



St. Philip's Newsletter

6th May 2022



Dear St Philip's Families,

As we continue our Easter journey, the sun has started to shine and we are reminded of the joy of the Resurrection. "For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day". (John: 6: 40)

Catholic Life

May is the month of Mary. During May we celebrate the life of Mary, the mother of God and her bravery in following God's will. "Let us so that all young people, called to live life to the fullest, may discover in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage of faith, and dedication to service". (#PrayerIntention: Pope Francis)

Lara (Y5) had the wonderful idea of holding a cake sale to raise money for Ukraine. After a lot of baking and a busy time selling, she sold out and raised £111.25. Well done Lara, for your community spirit and hard work. Lara would also like to thank you for some very generous donations.

Thank you for returning your Mission Together red boxes. Altogether we raised £68.43 for the Pope's children's charity, supporting children around the world.

Trips, visitors and memorable experiences

Uckfield Schools launched their Resilience award last week at the Civic Centre. The award has five parts, based on the five pillars of mental wellbeing:

Connect: (Include everyone in our social community, listen, be there, be a good friend)

Give: (volunteer, time, your presence, your thanks)

Take **Notice:** (watch out and notice others and be kind/caring, remember the things that give you joy, notice nature)

Keep **Learning:** (be curious, think hard)

Be **Active** (exercise, go outdoors)

If your child would like to take part, all details are on our website:

<https://www.rockspark.e-sussex.sch.uk/resilience-award>

Year 1 enjoyed a day out at the Bluebell Railway last week. They were all able to climb up onto the footplate of the steam engine to see the train controls and the fire that heats the water. They had a lovely journey to Kingscote Station and they spotted lot of things out of the windows on their way. They also looked in the museum and the Loco Shed and even went into the signal box and practised changing the signal and ringing the bell!

Sports news

The children were treated to a cricket taster day on Monday. Ollie Smith from Sussex cricket delivered an assembly to the whole school and Y1, 2, 3 & 5 also had the opportunity to take part in a taster session introducing them to fielding, batting and bowling skills, a great time was had by all! If you would like to register your child for cricket sessions outside of school, All Stars Cricket is the national ECB programme for boys & girls aged 5-8, aimed at providing a fantastic, fun & safe first experience of cricket. For more information about the programme please visit allstarscricket.co.uk you will also find a link to Dynamos cricket for children aged 8-11.

Children from year 5 and 6 took part in an inter-schools hockey tournament. They played brilliantly and won the tournament! Not only did they win, but they displayed excellent sporting behaviour, being a credit to our school. Congratulations to Caelan, Eli, Ollie H, George, Oliver H and Florence from Y6 and Benjy, Ben and Arthur from Y5. A big shout out to their top supporter Mr Foot as well 😊

Last week, year 4 children took part in the Road to Eastbourne tennis competition. We came second overall – a great result. The children had a wonderful time and represented our school well. Congratulations to Baxter, Rolf, Cassie, Rubie, Eva, Grace, Zac and Theo.

Playground updates

Children from year 4, 5 and 6 also had some Buddy training this week. They will now be able to look out for others on the playground and help everyone to feel included and have fun.

Ewan and Josh (Y5) took part in Playground Leadership training this week. They learnt to use equipment to create their own games and show others how to play them. They had a fantastic time and the organisers commented on how helpful and thoughtful they were. Well done, boys, you are a credit to St Philip's. Many thanks to the Friends' for their donation of £70 for playground equipment. The school council have chosen some great resources which should be arriving soon.

Congratulations to:

Shinghai (Y1) who achieved his green belt in karate on Sunday 24th April. Well done Shingai!

Kendall (Y5) who achieved silver at the acrobatic gymnastics inter regional championships in Southampton with his partner at the weekend.

Friends' news

The Friends have an exciting calendar of events throughout the summer term as follows:

1. Bake, Bring and Buy - table top sale and cakes. After school on Fri 13th.
2. Jubilee Disco. After school on Fri 20th (most have already paid)
3. BBQ, Bar and ball games. Fri 10th June on the field.
4. Ad hoc lollies and ice creams on Fridays after school

They need Mary Berry bakers, stall holders, Disco dancers, pizza cookers, bar staff, bread and buns, cooking equipment, alcohol etc

If you can help please join the Facebook group (Friends of St Philips) or WhatsApp conversation via 07882449651

Diary Dates

May	
w/c 9th	Year 6 SATS week
Fri 13th	Friends' Bake, Bring & Buy table top sale and cakes
Mon 16th	Y5 Anne of Cleves House
Tues 17th	3.45 – 5.15pm Y5/6 Rounders Uckfield College (bottom field)

Thurs 19th	11. 00 May Service in honour of Our Lady in church/outside (weather dependent) parents welcome to attend
Fri 20th	Friends' Jubilee Disco
Thurs 26th	Y2 Pizza Express
w/c 30th	Half term week
June	
Mon 6th	Back to school for children Y1 & Y4 Drusilla's
Wed 8th	12.45 – 3.15pm Y5/6 Athletics afternoon at Holy Cross
Fri 10th	Friends' BBQ, Bar and ball games
Mon 13th	St Philip's Catholic School's Football and Netball tournament
Tues 14th	3.45 – 5.15pm Y5&6 Stoolball Festival
Wed 15th	Y6 Retreat at Mayfield
Thurs 16th	6pm New Parents' Meeting
Wed 22nd	Y6 Good Shepherd Liturgy at Worth
Mon 20th	Sports Day – Infants am, Juniors pm parents welcome to attend
Mon 27th	Reserve Sports Day
Wed 29th	St Peter and St Paul Mass for First Holy Communion Children 12.45 – 2.45pm Y2 Top Play at Uckfield College (bottom field)
Thurs 30th	Y2 Smugglers Adventure 12.45 – 2.45pm Y4 Top Sport at Uckfield College (bottom field)
July	
Tues 5th	Y6 habitats day at Ashdown Forest 3.45 – 5.15pm Y5/6 Badminton Festival at Uckfield College (sportshall)
Tues 12th	Y3 Roman Workshop 2.15pm Teddy Bears' Picnic, Reception Class and new Reception Class
Mon 18th	6.30pm Y6 Production
Tues 19th	9.00 Y6 Leavers' Assembly Last day of school for children
Wed 20th	Inset Day – no children in school
Thurs 21st	Inset Day – no children in school