



School Newsletter

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I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to St Philip's Catholic School. It is lovely to see so many familiar faces in school working hard with their new teachers and settling in to their new year groups. I do hope that you all enjoyed a peaceful and enjoyable summer holiday, but are now glad to be back in school. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Nursery and Reception children to St Philip's. As a parent of two children, one of which started Reception last year, I know that the need for regular dialogue with staff is important. As a result, all our EYFS staff are happy to regularly discuss any issues with you. Please feel free to share any information when you feel it's necessary.

Building Work

Just a quick update to let you know that the school is currently having some work done on the roof above the highest part of the building, which hopefully will be completed this Friday. The majority of the work was carried out during the summer break. This will mean the roof has been completely re-surfaced over the last two years. Also we have started a rolling programme to repaint the whole interior of the school which again was started in the summer break.



Barrett Homes

As I am sure you are well aware the immediate area around the school is currently being developed for housing. I have met with Stuart Stokes the Senior Site Manager of Barrett Homes on a number of occasions. Parking outside the school will be affected and the school should be notified if Messenger Road is going to be closed. I am well aware that they may be a number of questions parents have. Please feel free to email the school or write any down, that we will be happy to forward to Stuart. Also I have invited him to attend our Autumn Parents' Evening which will take place on Tuesday 22/10/13 between 3.15pm-5.30pm. He has yet to confirm his attendance.



PE Kits

A large number of children are not bringing their P.E kits into school. Please ensure that your children have their PE kits in school to take part in PE lessons. Our children have PE lessons twice a week and PE is an important part of the curriculum. Please ask your child's teacher which days your child does P.E if you are not sure. Thank you.



School Photos

The school photographer is in school next Wednesday. I am sure that you will want the best photo taken of your children so please send them in looking smart in their full school uniform.



Maths Makes Sense

This term the school has introduced a new way to teach Maths, called Maths Makes Sense. It will involve the children learning maths each day by carrying out practical and real life maths to help them understand mathematical concepts. Please continue to support your children at home and talk to them about the maths they do at school. Our teachers will discuss this new approach to maths with you more at Parents' Evening. We also are hoping to organise some maths workshops at a later date.



School Parish Masses

You are most welcome to join us at our school parish masses once a month on a Sunday at 10:00 am in St Philip's Catholic Church. School parish masses this term are:

6th October

10th November

8th December



UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Haircuts

Please respect our policy. There should be no hair sculptures or tram lines, shaving, highlights or hair colouring of any description. Extreme hairstyles should only be considered at the beginning of the summer holiday. Thank you so much for your support.



Jewellery

Please remember that only small stud earrings are allowed in school and no other jewellery, nail varnish or make-up is permitted. Earrings should not be worn on PE days. New piercings should only be done at the beginning of the summer holiday so that they are healed sufficiently to be able to be taken out for PE days.



REWARDS

To encourage and reward our children to come to school smart we will be doing a weekly uniform check on Monday mornings. The class which have turned out the smartest will be rewarded with an award which will be presented at our Friday Merit Assembly. Parents are most welcome to join us at this assembly which is held each Friday in the school hall starting at 2.20pm.



Footwear

Can I remind parents and children that trainers and inappropriate footwear are not part of our uniform and we ask that children wear black sensible footwear. Thank you.



Recent Changes To Regulations Regarding School Attendance

The latest amendments to these regulations mean that from September 2013 Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time. Where a parent decides to take children out of school during term time without authorised leave of absence, the absence must be recorded as unauthorised on the attendance register.



Breakfast Club

Don't forget our excellent value breakfast club which starts daily 7.50am – 8.40am at a cost of £1. The children have a choice of cereal, toast, fruit and juices with a variety of games and activities on offer.



Snack time

At morning break children in Yrs 1—6 pupils are able to purchase snacks from the school kitchen. The prices are as follows:

Yoghurt	40p
Toast	25p
Cheese crumpets	30p
Plain crumpets	20p
Fruit juice	25p
Orange slice	5p
Fresh fruit	20p



ICT SATS REVISION CLUB for Yr6

Revision club started this week for our Yr6 pupils. Children are able to come to school at 8:00am where they have the opportunity to use various revision websites to boost their Literacy, Numeracy and Science skills.



If your child wishes to have breakfast at school, we offer a very substantial breakfast for only £1 per day. In this case, your child will be able to come to school at the earlier time of 7.50 a.m.

Forthcoming Events

- 02/10/13—Yr2 visit to Buddhist Temple
- 03/10/13—Harvest Mass in school
- 09/10/13—Yr 6 visit Mosque
- 22/10/13—Parents' Eve. Nur-Y6 at 3.15-5.30pm
- 05/11/13—Yr 3 visit Hindu Temple
- 05/11/13—Holy Communion and Confirmation meeting
- 13/11/13—Christmas Bazaar
- 03/12/13—Yr 1 visit Anglican church
- 19/12/13—Carol Service in church at 2.00pm

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Birthday Cakes: We do like to celebrate your child's birthday in school, however, sometimes an extra adult is not always available to cut the cakes ready to give out on the day. We therefore ask you, if you would like to send cakes etc for the children in your child's class, that you send only individual cakes, already cut cakes in bags or sweets. There would be no problem handing them to your child's friends as they leave the class at the end of the day. This would avoid disappointment for your child. Thank you for your support.

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New Staff
 We welcome Mr Robinson who has been appointed as our PPA teacher for this year. Mr Robinson will be teaching various classes throughout the school releasing the teachers for their planning and preparation time



Peanut Allergies
 As there are children in school who are allergic to peanuts, we ask parents not to send packed lunches or snacks that may contain peanuts or trace of peanuts in the ingredients.



Also, if your has a peanut allergy it is vital that you inform the class teacher and the school office so that it can be recorded.

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Awards over the last 2 weeks have been given to the following pupils:

★ Ni Armah Aryee	★ Chioma Ndozi	★ Marvy Mende
★ Denzel Mark	★ Faith Bopari	★ Faila Zackwany
★ Faris Douglas-Cockayne	★ Bheki Mooko	★ Holly Kembe
★ Ryley-Cameron Cherrington	★ Hans Lompoko	★ Mohammed Barrie
★ Amelia Rodney	★ Peter Magambo	★ Naod Araya
★ Wesley Konadu	★ Kyron Brown	★ Romeo Ndou
★ Elle-Louise Dalzell	★ Tiyana Thomas	★ Derlarno Samuels
★ Mizpah Obeng	★ Ina Haxhiu	★ Daron Ali
★ Wiktoria Gugala	★ Deividas Adomaitis	★ Somto Achusiogu
★ Dorian Abena-Njionkou	★ Denzel Mark	

WELL DONE CHILDREN!

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AUTUMN TERM DATES

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 24 October	Break for half-term
Friday 25 October	Teacher Training Day
Monday 4 November	Pupils return to school
Friday 20 December	Break for Christmas



Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. Please keep it in a safe place for future reference.

Mr Murphy

ST PHILIP'S AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS—Autumn 1st half-term 2013

DAY	CLUB	YEARS	DATES	ORGANISER	TICK	COST
MON	Community Dance	2	23/09; 30/09; 07/10; 14/10; 21/10	YESSmethick		Free
			Pupil must be available to perform at the Show Case in December			
	Community Choir	3,4,5 & 6	23/09; 30/09; 07/10; 14/10; 21/10	YESSmethick		Free
			Pupil must be available to perform at the Show Case in December			
	Community Drama	3,4,5 & 6	23/09; 30/09; 07/10; 14/10; 21/10	YESSmethick		Free
			Pupil must be available to perform at the Show Case in December			

WED	Study Support	Year 6	25/09; 01/10; 16/10; 23/10	YESSmethick		Free
THURS	School Choir	3,4,5 & 6	26/09; 03/10; 17/10; 24/10	Miss Scully		£4.00
			Pupil must be available to perform in December & January			
	Art	Rec. 1 & 2	26/09; 03/10; 17/10; 24/10	Miss Cook		£4.00
	Football	2 & 3	26/09; N/C; 17/10; 24/10	Mr Padotan		£3.00

Please tick which club/s you wish your child to be considered for.

I, parent/carer of *Class* *wish my child to be considered for the clubs ticked on the above table. I understand that if my child is successful I will make arrangements for my child to be collected promptly at the time stated.*

Signed: Date:

St Philip's Afterschool Clubs – Autumn 1st Half Term 2013

Detailed overleaf is a list of this half-term's afterschool clubs. Please complete and return with payment, if required, before the day of the first club is due to be held. We will inform you if your child has been successful in securing a place.

LATE COLLECTION OF CHILDREN WILL NOT BE TOLLERATED. You must collect your child at the stated time promptly. **If this procedure is not followed and your child is not collected at the correct time then he/she will not be able to attend the remaining clubs and no money will be refunded.**

We do this in the interest of your child and staff who run the clubs. It is not fair that your child is not collected from the school when all the other children have been collected, it is not the responsibility of staff who have given up their time after school to provide this service for the children. If you feel that you are not able to adhere to these arrangements you may wish to reconsider your child's participation in the afterschool clubs. Children are to be collected by a responsible adult from the main entrance of the school. If your child is in Yrs 5 or 6 and you wish him/her to walk home on his/her own please complete a consent form which can be obtained from the school office. Please collect your child promptly at **4:00pm** from St Philip's unless stated otherwise below.

Community Dance/Choir/Drama – collect from St Philip's at **4:45pm**.

Study Support—collect from Shireland Collegiate Academy at **4:30pm**.

Parents will be informed if there have been any behavioural concerns during the club. If there have, you will be informed upon collection of your child. This may result in your child losing his/her place in the club and no monies paid will be refunded. This may also jeopardise his/her chance of attending any future clubs. Please be aware that all clubs adhere to the school's behaviour policy, which is available online.

Each club can only accommodate a limited amount of pupils. Any child who is not successful in securing a place will be placed on a waiting list. If insufficient pupils enrol for a club, it will not be possible to run it for financial reasons, therefore, you will be refunded any monies paid. **If your child decides that he/she no longer wants to participate in the club, refunds cannot be given as numbers have been catered for.**

S Murphy
Acting Headteacher