



# St. Philip's Newsletter

12<sup>th</sup> October 2018



Dear St Philip's Families,

I hope you have been enjoying the lovely weather as we head towards half term. We have had a very busy two weeks in school.

## Catholic Life

Grandparents' week was introduced by the Bishop a few years ago and is celebrated across the Diocese. This week is an opportunity for children to consider the positive impact grandparents have on their lives. It was lovely that our Grandparents' Assembly was attended by so many grandparents – it was a really special occasion. Thanks to the Friends' for organising tea and biscuits, which gave us all an opportunity to come together afterwards. Thank you also to all the grandparents who have passed on their appreciation for this event. It's lovely to receive positive feedback.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Harvest celebration this week. The infant children led us beautifully in our Liturgy and it was wonderful to see the generosity of our families. Dry goods were donated to the Uckfield Food Bank and fresh produce to the Kenward Trust, who are always very grateful for our donations.

Mrs O'Sullivan from CAFOD came to deliver a Harvest assembly last week. The children learnt about the work of CAFOD, supporting families across the globe.

Today, parents and members of the Parish joined us for our Frugal Lunch. Year 6 were great hosts and we raised £93.36 for CAFOD's Harvest Fast appeal.

## Sport

The Sponsored Walk was a great success – the weather was beautiful and a great time was had by all. Congratulations to the first children to complete ten laps in their age group: Louis Y6, Alex Y5, Isobel Y4, Ollie Y3 and Beatrice and Adam in the Infants. Many thanks for all your sponsorship and to the children who seemed to complete more laps than ever!

Our football teams have been busy representing the school. Last week, they played well and demonstrated great sportsmanship, reaching the semi-final and only missed the final on goal difference. This week, they came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the tournament at Manor, only letting in one goal! Well done to them and thanks to staff and parents for organising and helping out.

Our cross country competitors ran fantastically this week with grit and determination. Well done to all of them. The team all tried their best and their behaviour was excellent throughout. The girls team finished in 8th place overall and the boys team finished 5th overall. Holly and Alex qualified for the next stage of the race by both finishing in the top 16 runners. Well done, Holly and Alex.

## Book Week

Book week has been a great success and I would like to thank Miss Feldman for all her hard work organising this successful event. I was amazed at the costumes the children came to school in on Monday and Thursday, we obviously have some very talented families! Everyone enjoyed a visit to the Book Fair. The story teller Kevin Graal visited the school on Friday and each class enjoyed a storytelling workshop.

## Trips and Workshops

Year 5 enjoyed their World War II Day workshop, bringing their topic “We’ll Meet Again” to life. They got to sit in an air raid shelter and use a stirrup pump. They also all looked fabulous dressed as evacuees.

Year 1 visited Bodiam Castle as part of their topic Princesses and Knights. They had a great day taking part in a workshop examining medieval clothing, medicine and armour and even got to pretend to be an invading army!

## Reminder

All our events are listed in diary dates, which are emailed to parents and available on our website.

## Congratulations to:

Louis, Y6, who has been selected to train for the county Sussex Cricket team – a great honour!  
Izzy, Y6, and three Y7 past pupils who won the Guide County Cooking on Gas competition.

## Environment Week

Next week is Uckfield Environment Week. All the schools in Uckfield will be taking part in a range of activities. Please remember that Tuesday is our disposable’ plastic free lunch time; please can your child bring in a lunch using only reusable plastic containers? We will also be using recycling materials to make a plastic turtle. Over half term join in the ‘Find the Turtle’ hunt around Uckfield and Nutley. Take a photo to show that you have seen them.

With very best wishes for a lovely weekend.

Joanna Sanchez

## Chartwells Vacancy for St Philip’s School Kitchen

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## Diary Dates

<b>October</b>	
Mon 15th	Y2 Trip to Uckfield Library
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 football tournament Parents evening 3.30-6.00
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Mass Parents evening 5.00-7.30
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET Day – no children in school</b>
w/c Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Half Term
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Egyptian workshop
Weds 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 Prospective Reception Parents Open Morning Y3 trip to Preston Manor/Booth Museum
<b>November</b>	
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	All Saints Mass
Mon 5th	Individual and family photographs
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	3.45-5.15 Y5/6 Basketball taster
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	3.45-5.15 Y5/6 Indoor athletics at Freedom leisure
Thurs 22nd	9.30 Open Morning for prospective parents
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	3.45-5.00 Y2 multiskills at Freedom Leisure
<b>December</b>	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00 Advent liturgy led by Y6 – parents welcome to attend
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Christmas play 2.00– parents welcome to attend
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Christmas play 2.00– parents welcome to attend
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> -	KS2 Christmas Play 6.30– parents welcome to attend
Tues 18th	Christmas Lunch and Dress up Day
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup>	Carols followed by mince pies 2.00– parents welcome to attend