



# St. Philip's Newsletter

23<sup>th</sup> March 2018



Dear St Philip's Families,  
Our journey through Lent continues and we have had the opportunity to reflect on helping others around the world.

## Our Mission statement

This week we the children have explored the first line of our Mission Statement:

'St Philip's is a welcoming community where everyone belongs'.

We decided that this means we always follow our Courtesy Code, smiling and welcoming visitors and that all are welcome in our school, we do our best to make everyone feel included.

## Lent

Last Friday, Anne from Cafod led an assembly telling us all about their 'Give it up' Lent challenge. We learnt about Svondo in Zimbabwe and how Cafod's support has helped him and his family to lift themselves out of poverty. Our Frugal Lunch raised £51.85 for Cafod; £1 buys seeds for two families to start their own gardening business, while £33 supplies two families with clean water. I am so pleased that we will be able to help so many families from our Frugal Lunch. Thank you to Year 5 and Mr McCurdy for organising this and to all those who came along to support.

## Staff development

At St Philip's we value continuing professional development. Being committed to staff development means we are continually striving to improve our teaching and opportunities for our children. In the last two weeks teaching assistants have started a series of sessions working with our Educational Psychologist and teachers have received training in delivering the programming elements of the computing curriculum. Staff have also attended training on extending higher attaining children in mathematics.

## Sports News

Our KS2 Tag Rugby teams represented the school very well at the recent tournaments and had lots of fun.

Our Netball team, having won the local tournament, competed at Uplands this week. Mrs Miller and Mrs Fyall were very proud of how well they played. They

had great technical movement around the court and have really developed over the year. Well done to our netball team and many thanks to Mrs Miller who gives up her time to coach them.

## Trips and workshops

Year 3 had a fantastic time at Bignor Roman Villa. The weather was kind to them and they learnt all about the Romans through a series of hands on, practical activities. They got a tour of the mosaics, wrote on wax tablets and even got to dress up as Romans.

Year 5 visited Herstmonceux Science Centre, where they saw a science show about sustainable Earth. They also took part in a bridge building activity and enjoyed all the hands on science exhibits.

Year 4 enjoyed a Vikings and Anglo-Saxons day, where they got to make Loki's magic potion, construct Viking longboats and debate who should be the next king of the Anglo-Saxons.

Many thanks to Miss Nolan, Miss Feldman and Mr McCurdy for organising these experiences and to all the parents who helped out.

## Friends'

The Friends' have been very busy organising flowers for Mothers' Day and the quiz night tonight. The friends have recently donated money to buy our wellie racks and new playground games and equipment for the children to use. I know we all appreciated the wellie racks in the recent snowy weather and it was a joy to see the smiles on the children's faces as we took out all the new playground equipment. Many thanks to all the hard work the Friends' put in to help develop our school community.

## Congratulations

To Erin, Year 4, who has achieved her bronze award in swimming and level 9 in trampolining.

I hope to see many of you at our Liturgies next week, as we move closer to Easter.

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend

Joanna Sanchez

## Parking

We would like to respectfully remind parents to park in Victoria or the church car park and not to drive up the school access road to pick children up after clubs,

as we cannot ensure adequate separation of cars and pedestrians.

Please park considerately when using Victoria. **If people continue to park in the disabled bays when they do not have a blue badge the council will close our rear access gate.** Thank you for your help.

### Uniform

A reminder that after the holidays children should return in summer uniform.

We have full stock of uniform at present should you need to purchase any.

Please ensure your child has socks in their PE bag – this is especially important if they usually wear tights to school. Thank you.

### Diary Dates

<b>March</b>	
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 Palm Sunday Liturgy led by KS1 in the hall
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 Stations of the cross led by Y6 in church
<b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> – Fri 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>April</b>	
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>First day back at school for children</b>
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 trip to the Bluebell railway
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 Dressing of the Cross led by Y3/4 (parents welcome to attend; please could all children bring a flower?)
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Mass
<b>May</b>	
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	YR Mass
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>May Bank Holiday</b>
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Mass
w/c 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATS week
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 May Service in honour of Our Lady in church/outside (weather dependent)
<b>w/c 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Half term</b>
<b>June</b>	
w/c 4 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 to Little Canada
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Mass
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Bikeability
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 New Parents' Meeting for YR 2018
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Mass
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	First Holy Communion Mass
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	St Philip's Tournament
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup>	Good Shepherd Liturgy
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y1 Mass
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day – Infants am, Juniors

	pm
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 St Peter and St Paul Mass for First Holy Communion Children
<b>July</b>	
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Reserve Sports Day
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	2.15 Picnic for current YR and YR 2017; children and parents welcome to attend
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	YR Mass
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Own clothes day – bring a bottle for the Summer Fair Summer Fair
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	Uckfield Festival Y3 and Y4
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Countryside Day
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 Y6 production
TBC	2.00 Y6 Leavers' Mass
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 Y6 Leavers' Assembly Last day of school for children
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day – no children in school
<b>September</b>	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET day – no children in school