



# St. Philip's Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Term 1, Week 1



Dear St Philip's Families,

## Welcome Back

I hope you all had a good summer and are now starting to get back into the rhythm of school life. It is good to be back in school and lovely to welcome the children and hear all their news. They have made an excellent start and I anticipate a happy and successful new academic year. A very warm welcome to all the new children and their families who have joined us this year, including our new Reception children. We also welcome Olivia in Y1, Emily and Michael in Y3 and James in Y5. We hope you have a wonderful time at St Philip's and enjoy being part of our school community. We also look forward to welcoming our new Site Manager, Mr Marsh, as soon as the paperwork is finalised.

## Uckfield Carnival

St Philip's came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Uckfield Carnival – a fantastic achievement! Well done and many thanks Nadine Nightingale and the team for all their hard work.

## New Beginnings Liturgy

Children from across the school led us beautifully in our New Beginnings Liturgy. I was very impressed with their reading and their joyful singing. We all enjoyed hearing about their new beginnings. Thank you to Deacon Ken for taking part in our liturgy and to the huge number of parents who came along. We even had to put out another row of chairs!

## Curriculum

I have been impressed by the way that the children have settled to their work and the good learning which is taking place. I do hope your child has been telling you about the topics they are working on this term. Class teachers are holding 'Meet the Teacher' meetings for parents from 18<sup>th</sup> September. They take place in your child's classroom at 3.30. A crèche will be provided for younger siblings. If you are unable to come to the meeting your child will bring home the Curriculum Guide and the letter outlining RE which will be worked on this term.

## Forest area

Over the summer, our new Forest area has started to take shape. We now have a lovely pond for the children to use and the final fencing arrived yesterday. It is very exciting that the children will now be able to engage in more outdoor learning. Many thanks to the Friends' for all their hard work fundraising for our new Forest area.

## Uniform

The children have returned to school looking very smart in their school uniform. Thank you for supporting our uniform policy. Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that, if worn with skirts/pinafores/dresses, tights should be green and socks white. Thank you for your help in this matter.

## Coffee morning

The Friends' will be holding a coffee morning for reception parents on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00 in the hall. This is a lovely opportunity get to know new friends. Thank you to the Friends' for organising this and I look forward to meeting many of our new parents there.

## Friends' AGM

This will take place at 7.00 on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September in the hall. Do come along and find out about all the amazing events the Friends organise and how you can get involved – any small amount of help is very much appreciated.

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend

Joanna Sanchez

## Term time absence

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 our website) and return to the office. Please remember that I am unable to authorise any request for term time holiday and following the recent legal case, all unauthorised holiday of 5 days or more will result in a fine of £60 per parent per child.

### Break time snacks

Please can you remember that snacks brought into school need to be healthy and that only water should be in water bottles that are brought into class. (This does not apply to lunchtime drinks). Also, due to allergies, we are a Nut Free School (this includes Nutella). Thank you for your help and consideration.

### Diary Dates

<b>September</b>	
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 New Beginnings Liturgy – parents welcome to attend
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Le Tennis Taster sessions for Y1, Y2 and Y3
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 mass for the start of the new school year - parents welcome to attend
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception parents tea and coffee in the hall
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher Y1 & Y2 3.30 in the classroom
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher Y3 & Y4 3.30 in the classroom
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher Y6 3.30 in the classroom
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 trip to Bodiam Castle 9.00 -12.00 – Y5 at Olympic Festival at Manor
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the Teacher Y5 3.30 in the classroom
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1.00 -3.00 – Sponsored Walk
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 WW2 Day
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	3.45 Y5/Y6 Football at Manor
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Swimming starts
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 & Reception Class height and weight
<b>October</b>	
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Grandparents' Assembly 2.30 in the hall – grandparents invited to attend
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Visit from 'Enable Me' charity 3.45 Y5/Y6 Football at Manor
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	1.30-3.00 Cross Country at Rocks Park
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Frugal Lunch 12.00 parents welcome to attend
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week Scholastic Book Fair opens
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 Harvest Liturgy in the church– led by KS1 – parents welcome to attend

Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Retreat to Mayfield 3.45 Y4/Y5/Y6 Girls Football at Manor
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	1.00-3.00 – Football Tournament at Manor
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parents evening 3.30-6.00
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parents evening 5.00-7.30
w/c Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Half Term
<b>November</b>	
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.00 All Saints Mass
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 Prospective Reception Parents Open Morning
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> – Weds 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 to Hindleap
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-bullying week
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	YR – Y4 Flu vaccination 3.45-5.15 Indoor Athletics at UCTC
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Victorian trip to Bridge Cottage
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 Open Morning for prospective parents
<b>December</b>	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 Advent liturgy led by Y6 – parents welcome to attend
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 Service of reconciliation at church led by Y4
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Christmas play 2.00 in the church – parents welcome to attend
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Play 6.30 at St Philip's church– parents welcome to attend
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch and Dress up Day
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup>	Carols followed by mince pies 2.00 at church – parents welcome to attend