



# St. Philip's Newsletter

25<sup>TH</sup> May 2018



Dear St Philip's Families,

## **Sports news**

Year 3 and 4 took part in the first stage of 'The Road to Eastbourne' Tennis competition. We entered two teams; both teams played brilliantly and I am very pleased to say that one of our teams won the event. They will be travelling to the Weald tennis club on 7<sup>th</sup> June to represent the Wealden area in the next stage of the competition. Many congratulations to Alex, Aiden, Henry, Ollie, Dylan, Erin, Annabelle and Ava Grace. I am sure you will join me in wishing them good luck for the next stage.

## **Trips and Visits**

Year 3 enjoyed a visit to Wakehurst place as part of their Rainforest Explorers topic. They got to explore different natural products found in the rainforest, go on a jungle walk and create some ephemeral art.

Year 6 enjoyed a transition retreat at Mayfield School, which involved a number of activities aimed at preparing the children emotionally and spiritually for secondary school. They were encouraged to find a positive angle to problems they might face and celebrate their own self-worth. They also had a great lunch!

Reception enjoyed their visit to Spring Barn Farm, where they got to stroke rabbits, feed the rooster and were fascinated by a woolly pig! They also got to go on a train ride and look at all the lambs.

Year 4 have finished their world cooking and have enjoyed tastes of food from all around the globe. This week, their food of choice was Caribbean. Miss Feldman would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who helped so much with all the cooking.

Theo and Gaby in year 5 went on Playground leaders training last week. We are looking forward to seeing how they can help us to improve our playtimes.

## **Catholic Life**

The Feast of the Ascension has been moved from the Sunday to the Thursday 40 days after Easter Sunday.

We attended mass at St Philip's to celebrate this newly reinstated Holy Day of Obligation.

Today we celebrated our May Service in honour of Our Lady. Year 5 led us beautifully in our Liturgy and it was lovely to be joined by so many members of our community. Many thanks to Father Ian for helping us with this special service.

## **Teaching and Learning**

Year 6 worked very hard in SATs last week and both Mrs Wilding and I are very proud of them. Well done, Year 6 for all your hard work during your time at St Philip's. We will miss you when you move onto your new schools.

Our Reception class's work was moderated by the Local Authority last week. They were very impressed with the range of experiences our children have been offered and the quality of their work. Many thanks to Mrs Costen and Mrs Tungate for all the hard work they put in to provide so many exciting learning opportunities for our youngest children.

With very best wishes for a half term

Joanna Sanchez,

## **Contacting staff**

Please be aware that it is very difficult for staff to speak to you for any length of time at 8.45 as they have the rest of the class with them at this time. Staff are always happy to arrange a time to talk to you about your child – just ask them at the end of the day or email/phone the office to arrange a mutually convenient time.

## **Congratulations to**

Peter, Y6, achieved his brown belt in karate.

Ollie Y2 who achieved his British Gymnastic level 3 proficiency award.

Emily Y6 awarded a trophy for Cheerleader of the Year 2018 for the Competition squads.

Talee Y6 will be performing several piano pieces at a charity concert showcasing talent from young people in Uckfield. The concert is at 6.30pm on Thursday 14

June at Cornerstone Church on New Town. Entry to the concert is free but there is a retiring collection in aid of the Children's Respite Trust. Please come along and support her fundraising efforts!

<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET day – no children in school</b>
<b>September</b>	
<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>INSET day – no children in school</b>

### Diary Dates

<b>May</b>	
<b>w/c 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Half term</b>
<b>June</b>	
w/c 4 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 to Little Canada
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Hever Castle
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	1.00 KS2 Athletics at Holy Cross
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	YR Mass 12.30 Y3/4 Tennis Festival at Weald
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	First Holy Communion Mass
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Bikeability
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 to Drusillas
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Boothland Woods pm Y2 Smugglers Caves
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 New Parents' Meeting for YR 2018
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Mass
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	St Philip's Tournament
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 to Knockhatch
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup>	Road Safety Day Y4 Good Shepherd Liturgy
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y6 Mass
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day – Infants am, Juniors pm
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Top Play
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Safety in Action Y6 Y4 Top Sport
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 St Peter and St Paul Mass for First Holy Communion Children
<b>July</b>	
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.15 Picnic for current YR and YR 2017; children and parents welcome to attend
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Reserve Sports Day
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Mass
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Own clothes day – bring a bottle for the Summer Fair Summer Fair
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	Uckfield Festival Y3
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Countryside Day
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	Uckfield Grand Prix
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 Y6 production
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 Y6 Leavers' Mass
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 Y6 Leavers' Assembly Last day of school for children