



St. Philip's Newsletter

24th February 2017, Term 4, Week 1



Dear St Philip's Families,

I hope you all had a lovely half term. We have had a very busy start this week and the children have been learning through lots of fun activities.

Enterprise Day

Enterprise Day was a great success and I would like to thank the children, staff and parent helpers for all their hard work. The children learnt some valuable lessons about supply and demand, sales and marketing and profit and loss, which I hope will stand them in good stead later in their lives. Congratulations to everyone for their fantastic efforts during Enterprise week. Here are the results, based on net profit:

Reception	£32.95	Raystede
Year 1	£93.17	WWF
Year 2	£52.00	Chestnut Tree Hospice
Year 3	£52.10	Wateraid
Year 4	£46.60	Cancer Research UK
Year 5	£70.42	Cancer Research UK
Year 6	£79.75	Chestnut Tree Hospice

It's great that the children have managed to raise so much money for these worthy causes.

Parents' evening

I was pleased that the vast majority of parents were able to attend Parents' evenings. If you were not able to come along then your child's class teacher will phone you to discuss your child's progress.

Governors' Day

On Wednesday before half term, our Governors spent the day in school, visiting classes and talking to children about their learning. They were very impressed with our enthusiastic, articulate children and our beautiful learning environments. The Governors of St Philip's do a great job in supporting the school. We are currently recruiting for foundation Governors, if you are interested in this position, please do ask at the office.

Trips and Visitors

Tuesday was a really busy day for the children of St Philip's. Year 5 had great time learning about science in a hands on practical way as part of their topic, Earth and Beyond at Herstmonceux Science Centre. Year 6

enjoyed a Greek Day in school, experiencing Greek food and culture and Year 2 had a Great Fire of London Day, where they got to write in code like Samuel Pepys and set fire to their houses!

Safer Internet Week

The children learnt all about how to stay safe online during the week before half term. I was very impressed with the children's knowledge of how to be careful about pictures and information they post online, in order to keep themselves safe.

Facebook

St Philip's has a new way of keeping up to date with important information and key dates – our new Facebook page! Please have a look using the link <https://www.facebook.com/Stphilipscatholicprimaryschool/> and like and follow us to receive updates.

East Sussex are consulting on term dates for 2018-19

You can make your views heard (before Friday 10th March, at: <https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/>)

Fairtrade Fortnight

Next week is the start of Fairtrade Fortnight. As a Catholic community, we believe strongly in social justice and Mrs Hughes has been working hard to gain Fairtrade status for the school. Look out for our Fairtrade tuckshops and do ask your children what they have been learning about Fairtrade in school.

Lent

"The purpose of our mission: to identify the material and immaterial needs of the people and try to meet them as we can... It is love of others, as our Lord preached." Pope Francis.

Next week, we mark the start of Lent. Do please join us for our Ash Wednesday Mass in the church at 9.30 and our Liturgy for KS1 in the hall at 10.45. Children will be bringing home their Lenten Calendars and Mission Together Collection boxes. This Year we are raising money for 'Together in Kenya'. Do have a look at the following link for more information. <http://www.missiontogether.org.uk/materials-20162017>

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend
Joanna Sanchez

Diary Dates

February	
w/c 27 th Feb	Fairtrade fortnight 3.15 Violin Parents' meeting
Tues 28th	3.45-5.00 Y3/4 Tag rugby coaching at UCTC
March	
Weds 1st	9.30 Ash Wednesday Mass in church KS2 10.45 Ash Wednesday Liturgy in school KS1
Thurs 2nd	1-3 Olympic/Paralympic festival UCTC
Fri 3 rd	Y3 visit Pizza Express 2.45 Flute assembly – parents welcome to attend
Mon 6 th	10.30 Reconciliation Service and opportunities for individual reconciliation
Weds 8 th	Year 4 visit to Sealife Centre
Fri 10th	12.00 Frugal Lunch in Y5 – parents welcome to attend
Tues 14th	3.45-5.15 Y3/4 Tag Rugby at UCTC
Tues 21st	3.45 Y5/6 Tag Rugby at UCTC
Weds 15 th	Y3 trip to Bignor (return at 4.00)
Weds 22 nd	Class Photographs
Mon 27 th	2.30 Palm Sunday Liturgy led by KS1 in the hall
Fri 31st	2.30 Stations of the cross led by Y6 in church
April	
Mon 3 rd – Mon 17th	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 18th	First day back at school for children
May	
Mon 1st	May Bank Holiday
Fri 26 th	10.00 St Philip's Day Mass 12.00 Family Picnic
w/c 29 th	Half term
June	
Thurs 29 th	2.00 St Peter and St Paul Mass for First Holy Communion Children
July	
Fri 14 th	2.00 Y6 Leavers' Mass
Weds 19 th	9.00 Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Thursday 20th July	INSET day – no children in school
Friday 21st July	INSET day – no children in school

September	
Mon 4 th	INSET day – no children in school
Tues 5 th	INSET day – no children in school
Weds 6 th	First day at school for children