



St. Philip's Newsletter

24th June 2022



Dear St Philip's Families,

The end of the summer term is always an incredibly busy time in school. We have had a multitude of events with still more to come!

Catholic Life

Year 6 attended the Good Shepherd Liturgy last week. This is an annual celebration of our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. They learnt about the symbolism of the Sacred Heart and were guided in a Mass by Bishop Richard Moth. It was an uplifting and joyous occasion, after which they enjoyed a picnic in the grounds of Worth.

Year 6 had a lovely, spiritual day at Mayfield School last week. Pupils were thinking about the transitions they will soon be making into secondary school and reflecting on their journeys through primary school. Ronan, the Chaplain at Mayfield, commented: *"The boys and girls from St Philip's are welcome here anytime! They were a credit to themselves, their families and their school. I found them to be a thoroughly impressive group."*

Welcome

Last week, we welcomed our new Reception parents at our annual New Parents' meeting. It is always exciting to welcome new families to our community and I know Year 5 will be looking forward to getting their Special Friends. On Tuesday 12th July, we have invited them to a Teddy Bear's Picnic with our current Reception parents; this will be a lovely way for us to start to get to know each other.

Trips, Visits and Memorable Experiences

Year 2 had a great time visiting the smuggler's caves in Hastings. They learnt about different smuggler gangs, smuggler life and the punishments they would face if they were caught. They also discovered what items were smuggled in the 1700-1800s and how they avoided being found out using secret codes! Year 2 also enjoyed a sunny lunch by the beach!

Ryan from Zyllo Performance came in and spoke to the school about Filmmaking Club, a local out-of-school club. The children enjoyed watching some examples of

films that had been made during the club. For more information please see the leaflet that your child has been given.

Children from across the school enjoyed a workshop from Same Sky making structures for the Uckfield Festival Parade. Their work looks amazing. Do come along and join in the fun on Saturday 9th July.

Teaching and Learning

It is the time of year when teachers are busy finalising their assessments. Year 6 and Year 2 have both attended moderation sessions with the Local Authority and we are very happy that all their judgements have been agreed. I am very proud of how hard the children have worked this year – it has been a pleasure to watch them grow and learn.

We are now in a position to be able to tell you where staff will be teaching next year. Children will have a chance to spend time in their new classroom with their new teacher on Thursday 7th July. Mrs Britton will be taking maternity leave and we have employed Miss Shaddick for the year, an experienced year 1 teacher, who will be joining us for the transition morning on 7th July. In KS2 next year, we will be using our teaching assistants more flexibly. Our support staff have been undertaking training to give them different skills in supporting children's learning and they will be working with children morning and afternoon, using their skills, as appropriate, to help children achieve the best outcomes. Mrs Neill will continue to support children across Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 with focused intervention groups in the afternoon.

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| Reception | Mrs Costen | Mrs Drysdale |
| Year 1 | Miss Shaddick | Mrs Smith |
| Year 2 | Mrs Burman | Mrs Neill |
| Year 3 | Mrs McCurdy (Mon-Weds) Mrs Brown (Thurs,Fri) | Mrs Gregory, Mrs Miller and Mrs Everest |
| Year 4 | Mr Davis | |
| Year 5 | Miss Nolan | |
| Year 6 | Mr McCurdy | Mrs Masrani (part time) and Miss Pescott (part time) |

Sports news

Children from year 5 and 6 attended the Stoolball event last week. They took part in some skills games and then two non-competitive matches (which they won!). Well done to Esi, Ollie H., Oliver H, George and Denise (Y6) and Tallulah, Benjy, Kendall and Max (Y5).

Sports Day was held in glorious weather this week. The children enjoyed many races, including the hurdles and the egg and spoon race (my particular favourite). The Green team won the relays and everyone earned plenty of stickers. There was a wonderful community atmosphere; with everyone cheering for the last ones over the line and children having a go, because they wanted to, even when they found something difficult. I was particularly impressed with how smoothly the event ran and the kindness our year 6 children displayed to the younger members of our school community. Everyone showed excellent sporting behaviour, winning and losing graciously. It was a wonderful day.

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend
Joanna Sanchez

Diary Dates

| June | |
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| Wed 29 th | 9:30 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 | |
| Fri 1 st | Y6 Athletics Holy Cross |
| 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 |
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| Wed 20th | Inset Day – no children in school |
| Thurs 21st | Inset Day – no children in school |
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| September | |
| Thurs 1st | Inset day – no children in school |
| Fri 2nd | Children return to school |