



# St. Philip's Newsletter

28<sup>th</sup> June 2019



Dear St Philip's Families,

The end of the summer term is always an incredibly busy time in school. We have had a multitude of events with still more to come!

## Catholic Life

Year 6 attended the Good Shepherd Liturgy last week. This is an annual celebration of our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. It was an uplifting and joyous occasion. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't good for the picnic in the grounds of Worth this year, but a lovely time was still had by all.

The 29<sup>th</sup> June is the feast of St Peter and St Paul. The Bishops' Conference has moved any Holy Days of Obligation that fall on a Saturday to the Sunday. We marked this occasion with a Mass to celebrate our First Holy Communion children. It was wonderful to see the children in their Communion outfits again and to welcome so many family members to share this occasion with the school community.

## Trips and Visits

Y4 enjoyed a visit to Drusillas as part of their "It's good to be green" topic. They took part in a rainforest workshop and got to handle millipedes and a snake.

As part of their Seaside topic, Year 2 visited Smugglers Caves in Hastings. They learnt all about smugglers and had a picnic on the beach and did some great writing when they got back.

Y1 enjoyed a visit to Boothland Woods as part of their 'In the Wild' topic. They had fun exploring the natural environment in our locality.

Year 6 have enjoyed a fantastic week at Little Canada in the Isle of Wight – quad biking, tunnelling and canoeing are just some of the exciting activities they experienced. They are due back later today. I would like to thank Mrs Wilding, Mrs Best and Mr Mayhew for accompanying the children on the trip – it is a massive responsibility to be responsible for 31 children 24 hours a day and without their help this would not be possible.

## Teaching and Learning

Last week, we were visited by our School Improvement Partner. She was very impressed with the quality of education our children receive and wonderfully polite and well behaved children.

It is the time of year when teachers are busy finalising their assessments. Reception and Year 2 have both attended moderation sessions with the Local Authority and we are very happy that all their judgements have been agreed. I am very proud of how hard the children have worked this year – it has been a pleasure to watch them grow and learn.

## Sports News

Sports day was a great success. Many thanks to Mrs Mullins for her superb organisational skills. We are very lucky to have a specialist PE teacher to work with our children here at St Philip's. Our helpers from Year 6 and 2 also did an amazing job. The weather was perfect; not too hot and sunny, but warm enough to enjoy the event. Congratulations to the Green team who won for the first time in nearly 20 years!

Year 2 enjoyed Top Play this week – they experienced a range of multiskills activities and represented our school particularly well. They were commended for their excellent behaviour. Year 4 also enjoyed Top Sport – taking part in a range of more skilled sporting activities from netball to Boccia. Thank you to all the adults who helped with these sporting activities.

## Welcome

To Elysia in year 2, we hope you and your family enjoy your time at St Philip's.

## Congratulations

To: Eva (Y1), Elizabeth (YR), Lara (Y2), Denise (Y3), Corin (Y4), Darcey (Y5) and Oliver (Y6) who all won the Uckfield Town council poster competition and have an exciting voucher to spend on toys.

## Summer Fair

The Summer Fair was a huge success. There is a huge amount of organisation that goes into this event and I would like to thank all the Friends and in particular Clive, who has done so much for the Friends' this year. It was a great day and raised lots of money for the school. Thank you for all coming along and supporting the event.

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend  
Joanna Sanchez

Diary Dates	
<b>July</b>	
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3.45-5.15 Y5/6 Badminton 2.45 Y4 Recorder Asseembly
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y1 Drusillas Trip
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup>	Uckfield Festival
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	St Philip's Tournament
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	Art Council Trip
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	2.15 Cushion Mass
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception – Holywell Beach
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 Y6 production
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 Y6 Leavers' Assembly Last day of school for children
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>INSET day – no children in school</b>
<b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>INSET day – no children in school</b>
<b>September</b>	
<b>Weds 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET day – no children in school</b>
<b>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>First day back at school for children</b>