



St. Philip's Newsletter

23rd February 2018



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.

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.

The start of Lent fell in half term this year. Children have brought home their Lenten Calendars and Mission Together Collection boxes. This Year we are raising money for 'Together in Sri Lanka'. Do have a look at the following link for more information. <https://missiontogether.org.uk/following-in-the-footsteps-of-st-terese-of-lisieux/>. Please encourage your child to save a few coins in the box and return them to the office during the last week of term.

Fairtrade

Our RE council are working towards achieving Fairtrade Status, which is the next level of the Fairtrade Award. They have developed an action plan and have already held several events. At parents' evening, on Thursday, we sold Fairtrade cakes and hope that these yummy cakes persuaded more people to use Fairtrade ingredients when they bake at home. On Wednesday this week, the RE council led us in a Fairtrade Assembly, where we learnt all about how buying a Fairtrade banana can make a real difference to the lives of banana farmers and their families. Today, we held our Fairtrade tuckshop to fundraise for the Fairtrade foundation.

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, 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

an important job in supporting the school and we are very grateful for all their support.

Trips and Visitors

Year 2 visited the Fire Station before half term and had a fantastic time learning about fire safety and trying out the hoses.

Year 4 enjoyed their visit to Bridge Cottage where they took part in an Anglo Saxon workshop. They baked bread and even got to build long houses.

Many thanks to the staff and parents who helped make these trips possible.

Online Safety Week

The children learnt all about how to stay safe online during the week before half term. We held a special assembly and the children learnt about online safety in PC groups. Some Year 5 children have been learning to become Digital Leaders and will be running a workshop for Parents on online safety on 27th February at 9.00am. Do come along and get some tips on how to help your child stay safe online.

Facebook

Don't forget to keep up to date with us via our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Stphilipscatholicprimaryschool/> and like and follow us to receive updates.

Congratulations to Sophie Y3, Holly and Lola Y5 who performed for the first time in the Deborah Lamb Theatre Arts Junior Team at the Tunbridge Wells and Eastbourne dance festivals on Sunday 18th February. The team gained 3rd place at Tunbridge Wells and won 1st place at Eastbourne.

Welcome

A big welcome to our new children Rubie, Eliza and Tyler. We also welcome Miss Hurn and Miss Alleyne, Student teachers from the University of Brighton, who will be working with Mrs McCurdy in year 1. We hope you are very happy at St Philip's.

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend

Joanna Sanchez

Diary Dates

February	
w/c 26 th Feb	Fair trade fortnight
Tues 27th	9.00 Online Safety Parent Workshop 3.45-5.00 Y3/4 Tag rugby coaching at UCTC
March	
Thurs 1st	10.00 Y4 Mass
Fri 2nd	Frugal Lunch in Y5 – parents and parishioners welcome to attend
Mon 5th	11.00 Reconciliation Service
Wed 7th	Class Photographs
Thurs 8th	10.00 Y3 Mass Y4 First Access Music Festival
Tues 13th	Y5 visit to Herstmonceux Science Centre 3.45-5.15 Y3/4 Tag Rugby at UCTC
Thurs 15 th	10:00 Y5 Mass
Tues 20th	Y6 Meets the Greeks Day
Weds 21 st	Y3 trip to Bignor
Thurs 22nd	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
Wed 18th	Y1 Trip to Bluebell Railway