



# St. Philip's Newsletter

**Aim High. Work Hard. Do Your Best.**  
**25<sup>th</sup> September 2015, Term 1, Week 4**



Dear St Philip's Families,

It was lovely to welcome our new Year R parents to tea and biscuits last Monday. This was the first day all the children were in school together. The children have settled in well and I'm sure the parents have started to make some friendships which will last many years.

We also welcomed our new reception children to our first whole school mass. It was lovely to be joined by parents and members of the local community to celebrate the first mass of the year.

Y1 were lucky with the weather on their trip to Bodiam Castle. They had a great day bringing their learning to life and represented our school well. Thank you to Miss Colbran for organising the trip and to the parents who helped, without whom, this trip would not have been possible.

Children from across the school led us beautifully in our New Beginnings Liturgy. We all enjoyed hearing about their new beginnings and the opportunity to have tea and biscuits afterwards. Thank you to Deacon Ken for taking part in our liturgy and to the Friends for organising refreshments.

This week there has been 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 will bring home a curriculum guide and an RE sheet outlining learning for this term.

The Friends AGM was held this week and it was good to see lots of you there. I am pleased that Carine Roberts has again been elected as Chair and we welcome Amy Lines as Vice Chair and Ric Mears as treasurer. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rebecca Christian for all her hard work as treasurer.

We have started a Meditation session with the children following staff training last week. Meditation has been shown to have many benefits for behaviour and learning; improving concentration, and mental well-being. Teachers have already begun to notice the positive benefits in their classes.

Next week is Grandparents' week, a Diocesan opportunity to celebrate the contribution Grandparents make to our children's lives. On Friday afternoon at 2.30, we would like to invite Grandparents to a special assembly, followed by tea and biscuits. Please do encourage your child's grandparents to come along.

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend  
Joanna Sanchez

## **Parking**

Please do not park in the Disabled space if you do not have a disability. Some families really need to use this space and you are preventing them from being able to access the school. Thank you. Please also remember that the drive to the right hand side of the school is for staff and deliveries only – at any time.

## **Term time absence**

You are probably aware that central government changed the regulations on term time holidays and that headteachers are now no longer able to authorise holidays. If your child is going to be absent from school for reasons other than illness or medical appointments, please can you fill in an absence form (available from the office or on our website) and return to the office.

## **Year 6 Parents**

Each child in Year 6 was given a leaflet titled 'Going up to Secondary School?' If your child is in Year 6 you must apply by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015.

## **Data Checking Sheets**

Thank you to all those families who have returned these so promptly. Please could any families who have not returned these do so as soon as possible.

<b>October</b>	
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Grandparents' Assembly 2.30 in the hall – grandparents invited to attend
Fri 9th	Frugal Lunch 12.00 parents welcome to attend
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 Harvest Liturgy in the church – led by KS1 – parents welcome to attend
Friday 16th	9.00 Curriculum and Assessment Workshop Book Fair Day 1
Mon 19th	Book Week Book Fair Monday - Thursday
Tues 20th	Parents evening 5-7.30
Thurs 22nd	9.30-10.30 Open Day for prospective parents Parents evening 3.30-6.30
Fri 23rd	INSET day – no children in school
w/c Mon 26th	Half Term
<b>November</b>	
Fri 6th	INSET day – no children in school
Mon 9th	Y5 to Hindleap
Mon 16th	Anti-bullying week
Thurs 19th	3.30 Maths workshop for parents
	9.30- 10.30 Open Day for prospective parents
<b>December</b>	
Thurs 3rd	11.00 Service of reconciliation at church led by Y4
Friday 4th	Christmas Shopping Event and Carol Singing – time tbc
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair 11-2
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Christmas play 2.00 in the church – parents welcome to attend
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Play 6.30 at St Philip's church– parents welcome to attend
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Mass followed by mince pies 2.00 at church – parents welcome to attend