



St. Philip's Newsletter

2nd February 2018



Dear St Philip's Families,

The term is flying by and I can hardly believe we are in February already!

Enterprise Day

Enterprise Day was a great success and I would like to thank all the children, staff and parent helpers for all their hard work. The children had great fun choosing and manufacturing their products and deciding which charity they would donate their profits to. The amounts each class raised for charity are as follows:

Year R	£17.67	Raystede
Year 1	£70.40	Sussex Wildlife Trust
Year 2	£30.50	World Wild Life
Year 3	£10.60	Sussex Heart Charity
Year 4	£50.40	RNLI
Year 5	£115.55	Chestnut Tree House
Year 6	£48.35	Rainbow House

Trips, Visits and Special Days

YR had a fantastic day dressing up and taking part in fun activities related to their book 'Room on the Broom.' They all looked wonderful and had an exciting day as an enrichment day for their new topic.

Reception also had an exciting visit to Bridge Cottage, where they explored winter, making collages and finding out about winter clothing. The children and parents thoroughly enjoyed the trip and everyone told me they learnt lots of interesting things.

Pizza Express welcomed Year 3 last week to make pizzas and explore modern Italian cuisine. I hear they had a wonderful time and represented our school well. They also brought back some delicious pizzas!

Year 4 really enjoyed a visit from the RNLI this week. They learnt all about the lifesaving work their volunteers do and also explored how to stay safe near water. Many thanks to the RNLI, who provide these workshops free of charge.

Year 3 enjoyed an archaeological dig today in the forest area. They found many Roman artefacts which they used to piece together knowledge about how the Romans lived.

Many thanks to Miss Nolan, Miss Feldman and Mrs Costen for organising these trips and to the parents who helped out.

Sports News

Our Year 6 athletes qualified for the Wealden event, after winning the Uckfield athletics competition. They represented our school incredibly well and we are very proud of their achievements.

Year 5 took part in their first netball competition. They played really well and were complimented on their movement.

St Philip's came 7th in the recent Swimming Gala at Freedom Leisure. Some notable performances were: Amelie Y6; who won the individual freestyle and the girls' team of Amelie Y6, Emma Y6, Emily Y6 and Alexandra Y6 who won their relay event. Congratulations to all our swimmers for a great event.

Many thanks to Mr McCurdy, Miss Nolan, Mrs Masrani and all the parents who help with these fixtures. Also, a big thank you to Kate Miller who has been in to coach our netball team.

Curriculum News

Mrs Costen and I attended an Artsmark training course last week. At St Philip's, we are committed to offering our children a broad and balanced curriculum. We will be working, over the coming months, at achieving the Artsmark Gold Award.

St Philip's have been part of a Diocesan pilot to develop a new assessment framework for RE in line with the new assessment framework for other subjects. Next week, we will be trialling this at our INSET day.

Building Work

Next week, the builders will be on site to prepare for the construction of our new office and entrance. Ways to access the school during building work:

- Morning drop off and afternoon pick up will still be via the KS2 playground gate
- Breakfast and after school clubs access will be via the KS2 playground gate
- Access to the temporary office will be across a fenced off corner of the Infant playground. Please ring the bell to enter.

Online Safety

Online safety is becoming an increasing area of concern and we would like to support our families to help keep our children safe. Some Y5 children have been training to become digital leaders and will be running a workshop for parents on Online Safety. Do come along on Tuesday 27th February at 9am to learn how you can help your child stay safe online.

I look forward to seeing you at Parents' evening next week.

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend

Joanna Sanchez

Reminders

- Please can we remind you that school tights and skirts need to be bottle green. Thank you for supporting our uniform policy.
- PE Kits should be in school every day.

Diary Dates

February	
Mon 5 th	Y4 to Bridge Cottage
Tues 6 th	Y2 Fire Station Visit 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
Tues 27 th	9.00 Online Safety Parent Workshop 3.45-5.00 Y3/4 Tag rugby coaching at UCTC
March	
Thurs 1 st	10.00 Y4 Mass
Fri 2 nd	Frugal Lunch in Y5 – parents and parishioners welcome to attend
Mon 5 th	11.00 Reconciliation Service
Wed 7 th	Class Photographs
Thurs 8 th	10.00 Y3 Mass Y4 First Access Music Festival
Tues 13 th	Y5 visit to Herstmonceux Science Centre 3.45-5.15 Y3/4 Tag Rugby at UCTC
Tues 20 th	Y6 Meets the Greeks Day
Weds 21 st	Y3 trip to Bignor
Thurs 22 nd	Y1 Mass
Mon 26 th	2.30 Palm Sunday Liturgy led by KS1 in the hall
Thurs 29 th	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