we are very grateful for him giving his time and experience to the role. Selena Lewis will continue as treasurer, Gemma Beckwith as Secretary and Lynne Bull as Hospitality manager. Many thanks to them for all their hard work over the last year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ruth Colley for all her hard work over the last two years, keeping a sense of community alive through difficult times. Do remember as parents of children at St Philip's you are automatically a member of the Friends and are welcome at all our events.

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend
Joanna Sanchez

Diary Dates

September 2022	
Mon 26 th	European Day of Languages
Tues 27 th	1.00 -3.00 – Sponsored Walk 3.45 Football A match, Manor
Weds 28 th	Y1 trip to Bodiam Castle 3.45 1.30 -3.pm Cross country at Rocks Park
October	
Mon 3 rd	2.45 Grandparents' assembly followed by tea and cake – grandparents welcome to attend
Tues 4 th	3.45 Y3/4 Football B League at Manor
Wed 5 th	Y2 Library visit am
Fri 7 th	12.00 Frugal lunch, parents welcome to attend Y6 classroom
Tues 11 th	East Sussex School Health - Y6 only National Childhood Measurement Programme 3.45 Y3/4 Football A League at Manor
Wed 12 th	KS1 Harvest Liturgy in the hall – parents welcome to attend
Tues 18 th	Parents' evening 3.30 – 6.00

	3.45 Y4/5/6 Girls Football at Manor
Wed 19 th	1.15- 3.00pm Football Tournament at Manor
Thurs 20 th	Parents' Evening 5.00 – 7.00
Fri 21 st	Flu Nasal Spray Reception – Y6
w/c 24th	Half Term Week
November	
Tues 1 st	All Saints Mass
Thurs 3 rd	9.30 Prospective Reception Parents Open Morning
Tues 8 th	3.45 Basketball at Uckfield College Sports hall
14 th – 18 th	Anti-bullying week – theme Reach Out Monday – wear odd socks for Odd Socks Day
Tues 15 th	Y3 Preston Manor 3.45 – 5.10pm Indoor Athletics at Uckfield College Sports hall
Thurs 22 nd	9.30 Prospective Reception Parents Open Morning
Mon 28 th	9.00 Advent Liturgy led by Y6 – parents welcome to attend
Wed 30 th	Boccia Festival
December	
Tues 6 th	10.00 Reception & KS1 Nativity – parents welcome to attend 3.45 KS1 Multi skills Uckfield College Sports hall
Wed 7 th	2.00 Reception & KS1 Nativity – parents welcome to attend
Tues 13 th	6.00 KS2 Nativity – parents welcome to attend
Thurs 15 th	Christmas Dinner and dress up day
Fri 16th	2.00 Carols followed by mince pies – parents welcome to attend Last day of term
January 2023	
Tues 3rd	INSET day – no children in school
Weds 4th	First day back at school for children
July	
Thurs 20th	INSET day – no children
Fri 21st	INSET day – no children