



St. Philip's Newsletter

5th January 2018



Dear St Philip's Families,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and wish you a happy and healthy 2018. Thank you ever so much for all the cards and gifts that we received – it is lovely to be appreciated. The last week of term, although short, was very busy and it was lovely to prepare for Christmas with our school community.

Reconciliation

Our Service of Reconciliation was a chance for children to reflect on the good they will do during the coming weeks. Year 4 did a wonderful job of leading us in this service and it was lovely to be joined by some parents too. Thank you to Father Ian for offering individual reconciliation after the service.

Infant Nativity

The Infants performed their Nativity to a packed audience. The children had worked really hard to learn their lines and new songs. They had a great deal to remember and performed like true professionals. Thank you to our excellent staff who bring out the best in all our children: Mrs McCurdy, Mrs Costen and Miss Thomas our wonderful teachers; Mrs Smith, Mrs Neil and Mrs Tungate our hard working TAs. Many thanks also to the Friends' who served tea and mince pies afterwards, allowing everyone the opportunity to gather.

Christmas Dinner, Mr Pineapple Head and Father Christmas Visit

On Tuesday, everyone came to school dressed in Christmassy attire to raise money for Cafod's World Gifts. The children enjoyed a visit from Father Christmas, followed by Christmas Dinner and entertainment from Mr Pineapple Head. Thank you to all the staff for serving Christmas dinner and the Friends' for helping out, funding the entertainment and arranging our visit from Santa. Also, many thanks to Jackie and Janine, our cooks for organising and cooking such a lovely dinner – it really is a huge feat of organisation!

KS2 Nativity

There was a packed house for our KS2 nativity on Monday. The children performed with confidence and sang beautifully. A big thank you to Mrs Wilding and Mrs Bellamy for their excellent writing and to all the KS2 staff for their support with this popular event. Everyone also enjoyed the mince pies and mulled wine served afterwards by the Friends'. It was a wonderful community atmosphere.

Carol Service

On Wednesday, our Carol Service was a lovely way to end the term. Reception reminded us, in their beautiful tableau, about the first Christmas and it was a joy to experience so many different types of Christmas songs and carols.

Inset

On Tuesday, staff received training linked to our school development plan. Staff explored how to help children achieve Greater Depth in writing and discovered how mindfulness can help improve learning.

Epiphany Assembly

Year 6 aided by our Year 2 kings, led us beautifully in our Epiphany assembly this week as we remembered the Wise Men's visit to Jesus. It was lovely to be joined by so many parents and Deacon Ken as we reflected on how we too can share our gifts this year.

With very best wishes for a happy and peaceful 2018.
Joanna Sanchez

Primary Admissions

Do remember that the closing date for applications for Reception 2018 entry is 15th January.

Victoria Access

We are very pleased that Uckfield town Council have granted us permission to make our temporary access to Victoria permanent. This access has been granted on the condition that parents using the Victoria car park do so considerately and do not block access to the dementia day care service, so we ask for your co-operation on this matter.

School Times

Just a reminder that school starts at 8.45am (gates open at 8.30) and finishes at 3.10pm for infants and 3.15pm for junior. Please try to pick your children up on time as it can be upsetting for them if they are left waiting.

Parent Pay

Thank you for your help with the new system for ordering lunches. Please remember to check your child's account regularly to ensure things continue to run smoothly.

Please do discuss with your child which meal you have chosen for them.

Diary Dates

January	
Thurs 11 th	10.00 Y3 Mass
Thurs 18 th	10.00 Y2 Mass
Thurs 18 th /Fri 19 th	Friends' Pantomime
Mon 29 th	YR to Bridge Cottage
Tues 30 th	Y4 RNLI visitor
Tues 23 rd	Enterprise Day
Thurs 25 th	10.00 Y1 Mass Y3 visit to Pizza Express
February	
Thurs 1 st	10.00 YR Mass
Mon 5 th	Y4 to Bridge Cottage
Tues 6 th	3.30 Parents' evening
Thurs 8 th	10.00 Y6 Mass 5.00 Parents' evening
Fri 9th	INSET day – no children in school
w/c Mon 12th	Half term
Thurs 22 nd	10.00 Y5 Mass
w/c 26 th Feb	Fair trade fortnight
March	
Weds 21 st	Y3 trip to Bignor
Mon 26 th	2.30 Palm Sunday Liturgy led by KS1 in the hall
Thurs 29 th	2.15 Stations of the cross led by Y6 in church
Fri 30th – Fri 13th	Easter Holidays
April	
Mon 16th	First day back at school for children