



St. Philip's Newsletter

6th November 2020



Dear St Philip's Families,

We are all glad of some cold crisp weather and an end to all the rain, as we head into another difficult period for the country.

Catholic Life

Although many of the known saints have their own feast day during the year, on November 1 we remember them all through the Solemnity of All Saints. Many of us have Saints that are special to us, because of an act in their life or because they are protectors over different aspects of life, such as St. Anthony for lost things or St. Vitus who acts as the patron saint against oversleeping. For the saints that we do not have as much information about, or for those whose feats are still relatively unsung, the day offers an opportunity to commemorate their accomplishments and to pray to them, asking for their intercession.

Equality and diversity

As you are aware one of our key priorities this year is to review our curriculum and teaching to ensure equality and diversity. October was Black History Month; children explored famous historical figures and events from a range of cultures and backgrounds and enjoyed an assembly on Martin Luther King. They were surprised that the Stevie Wonder song 'Happy Birthday' was written for Martin Luther King's birthday, as they all recognised the chorus. We decided Black History Month was a great event and that it was important to go above and beyond this, ensuring everyone is fully reflected in all our learning.

Congratulations to: Lara, Maya, Beatrice, Max and Olivia P in Y4 who have learned all their times tables and won their maths sets. Well done for all your hard work!

Thanks

The Sponsored Walk total keeps increasing! We have received another £408, so the total now stands at £1867.50. This is the most money we have ever raised so thank you so much for all your support.

Memorable Experiences

Year 5 enjoyed a World War II day before half term, bringing their topic "We'll Meet Again" to life. They got to sit in an Anderson Shelter, put out bombs and fires and spotted spies. They looked wonderful in their 1940's costumes and really enjoyed the day.

Year 1 enjoyed a Medieval Banquet as part of their Princesses and Knights topic. They made gingerbread rolls, and took part in a banquet where they got to eat with their hands. Everyone had a great time!

Parents' evening

It was good to see so many of you at our remote Parents' Evenings before half term. We were pleased with the low number of IT difficulties we experienced on the night. It is important for us to work together to secure the best outcomes for your children. If you are ever worried about your child, do please contact the office and ask for a telephone appointment with their teacher, who will be happy to speak to you. If you were unable to attend, your child's teacher will phone you to discuss their progress.

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend
Joanna Sanchez

Diary Dates

November	
Mon 16 th	Odd Socks Day – Anti –Bullying Week
Tues 24 th	Diwali Dance Workshop
Fri 27 th	Y3 Victorian Day
December	
Fri 4 th	Y4 & Y6 Architecture Workshops
May	
Fri 28 th	INSET Day – school closed
July	
Mon 5 th -7th	Y6 Blacklands Farm Residential
Thurs 22 nd	INSET Day – school closed
Fri 23 rd	INSET Day – school closed