



# St. Philip's Newsletter

30th November 2018



Dear St Philip's Families,

As the start of Advent approaches, we begin our time of waiting to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

## Advent retreat

On Monday, I attended a retreat, along with many other Catholic Headteachers from across the Diocese, which was led by Bishop Richard. We explored Advent and the difficulty we have in experiencing Advent as a time of watching and waiting, of great anticipation of the birth of Jesus; when it feels as if Christmas has already started around us. We begin our Advent journey on Monday with our Advent liturgy, to which you are warmly invited.

## Roar 2018

We held our Roar School Finals last week and are pleased to announce that it was won by George, Denise and Florence in Year 3. They have designed a car which is run by wind power. Good luck to them as they represent St Philip's at the final at Wakehurst.

## World Faiths

Over the last two weeks, the children have all been learning about Judaism. They have explored a range of Jewish customs and Festivals and we were also lucky enough to have our own Miss Feldman hold an assembly.

## Sporting News

Year 2 attended the KS1 multiskills event at Uckfield College. They had a great time developing their sporting and teamwork skills and represented our school incredibly well. Many thanks to Miss Thomas and the parents who helped on this activity.

## Open Morning

Our second open morning was again busy and year 6 did a wonderful job of showing visitors around our school. I have been so pleased and proud to hear the

wonderful feedback about our year 6 tour guides, who universally impressed our prospective parents.

## Congratulations

To Mrs Gregory, who after lots of hard work and a rigorous assessment has received her Higher Level Teaching Assistant status. We are very lucky to have such committed staff members here at St Philip's who continually engage in professional development.

To Oliver (Y6) who passed his Grade 4 Jazz piano exam.

To Tabatha on her baptism. Welcome Tabatha to our Catholic family!

I look forward to seeing many of you at our joint Parish and School Christmas Fair tomorrow.

Best wishes

Joanna Sanchez

Headteacher

Please remember that we cannot authorise term time holidays and if taken, they may result in a fine from the Local Authority.

Please make sure you have wellies in school as our Forest Area is now quite muddy and we do try to use it regularly.

## Diary Dates

<b>December</b>	
Sat 1st	Christmas Fair 11-2pm
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00 Advent liturgy led by Y6 – parents welcome to attend
Fri 7th	5:50pm Carols in the high street
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Christmas play in school 2.00– parents welcome to attend
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Christmas play in school 2.00– parents welcome to attend
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> -	KS2 Christmas Play in church 6.30 – parents welcome to attend
Tues 18th	Christmas Lunch and Dress up Day
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup>	Carols followed by mince pies 2.00– parents welcome to attend
<b>January</b>	
Thurs 3rd	First day back at school
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 Epiphany Liturgy (parents welcome to attend)
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> /Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Panto (evening)
<b>February</b>	
<b>Tues 12th</b>	Parents' evening
<b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Parents' evening
<b>w/c 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Half term
<b>April</b>	
<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of spring term
<b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	First day of summer term
<b>July</b>	
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of term
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	INSET day – no children in school
<b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	INSET day – no children in school