



St. Philip's Newsletter

25th February 2022



Dear St Philip's Families,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term and managed to survive the storms without too much damage. We have sustained some damage to our roof and gained the roof from the council buildings in our forest area! Luckily, Mr Marsh was able to make the forest area safe to use and our builders are prioritising our roof for repair.

Catholic Life

Pope Francis based his Message for Lent 2022 on a passage from St Paul's Letter to the Galatians, "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all" (6:9-10). Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of Lent, is next Wednesday 2nd March. Children will bring home their Lenten Calendars and we are hoping the Mission Together Collection boxes will arrive soon. This Year we are raising money for 'Together in Malawi'. Do have a look at the following link for more information <https://missiontogether.org.uk/together-in-campaigns/>

Trips, Visits and Special Days

Year 1 have been learning about data handling in maths with a focus on pictograms and block graphs. They went outside and stood on the grass bank to complete a traffic survey of vehicles on Wednesday morning. They then used the data they collected to make a block graph. You may have spotted them -they had lots of friendly waves from drivers!

Do remember that World Book Day is next Thursday 3rd March. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Holiday Requests

The school have recently received several requests for holidays during term time. Unfortunately, we are unable to authorise any request for holidays and are required to report any unauthorised absence to the East Sussex Attendance Service. They then make a decision on whether to fine parents for unauthorised

absence. The current level of fine is £60 per parent per child.

Governors' Day

Tuesday 22nd February 2022 was National School Governors' Awareness Day. On this day, our Governors spent the day in school, visiting classes and talking to children about their learning. They were very impressed with our enthusiastic, articulate children and our wonderful teaching staff. The Governors of St Philip's do a great job in supporting the school and I would like to extend our thanks to them for their time and commitment.

Fairtrade

Our RE council are working towards maintaining our Fairtrade Status, which is the final level of the Fairtrade Award. We have already held several events this week, including a Fairtrade cake sale, which raised £110.90 for the Fairtrade Foundation. Many thanks for all your donations of yummy cakes! The RE council will be reviewing our Fairtrade Policy and the children have also been engaged in Fairtrade activities in class. Yesterday, we were lucky to welcome a speaker from the Fairtrade Foundation in a Special Assembly. The children learnt about how Fairtrade can make a real difference to the lives of the people in developing countries.

Parents' evening

It was wonderful to be able to welcome you into school again for our parents' evenings and it was encouraging that the vast majority of parents were able to attend. If you were not able to come along, your child's class teacher will phone you to discuss your child's progress.

Online Safety Week

The children learnt all about how to stay safe online last week. We held a special assembly and the children covered this issue in PC groups and in class. The theme this year is "All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online". Children have been engaging in a range of activities exploring how to stay safe and act responsibly when using online apps and games. Do

have a look at <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers> for ideas to help keep your child safe online.

Congratulations to:

Grace (Y4) who passed her Orange stripe belt 8th KYU in karate over the half term. Well done, Grace!

Welcome to:

Ralph (Y4) and Madison (Y2) we hope you have a wonderful time as part of our St Philip's Family

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend

Joanna Sanchez

Diary Dates

February	
Mon 28 th	KS2 Author Visit
March	
Mon 1 st	Y3/4 Tag Rugby coaching at Uckfield College (bottom field) 3.45 – 5pm
Wed 2 nd Wed-Fri	Ash Wednesday Liturgy in the hall (Parents welcome to attend) Y6 Hindleap Residential trip
Thurs 3 rd	World Book Day; children can dress as their favourite book character
Mon 7 th	Year 4 Vikings and Anglo Saxons Day
Tues 8 th	Y6 Greek Day Y5/6 Tag Rugby coaching at Uckfield College (bottom field) 3.45-5pm
Wed 9 th	KS1 Author Visit
Fri 11 th	Y3 Wakehurst Place
Tues 15 th	Y3/4 Tag Rugby Competition at Uckfield College (bottom field) 3.45 – 5.15pm
Thurs 17 th	10.05 Lent Penitential Service
Tues 22 nd	Y5/6 Tag Rugby Competition at Uckfield College (bottom field) 3.45 – 5.15pm
Wed 23 rd	Y5 Herstmonceux Science Centre
Fri 25 th	Samba workshop
Wed 30 th	9.00am Palm Sunday liturgy led by KS1 in the hall
April	
Fri 1 st	Stations of the cross

	Last day of school for children
w/c 4/4/22 & 11/4/22	Easter Holidays including Monday 18th April
Tues 19 th	First day back at school for children
May	
Mon 16 th	Y5 Anne of Cleves House
w/c 30 th	Half term week
June	
Wed 22 nd	Good shepherd liturgy
July	
Mon 18 th	6.30pm Y6 Production
Tues 19 th	9.00 Y6 Leavers' Assembly Last day of school for children
Wed 20 th	Inset Day – no children in school
Thurs 21 st	Inset Day – no children in school