



St. Philip's Newsletter

20th November 2020



Dear St Philip's Families,
Another two weeks have passed, as we continue our journey towards Advent.

Catholic Life

November is a month when traditionally we remember those who have passed away. It is also the month when we celebrate Remembrance Day. In our assemblies over the last two weeks, we have explored Remembrance and the symbolism of the poppy, in addition to partaking in the two minute silence.

In our Year 5/6 assembly on Wednesday, we examined "The Parable of the Talents" from the Gospel of Luke. We discussed how this fits perfectly with our aim to "Let your light shine!" and how we can make the best of our talents to make a difference in the world.

We are pleased to announce that we will still be doing nativities this year. Our Reception children will take part in a simple nativity and our infant and junior nativities will still take place. We will be recording these and sending them to parents. We are asking for a £1 donation per child to contribute to the cost of this.

Our Christmas dinner and dress up day will still be happening on Wednesday 16th December. Children can come to school in Christmas fancy dress, Christmas colours or just add some tinsel to their outfit in return for bringing in a donation for the CAFOD World gifts appeal. Do take a look at : <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk> to see what our donations can buy to support families in developing countries.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week has been anti-bullying week. Children all wore odd socks to school on Monday as an opportunity to celebrate difference and our uniqueness. Children have taken part in a variety of activities around this theme, which fits perfectly with our mission as a Catholic School. Everyone is welcome in our community.

Admissions 2021

We hope to resume individual after school tours when the lockdown ends on 2nd December. Do encourage any new families to contact the office if they would like to look round our school. Also, don't forget the

deadline of 15th January for all documents to be returned to us and the online application completed.

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend
Joanna Sanchez

School Uniform Reminder (Winter)

From October half term

Boys: grey trousers, white shirt, bottle green pullover (available with the school crest) and school tie (green with yellow stripes), grey or black socks.

Girls: green skirt or tunic, or grey tailored trousers (not jersey), white blouse, green cardigan or pullover (available with the school crest) and school tie, white socks or bottle green tights.

Footwear: black shoes that fit firmly to the feet.

Hair Accessories: all hair accessories should be in school colours i.e. black, white or bottle green.

Diary Dates

November	
Tues 24 th	Diwali Dance Workshop
Fri 27 th	Y3 Victorian Day
Fri 27 th	Reception – Emergency Day
December	
Fri 4 th	Y4 & Y6 Architecture Workshops
Wed 16 th	Christmas dinner and dress up day – bring a donation for CAFOD
Fri 18 th	Last day of term
January	
Mon 4 th	First day of term
Fri 29 th	Reception vision screening
May	
Fri 28 th	INSET Day – school closed
July	
Mon 5 th -7 th	Y6 Blacklands Farm Residential
Thurs 22 nd	INSET Day – school closed
Fri 23 rd	INSET Day – school closed