



St. Philip's Newsletter

28th June 2018



Dear St Philip's Families,

The end of the summer term is always an incredibly busy time in school. We have had a multitude of events with still more to come!

Catholic Life

Year 6 attended the Good Shepherd Liturgy last week. This is an annual celebration of our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. It was an uplifting and joyous occasion, after which they enjoyed a picnic in the grounds of Worth.

Today is the feast of St Peter and St Paul, a Holy Day of Obligation. We marked this occasion with a Mass to celebrate our First Holy Communion children. It was wonderful to see the children in their Communion outfits again and to welcome so many family members to share this occasion with the school community.

Sporting News

The St Philip's tournament was once again a great success. I was really impressed at how well the skills of our teams have progressed this year, thanks to Mrs Masrani, Mr McCurdy, Mr Tungate, Mrs Miller and Miss Nolan. The visiting teams had a great experience and were very complimentary about the day. A big thank you to the Friends' for providing all the refreshments and the delicious doughnuts!

Sports Day was held in glorious weather this week. The children enjoyed many races, including the obstacle race and the egg and spoon race (my particular favourite). The Blue team were the overall winners. There was a wonderful community atmosphere; the younger children all cheered for the last ones over the line and the older children were more competitive, but showed excellent sporting behaviour, winning and losing graciously. The parents were also amazing, sharing their picnic blankets, parasols and gazebos. It was a wonderful day.

Staff Changes

Mrs Fyall will be retiring at the end of term after many years at St Philip's. We will miss her and wish her a wonderful retirement, full of amazing travel and time with her family. She has promised us she will keep in touch. I am pleased to tell you that we have appointed Mrs Abbey Dunne, an experienced SENCo, who also has experience running a specialist SEN service, to be our new Inclusion Leader.

Mrs Donna Kendall, our new Year 1 teacher, will be joining us for class changeover next week; so the children will all get a chance to meet their new teacher.

I am also delighted to be able to inform you that we have appointed Mrs Suzanne Mullins to lead the development of PE at St Philip's. She will be working with us on Mondays from September.

Trips and Visits

Year 6 had a great day at 'Safety in Action' at Hestmonceux Castle, learning to stay safe in a range of contexts.

Year 1 visited Knockhatch and were blessed with lovely weather. They really enjoyed watching the owl show.

Year 4 visited the Road Safety event at Luxford Field. They got to test how fast they could run with a speedometer and had fun role playing being cars and pedestrians.

Many thanks to the staff for organising these trips and to all the parents who helped to make them possible. Some of our Year 6 children spent a day at St Paul's for their transition to secondary school. They got to experience science lessons in a real laboratory and play "whistle rounders." Next week, some of year 6 will visit Uckfield College for their transition day.

Moderation

Last week Year 2's work was moderated by the Local Authority. The moderators agreed with all of Miss

Thomas' judgements and commented on how organised Miss Thomas was during the meeting.

Congratulations

To Ava Grace Y4 who presented a graduation award in honour of her aunty and gave a wonderful speech.

To Rowan and George in Y2, "Fantastic work;" that was the verdict of children's author and illustrator Alan Baker who presented prizes to competition winners at the arts and crafts fair in Uckfield.

Don't forget our Summer Fair next Friday 6th July after school!

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend
Joanna Sanchez

Term Time Holidays

Please remember that holidays in term time cannot be authorised. An unauthorised absence of five days or more may lead to a fine from the Local Authority.

Visitor Badges

If you have a visitor badge please could you return it to the school office. They all seem to be disappearing.

Reminder

Please ensure that nail varnish is removed before children come into school.

Reading challenge

Join this year's Summer Reading Challenge at www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src

We are delighted to announce that The Reading Agency Summer Reading Challenge theme is Mischief Makers, linking in to the 80th anniversary of the Beano Comic. It will begin in libraries on Saturday 14th July and end on Saturday 8th September.

This year, you will need to sign your child up to the challenge at www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src If you don't have a smartphone, computer or tablet, you can sign up using a computer in the library. You can ask a one of our volunteers or a member of staff for help if you need it.

The Challenge is to read six books during the summer that have been borrowed from the library and are appropriate for each child's reading ability. Children can also read eBooks and eAudio books borrowed

through our website if they prefer. The Challenge is aimed at children in the four to eleven age group, but older children can take part if they wish. If your child is not reading on his/ her own yet they can still take part by sharing their books with you or by using audio books.

To take part in this national scheme, children need to have their own library card. It is easy and free to become a member of the library. Take something with your name, address and signature on it (a driving licence is ideal as it has all of these) to the library and you can join the whole family, or you can join online and have your cards posted to you.

Children signing up for the Challenge get a character sticker, a map of Beanotown and a reader record. Children will be able to collect a prize for each of the six books they have read. When they finish the Challenge they will get a certificate which they can receive in school or at the library.

You can find out more about the challenge at: www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src or by asking in the library. Visit <http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> for fun games, author interviews and book recommendations.

Diary Dates

July	
Mon 2nd	2.15 Picnic for current YR and YR 2017; children and parents welcome to attend
Tues 3 rd	Reserve Sports Day
Thurs 5 th	Y2 Mass
Fri 6 th	Own clothes day – bring a bottle for the Summer Fair Summer Fair 3.30 – 6pm.
Sat 7 th	Uckfield Festival Y3
Tues 10th	Y6 & Reception to Saltdean Beach
Thurs 12 th	Y5 Countryside Day
Sun 15 th	Uckfield Grand Prix
Mon 16 th	6.30 Y6 production
Tues 17 th	2.00 Y6 Leavers' Mass
Thurs 19 th	9.00 Y6 Leavers' Assembly Last day of school for children
Friday 20th	INSET day – no children in school
September	
Mon 3rd	INSET day – no children in school