



St. Philip's Newsletter

22nd September 2017, Term 1, Week 3



Dear St Philip's Families

Teaching and Learning

All classes have now had an opportunity for parents to 'Meet the teacher'. These meetings have been very well attended and I hope you found them informative. If you were unable to attend, your child should have brought home a curriculum guide and RE sheet outlining learning for this term.

I am pleased to say that Mrs Wilding has become part of a Teaching Research Group, looking at improving the teaching of mastery in maths. We are really looking forward to the new ideas she will bring in to enhance teaching and learning in our school.

St Philip's have been selected as one of 30 schools in the south east to take part in Roar2017. The children are being challenged to create a product that will change the world for the better. The best products will be selected for a final later in the year.

Stunning starts

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!

Year 4 had an exciting Egyptian Day with Miss Feldman. They got to experience Mummy Wrapping, Egyptian Ball and Pyramid Building. Meanwhile, Year 3 was treated to a surprise Victorian Day. They entered school to be greeted by Miss Nolan dressed as a Victorian teacher and to find their classroom rearranged into rows. Their learning consisted of copying and reciting poetry and chanting times tables. They also got to experience Victorian games, playing with spinning tops and playing hopscotch.

Friends

The Friends' AGM was held this week and it was good to see lots of you there. I am very pleased that Amy Lines has decided to serve another term as Chair and Ric Mears as treasurer. We also welcome Foyzia

Anderson as Vice Chair and Mel Podmore and Courteney Miller as Hospitality managers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Laura Darchez for all her hard work as Vice Chair, especially her work organising the Summer Fair. Do remember, that as a parent of children at St Philip's you are automatically a member of the Friends' and are welcome at all our events.

Sporting news

Year 5 took part in the Olympic Festival at UCTC this week. They had a wonderful time experiencing different games activities. They got to play Boccia, goalball, football and Badminton.

Children from Years 1, 2 & 3 enjoyed a free 'Le Tennis' Taster Session. Many thanks to Tim for giving our children this opportunity.

Catholic Life

It was lovely to come together as a whole school community to celebrate our Mass for the start of the new school year.

Year 6 also enjoyed celebrating Mass as a class this week. They particularly enjoyed the special prayerful atmosphere created by them coming together as a class. Many thanks to Father Ian for celebrating Mass with the children.

It was lovely to welcome our new Year R parents to tea and biscuits last Friday. The children have settled in well and I'm sure the parents have started to make some friendships which will last many years.

Next week is Grandparents' week. We will be holding our Grandparents' assembly at 2.30 on Monday 2nd October, so do remind Grandparents to put this date in their diaries.

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend

Joanna Sanchez

Diary Dates

September	
Mon 25 th	Y5 WW2 Day
Tues 26 th	3.45 Y5/Y6 Football at Manor
Wed 27 th	Y3 Swimming starts
Thurs 28 th	Yr 6 & Reception Class height and weight
October	
Mon 2 nd	Grandparents' Assembly 2.30 in the hall – grandparents invited to attend Little Way Week
Tues 3 rd	Visit from 'Enable Me' charity 3.45 Y5/Y6 Football at Manor
Wed 4 th	1.30-3.00 Cross Country at Rocks Park
Fri 6 th	Frugal Lunch 12.00 parents welcome to attend
Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th	Book Week Scholastic Book Fair opens
Mon 9 th	2.30 Harvest Liturgy in the church – led by KS1 – parents welcome to attend
Tues 10 th	Y5 Retreat to Mayfield 3.45 Y4/Y5/Y6 Girls Football at Manor
Wed 11 th	1.00-3.00 – Football Tournament at Manor
Fri 13 th	Book Week Dress up as a book character
Tues 17 th	Parents evening 3.30-6.00
Thurs 19 th	Parents evening 5.00-7.30
w/c Mon 23 rd	Half Term
November	
Weds 1 st	9.00 All Saints Mass
Thurs 2 nd	9.30 Prospective Reception Parents Open Morning
Mon 13 th – Weds 15 th	Y5 to Hindleap
Mon 13 th	Anti-bullying week
Tues 14 th	YR – Y4 Flu vaccination 3.45-5.15 Indoor Athletics at UCTC
Thurs 16 th	Y3 Victorian trip to Bridge Cottage
Wed 22 nd	9.30 Open Morning for prospective parents
December	
Mon 4 th	9.00 Advent liturgy led by Y6 – parents welcome to attend
Mon 11 th	11.00 Service of reconciliation at

	church led by Y4
Thurs 14 th	KS1 Christmas play 2.00 in the church – parents welcome to attend
Mon 18 th	KS2 Christmas Play 6.30 at St Philip's church – parents welcome to attend
Tues 20 th	Christmas Lunch and Dress up Day
Weds 20 th	Carols followed by mince pies 2.00 at church – parents welcome to attend