



St. Philip's Newsletter

20th January 2017, Term 3, Week 3



Dear St Philip's Families,

The term is starting to fly by and it feels as if we have never been away from school. I hope you are all enjoying these bright, frosty days and keeping nice and warm.

Baptism of the Lord

Last Monday, we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord with a Liturgy. We reflected how our faith offers us the chance to start again and considered how we could offer that opportunity to those around us.

Buddy Assembly

This Monday, Den came to school to help our Buddies present an assembly. Our school council asked for Buddies and so we bought a Buddy Bench and arranged training with Den, who works across the Uckfield Town Alliance schools. The Buddies reminded the children about their role and how to use the Buddy Bench, if they are feeling sad or lonely. I am very proud of our kind children who volunteered to train as Buddies and who spend their break times helping others. They really are living our Mission statement by 'showing care and compassion for each other.'

Film Night

The children all enjoyed 'Finding Dory', although the torrential rain and forecast snow meant we had to cancel the fireworks again. Many thanks to Mrs Wills for arranging this event and to all the Friends' who helped out on the day.

Panto

After many rehearsals and lots of hard work, The Friends' delighted us with their production of Little Red Riding Hood. Many thanks to Julia Shelley for co-ordinating the Panto and to all the actors and those behind the scenes who give up a lot of time and put in a huge effort. I think a great time was had by all ☺.

Y2 Fire station

Year 2 had a fantastic visit to the Fire station on Monday and really enjoyed learning all about fire, linked to their topic about the Great Fire of London.

Many thanks to the parents who helped walk in the cold and bitter weather and to Mrs Hughes for arranging this very popular trip.

YR dressing up day

YR had a fantastic day dressing up and taking part in fun activities related to their book 'Room on the Broom.' They all looked wonderful and had an exciting day as a stunning start to their new topic.

Advisor Visit

Yesterday, our School Advisor visited and spent time with our subject leaders. Developing middle leadership is a key priority from our recent Ofsted inspection. He was very impressed with their work and commented on the excellent progress they have made in their leadership journey and the impact that this has had on the teaching of foundation subjects at St Philip's.

Breakfast Club

We are very pleased to say that our Breakfast Club Kitchen has been awarded a 5 star hygiene rating. Well done to Mrs Laughlan and Mrs Anderson for keeping our kitchen so sparkly and clean! If you would like any further information on the breakfast club, please contact the school office.

A Message from CAFOD

"CAFOD would like to thank the students, staff and parents for their generosity in raising £267.57 to help reduce poverty and bring about sustainable change in some of the poorest parts of the world. Thank you for your support and prayers. To find out about CAFOD's work please go to cafod.org.uk."

Phonics and spelling workshop

After the success of our maths workshop, we will be holding a reading workshop at 3.30 on Thursday 2nd February and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend
Joanna Sanchez

Toy Donations

If you are getting rid of any toys as a result of a post-Christmas clear out, please can you check if you have any of the following toys as we are looking for suitable items for specific activities in the Infants:

- Toy cars/lorries which make noises
- Small toys which have flashing lights/spin
- Small push button toys which make noises/talk

If you have anything suitable, please can you drop them off in the office.

Emergency Closure

In the event of snow, enough staff are able to get to school, so that we will only have to close if the site is unsafe. If we need to close, we will make an announcement on the school website, email parents and publish information on East Sussex County Council Website and the local media. In the event of snow, the school website homepage will always say whether the school is open or closed that day.

Diary Dates

Mon 23rd	Y4 RNLI visitor
Tues 24 th	1-3 Y6 Sports Hall Athletics Beacon Academy
Weds 25 th	1-3 Swimming Gala
February	
Thurs 2 nd	3.30 Phonics and reading workshop for parents
Tues 7 th	3.45-5.15 Badminton at UCTC
Tues 7th	3.30 Parents' evening
Thurs 9th	5.00 Parents' evening
w/c Mon 13th	Half term
Weds 22 nd	Y6 Greek Day
Tues 28th	3.45-5.00 Y3/4 Tag rugby coaching at UCTC
March	
Weds 1st	Ash Wednesday Liturgy in church
Thurs 2nd	1-3 Olympic/Paralympic festival UCTC
Fri 10th	12.00 Frugal Lunch in Y5 – parents welcome to attend
Tues 14th	3.45-5.15 Y3/4 Tag Rugby at UCTC
Tues 21st	3.45 Y5/6 Tag Rugby at UCTC
Weds 15 th	Y3 trip to Bignor (return at 4.00)
Mon 27 th	2.30 Palm Sunday Liturgy led by KS1 in the hall
Weds 29 th	Year 1 visit to Bluebell railway
Fri 31st	2.30 Stations of the cross led by Y6 in church
April	
Mon 3 rd – Mon 17th	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 18th	First day back at school for children
May	
Mon 1st	May Bank Holiday
w/c 29 th	Half term
July	
Thursday 20 th July	INSET day – no children in school
Friday 21 st July	INSET day – no children in school