



St. Philip's Newsletter

4th October 2019



Dear St Philip's Families,

Catholic Life

Mrs O'Sullivan from CAFOD came to deliver a Harvest assembly this week. The children learnt about the work of CAFOD supporting families across the globe, exploring the life of Fabiano, who has a long daily walk to collect water. Donations from our Frugal Lunch on Friday 18th October will go to CAFOD's Harvest appeal. This week we have celebrated Grandparents' Week. Children have been encouraged to find out about their grandparents and today we will celebrate the contribution grandparents make to their grandchildren's lives in a special assembly. As Pope Francis said, "Grandparents are a treasure in the family. Please, take care of your grandparents: love them and let them talk to your children!"

The Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman will take place in St Peter's Square in Vatican City on 13th October, almost 130 years after he died. Cardinal Newman will be the first English saint since the Forty Martyrs were canonised in 1970, and the first British saint since St John Ogilvie in 1976. He will also be the first English person born since the 17th century to be declared a saint by the Catholic church. The Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Vincent Nichols said: "Cardinal Newman's exploration of faith, depth of personal courage, intellectual clarity and cultural sensitivity make him a deeply admired follower of Christ. His ministry, especially among the poor, is a permanent sign of the Church's pastoral compassion and a challenge to us all today." To quote John Henry Newman, "A man would do nothing if he waited until he could do it so well that no one could find fault." So... as a new school year gets well underway, let us all remember we can only do our best!

Teaching and Learning

Reception parents were invited to a Phonics and Reading presentation last week, where they had the opportunity to find out how we teach reading and how they can support their child at home.

Trips and Visits

Y1 visited Bodiam Castle as part of their topic Princesses and Knights. They had a great day taking part in a workshop examining medieval clothing, medicine and armour and even got to pretend to be an invading army!

Friends

The Friends AGM was held last week. Although only a few parents attended, I am sure many of you will help out at events. I am pleased that Clive Christian has decided to serve another term as Chair, Debbie Rowland as treasurer and Lynne Ball as Hospitality manager. We are very grateful to them for all their work. Remember as parents of children at St Philip's you are automatically a member of the Friends and are welcome at all our events.

Sporting news

The Sponsored walk was a great success – the weather was beautiful and a great time was had by all. Congratulations to Isabel Y5, Eli Y4 and Alfie Y1 who were the first three children to complete their laps. Many thanks for all your sponsorship and many thanks to all the children who seemed to complete more laps than ever!

Our Cross country competitors ran fantastically this week with grit and determination. Well done to all of them. The team all tried their best and their behaviour was excellent throughout. The girls' team finished 4th place overall and the boys' team finished 10th overall. Isabel Y5, Erin Y6 and Alex Y6 all qualified for the next stage of the race by finishing in the top 8 runners. Well done, Isabel, Erin and Alex!

Our Football teams have been busy competing with some great success. Team A came joint first in their tournament with goals scored by Lucas in Y6. Team B came third in their tournament with goals scored by Laurence, Michael D and Andrew in y6. Both teams showed great sportsmanship and were a credit to the school. Well done to them and many thanks to Mrs Mullins and Mrs Miller for organising these events and accompanying the children.

European Day of Languages

Children from all classes had the opportunity to experience different languages on the European Day of Languages on Wednesday. Children learnt songs, made posters and learnt to say hello in a variety of languages, including Spanish, French, and Polish. Miss Nolan, our Languages co-coordinator was very excited by the buzz of languages around the school.

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend
Joanna Sanchez

Reminders

If you are worried or concerned about anything, do speak to your child's class teacher. If your concern persists do speak to the appropriate member of our leadership team.

All our events are listed in diary dates, which are emailed to parents and available on our website.

Please remember that if children wear boots to walk to school in they do need school shoes to change into for the day.

Please bring any sponsored walk monies to the office as soon as possible, Thank you.

Diary Dates

October	
Mon 7th	INSET Day – no children in school
Tues 8 th	Y4/5/6 girls' football 3.45-5.15 Manor
Tues 8 th – Fri 11 th	Book Week – dress as a book character on Tuesday Scholastic Book Fair opens
Thurs 10 th	KS1 Puppet Theatre Y5 Mayfield Retreat
Tues 15 th	Y3/4 football 3.45-5.15 Manor
Weds 16 th	2.30 Harvest Liturgy led by KS1 – parents welcome to attend
Fri 18 th	Frugal Lunch 12.00 parents welcome to attend
Mon 21 st	Y2 Library Visit
Tues 22 nd	Parents evening 3.30-6.00
Weds 23 rd	NHS childhood measurement Y6 and Reception 1.15-3.15 Y5/6 football tournament Manor
Thurs 24 th	Y5 World War 2 workshop Parents evening 5.00-7.30
w/c Mon 28th	Half Term

November	
Thurs 7 th	9.30 Prospective Reception Parents Open Morning
Tues 6 th	Y5/6 Basketball taster at UCTC
Mon 11 th – Tues 12 th	Y5 to Hindleap
Mon 11 th	Anti-bullying week
Weds 20 th	Individual photos
Tues 26 th	9.30 Open Morning for prospective parents
Tues 27 th	3.45 Y2 multi-skills at UCTC
Fri 29 th	YR – Y6 Flu nasal spray vaccination
December	
Mon 2 nd	9.00 Advent liturgy led by Y6 – parents welcome to attend
Weds 4 th	Y3 Preston Manor/Booth Museum visit
Tues 10 th	KS1 Christmas play 2.00– parents welcome to attend
Weds 11 th	KS1 Christmas play 9.30– parents welcome to attend
Mon 16 th	KS2 Christmas Play 6.00– parents welcome to attend
Thurs 19 th	Christmas Lunch and Dress up Day
Fri 20 th	Carols followed by mince pies 2.00– parents welcome to attend
January	
Mon 6 th	9.00 Epiphany Assembly – parents welcome to attend
Fri 24 th	Enterprise Day
May	
w/c 18 th May	Fairthorne Manor Y6
June	
Mon 8 th	Reception vision screening
July	
Fri 17 th	Last day of school for children
Mon 20th	INSET day – no children in school
Tues 21st	INSET day – no children in school