



# St. Philip's Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> March 2022



Dear St Philip's Families,

The children have been very busy learning through lots of fun activities and it has been wonderful to have a buzz of excitement in the school for the first Spring term in 3 years.

## Catholic Life

As a school, we are working towards renewing our Fairtrade Status, which is the final level of the Fairtrade Award. We have already held several events. The School Council are reviewing our Fairtrade Policy and we have held a Fair Trade Bake Sale to promote the use of fair Trade ingredients. This raised £110.90 for the Fairtrade Foundation. Thank you so much for all your wonderful baking! The children have also been engaged in Fairtrade activities in class. Last week, we were lucky to welcome Sam, from the Fairtrade Foundation, in a Fairtrade Assembly via Zoom. The children learnt about how Fairtrade can make a real difference to the lives of the people in developing countries.

Deacon Ken joined us for our Ash Wednesday Liturgy, which was led by year 5. It was lovely to welcome some parents too. We all had the opportunity to reflect on the times when we have not said yes to Jesus and also receive the ashes. It was a very thoughtful and reflective service and it was very special to be able to share this together again as a community.

Children have brought home their Lenten Calendars and their Mission Together Collection boxes.

Mission together is the Pope's children's charity for overseas mission. Please encourage your child to save a few coins in their box during lent. Boxes can be returned to school after Easter. To find out more about Mission together please have a look at the following link: <https://missiontogether.org.uk/>

Jan from Cafod came in to talk to the children about how we can support those less fortunate than ourselves during Lent. She talked about the work of Cafod supporting those overseas. Cafod are working hard to support Ukrainian refugees at this time and money raised from our Frugal Lunch will help to support this work. Please take some time during Lent,

to pray for the Ukrainian people. This is Cafod's prayer for Ukraine:

Loving God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.  
We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.  
We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.  
May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.  
Amen.

## Memorable Experiences

Year 4 took part in a Viking and Anglo Saxon day on Monday. They all dressed up in of the era clothing, before taking part in some Viking games. They played a version of Kubb, which is supposed to involve the skulls and femurs and some ribs of your deceased enemy, but they decided that hoops, cones and tennis balls were a much safer option! They then all sat down to enjoy some Anglo Saxon lunch, which was a vegetable soup based item, with pearl barley, leeks, cabbage and onions. They were all involved in cutting the vegetables up before Vice Chief Everest produced some wonderful cooking to put it all together. Many of the children enjoyed the dish, although claimed that some chicken would have made it better! They also marked out the length and width of a longboat, attempting to imagine what the journey from Scandinavia to Britain would have been like.

Year 6 had an amazing residential at Hindleap Warren. They trekked through the vast forest (getting extremely muddy) and challenged themselves with the 'Leap of Faith', this involves jumping from a high platform to a trapeze – you have to be very brave to do it! They also enjoyed the Climbing Tower and Pentagon and they honed their archery skills. They represented St Philip's very well and learnt a lot about teamwork and trust.

Many thanks to Mr McCurdy, Mrs Best, Mrs Everest and Mrs Miller for making this trip possible.

Year 6 also enjoyed an Ancient Greek workshop where they got to experience, Greek theatre, a mini Olympics and also learnt to barter and haggle in the marketplace! They looked amazing in their Greek costumes and had a great day.

The children all enjoyed coming in dressed as their favourite book character on World Book Day. The costumes were amazing and some people had been planning for months. Congratulations to Lola (YR), William C (Y1), James T (Y2), Bernie (Y3), Grace (Y4) and Benji (Y5) for the best costume in each class.

KS1 children enjoyed a visit from the author Peter Bentley. He is the author of some wonderful picture books, such as Diggory Digger and the Dinosaurs, The Great Balloon Hullabaloo, The Cat, the Mouse and the Runaway Train and many others. Reception enjoyed a storytelling and game session with his book, 'A Home Full of Friends'. Year 1 enjoyed reading one of his recent books, 'Goldilocks in Space', on the theme of the planet, travel, space, fairytales with a strong girl lead, followed by an activity, then time for Q&A. Year 2 enjoyed a slightly longer book (Chitty Chitty Bang Bang), activities and time for Q&A. Look out for more World Book day activities over the next week and don't forget to visit our Book Fair after school.

### Sports News

Year 4,5 & 6 attended their training sessions for the upcoming Tag Rugby tournaments. The training session involved playing invasion games, passing practice and defensive practice, before going on to play a practice game. They returned home very muddy! We look forward to seeing how the training will help them in the tournament.

### Curriculum news

We use Language Angels to support our Spanish teaching at St Philip's. Parents can access the new Language Angels Home School site which will enable your child to continue their foreign language learning journey whilst they are at home.

All pupils can log in to the Home School site and the username and password will be emailed to you.

Pupils will have access to a selection of units which they will be able to use to continue their foreign language learning at home. They will have a PowerPoint, some printable worksheet activities, karaoke songs and

access to the interactive games area. The units are divided into 3 different levels of challenge to make it easier for children to pick the units that best suit the level of challenge and stretch they are looking for.

You can watch a video of how easy the site is to use by clicking the button below.

page: <https://languageangels.pages.ontraport.net/hs>

### Welcome to:

Ashton (R) and welcome back to Elyssa (Y5) we hope you have a wonderful time as part of our St Philip's Family.

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend

Joanna Sanchez

### Diary Dates

March	
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 Tag Rugby Competition at Uckfield College (bottom field) 3.45 – 5.15pm
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photographs
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.05 Lent Penitential Service
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Frugal Lunch 12.05 Y5 class Y5/6 Tag Rugby Competition at Uckfield College (bottom field) 3.45 – 5.15pm
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Y5 Herstmonceux Science Centre
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Samba workshop
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Palm Sunday liturgy led by KS1 in the hall – parents welcome to attend
April	
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Stations of the cross – parents welcome to attend <b>Last day of school for children</b>
w/c 4/4/22 & 11/4/22	<b>Easter Holidays including Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>First day back at school for children</b>
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Dressing of the Cross – please bring a flower. Parents welcome to attend
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Bluebell Railway
May	
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Anne of Cleves House
w/c 30 <sup>th</sup>	Half term week
June	
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 & Y4 Drusillas

Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Good shepherd liturgy
July	
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Roman Workshop
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm Y6 Production
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 Y6 Leavers' Assembly Last day of school for children
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Inset Day – no children in school</b>
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Inset Day – no children in school</b>